

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND FAMILY STUDIES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Faculty

to enter graduate programs or entry level positions in their respective discipline.

both the required undergraduate course work and post-baccalaureate certification requirements.

III. Major in Forensic Science—80 hours
Students must take BIO 112 and MAT 114 for core requirement.
A. Criminal Justice Foundation—30 hours: PSY 213, SOC 211, PSY 317 or SW 305, SOC/SW 324, SOC/SW 419, SOC 250, SOC 312, PSC 416, SOC 311, SOC 411

Curriculum

- I. Major in Sociology—36 semester hours
The courses in Sociology are designed for two types of students: (1) those who desire pre-professional training for sociology or other related fields of human relations, and (2) those who seek to understand underlying principles in human relations, the role of custom and group psychology in collective behavior, the structure of society, the problems of group living, and the tendencies toward the improvement or the disintegration of society. Courses are designed to present both a practical and a scientific analysis of human relationships in the various areas of social life.
- A. Core required of all SOC majors—24 hours
1. SOC 211, 213, 214, Sociology Department chair to ensure that they understand



321. Social Gerontology (3) As Needed
Prerequisite: SOC 211. Reciprocal credit: SW 321.
A brief, comprehensive introduction to the subject of aging. The social and socio-psychological aspects will be examined.
322. Sociology of Health and Medicine (3) As Needed
A sociological examination of health, illness, and the social organization of medical care in the US. Consideration is given to race, class, gender, and age as factors influencing health, illness, and the delivery of medical care.
324. Social Deviance (3) As Needed
Prerequisite: SOC 211. Reciprocal credit: SW 324.
Focuses on why certain individuals violate social norms and the ways society responds and attempts to control deviant behavior. Topics include: defining, measuring and explaining social deviance and types of deviant behavior as well as personal and social consequences of deviant behavior.
325. Families Across Cultures (3) F, S
Reciprocal credit: SW 325, ICS 325.
The family as an object of sociological inquiry within the context of cross-cultural, multi-cultural and historical bases. Continuity and change, similarities and differences are emphasized.
326. Juvenile Justice (3) As Needed
This course covers youthful crime: its volume, causes and trends. The prediction, prevention, treatment and control of juvenile delinquency by social control agencies is examined relative to social policies needed to reduce its incidence. The organization and procedures of the juvenile justice system are also explored.
327. Sociology of Media and Technology (3) As Needed
In this course, attention will be given to different aspects of the relationship between technology and society and directions for the future. The nature of technology and the process of innovation are driven by social influences and pressures. Those social influences mean that technologies reflect and often reinforce the structures of social, economic, and political power in any society. Special emphasis on social media and the effects it has on daily interactions in society.
333. Parent-Child Relations (3) S—Even Years
Prerequisite: SOC 211.
Social and historical context of parent-child interaction over the life course; analysis of theories, research and educational programs; socialization into the family; examination of parenting as a developmental process. Overview of the parenting process in diverse cultural and familial structures. Emphasizes the use of Biblical teaching in parent-child relations.
356. Food, Culture and Society (3) As Needed
Reciprocal credit: ICS 356.
This course explores how social and cultural contexts affect food production and consumption. Specifically, this course examines how modern food practices have become disordered, diverging from a proper theological approach to creation.
370. Gender and Sexuality (3) As Needed
Reciprocal credit: SW 370.
Gender and sexuality in American society and cross-culturally with consideration to the role of gender in structuring identity, male/female interaction, and constraining or expanding opportunities. Topics: Sexual development, function and dysfunction, cultural and socio-psychological issues, and Christian, ethical and moral responses.
411. Internship (3) F, S, Su
Prerequisites: SOC 417; SOC 214 or SOC 422.
A field situation in a community agency. Supervision will be provided by the agency and department. A journal and substantive term paper are required.
413. Globalization and Social Change (3) As Needed
Prerequisite: SOC 211
This course addresses contemporary social, economic, and political changes referred to as globalization.

<p>425. Strengthening Marriage and Families (3) F—Even Years Prerequisites: SOC 211 or 220. Family theories from sociological and family studies perspectives exploring historical roots, assumptions, concepts, and applications for strengthening relationships. Emphasizes using Biblical principles to strengthen marriage and families.</p>	<p>Available in all prefixes: 179-279-379-479. External Domestic Study Programs (1-3) As Needed All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to registering. 179PF-279PF-379PF-479PF. External Domestic Study Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to registering.</p>
<p>435. Contemporary Issues in the Family (3) As Needed Prerequisite: SOC 211 or 220. Reciprocal credit: PSY 435. An in-depth look at the family, life issues, threats and challenges today. Biblical principles related to such issues as parent-child relationships, work and family, divorce and family violence are discussed. Preventive techniques and solutions are considered.</p>	<p>180-280-380-480. Study Abroad Programs (1-4) As Needed All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.</p>
<p>498. Senior Capstone Seminar (3) F Prerequisites: SOC 211 and permission of instructor; Pre- or corequisites: SOC 417, 422. The culminating experience for Sociology majors requiring students to successfully demonstrate an ability to apply research methods and sociological theories to an empirical research problem/question of their own choosing. The application will take the form of a written paper and a presentation in a public format.</p>	<p>180PF-280PF-380PF-480PF. Study Abroad Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to travel. 195-6-7. Special Studies (1-4) As Needed 295-6-7. Special Studies (1-4) As Needed Lower-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings. 395-6-7. Special Studies (1-4) As Needed Upper-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings. 495-6-7. Independent Study (1-4) As Needed Individual research under the guidance of a faculty member(s). 499. Seminar (1-3) F As Needed To be used at the discretion of the department for majors only.</p>