Sociology (SOCI)

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SOCI 5005 [0.5 credit]
Recurring Debates in Social Thought
Recurring issues and debates in the discipline. Topics such as the nature of social science; the objective world versus social construction; questions of evidence, meaning and measurement; agency versus structure; the relation between research and praxis; knowledge and power, may be considered.
Prerequisite(s): restricted to graduate students in sociology. Others may be admitted by permission of the Department.

SOCI 5006 [0.5 credit]
Thinking Sociologically
Critical examination of various theoretical approaches and the role of social theory in research and society.

SOCI 5008 [0.5 credit]
Teaching Sociology
A theory and hands-on course on university teaching for those who are starting to teach or will soon teach their first courses. Explores links between critical pedagogy and university teaching practices.

SOCI 5102 [0.5 credit]
Multiple Regression Analysis
An in-depth study of multiple regression analysis and its application in social science research. Interpretation and communication of the results are emphasized. The course provides an overview of descriptive and inferential statistics. Students learn how to use STATA/SAS to analyze social survey data.

SOCI 5104 [0.5 credit]
Advanced Multivariate Analysis
Commonly-used advanced statistical techniques. Topics may include factor analysis, multinominal logistic regression analysis, event history analysis, analysis of covariance, multilevel models and structural equation modeling. STATA/SAS is used in addition to specialized statistical software.

SOCI 5105 [0.5 credit]
Special Topics in Social Research
Topic varies from year to year. Students should check with the Department regarding the topic offered.

SOCI 5106 [0.5 credit]
Research Design and Data Analysis
An integrated approach to the problems involved in the analysis of quantitative data, research design and procedures.

SOCI 5107 [0.5 credit]
Advanced Qualitative Research Methods
In-depth study of a range of qualitative research methodologies. Students will sharpen their practical skills in developing research questions, gathering and analyzing data and presenting results. Students will engage in discussions of theoretical, methodological, and ethical issues and challenges in qualitative research.

SOCI 5206 [0.5 credit]
Sociology of Occupations and Professions
A consideration of the development of occupational recruitment patterns and workforce issues, with attention to their sociological implications.

SOCI 5209 [0.5 credit]
Sociology of Science and Technology
Study of the interaction among science, technology and change in modern societies.

SOCI 5303 [0.5 credit]
Sociology of Education
The relations between education and other social institutions, the structure of educational opportunity, educational systems and organizations, and the sociology of learning.

SOCI 5304 [0.5 credit]
Food Studies
A sociological analysis of food cultures. Possible topics include: the relationship between food and identity; social movements organized around food; and the production, preparation, consumption, and disposal of food.

SOCI 5305 [0.5 credit]
Police and Capital
The idea of `police' as a general historical project aimed at the fabrication of social order and the development of liberal philosophy, political economy and security. Contemporary public and private security provision considered in light of commodification, class conflict, and risk thinking.
Also listed as LAWS 5306.

SOCI 5306 [0.5 credit]
Cultural Studies
The relations between cultural practices and other social practices in definite social formations. Discussions are grounded through the choice of specific Canadian research on topics such as media, art, music, education, pedagogy, etc.

SOCI 5308 [0.5 credit]
Decolonizing Feminist Analyses
An examination of contemporary feminist approaches, including critical race perspectives on intersectionality and post-colonial feminism. Special emphasis on perspectives of Indigenous women and issues of settler-colonialism in Canada and elsewhere.

SOCI 5400 [0.5 credit]
Political Sociology
An examination of theoretical and empirical work on selected aspects of the state, politics and political behaviour, primarily in North America and Europe.

SOCI 5401 [0.5 credit]
Critical Disability Studies
Course engages contemporary disability theory, culture, and activism to consider bodily difference and its relation to the workings of power and social control, accessibility, normalization, ableism, and medicalization. Students will gain an understanding of the contemporary debates, theories, and methodologies of critical disability studies.
Also listed as ACCS 5001.

SOCI 5402 [0.5 credit]
Queer Migrations
Intersections of sexual and gender non-conformity and international migration using queer, anti-colonial, anti-racist and feminist theories. Examination of colonial histories of heteronormativity and contemporary manifestations of sexual (geo)politics.

SOCI 5403 [0.5 credit]
The Sociology of Solidarity
The possibilities and practices of solidarity raise core questions about how we understand the social, the other and how we can live together. The course explores these questions in inter-personal, community and global contexts.

SOCI 5404 [0.5 credit]
Race, Ethnicity and Class in Contemporary Societies
Various theoretical approaches concerning the persistence and re-emergence of ethnic and/or racial groups are examined. Particular emphasis is given to the intersection and overlap of ethnicity and race with social class.

SOCI 5406 [0.5 credit]
Citizenship and Globalization
Examination of debates about the changing nature of citizenship in the context of globalization of capital, culture and peoples. Employing post-Marshallian, political economic, post-structuralist, post-colonial and feminist perspectives, the seminar explores the emergence of market-driven, hierarchical and cosmopolitan notions of citizenship and transnational identities.

SOCI 5407 [0.5 credit]
Genealogies of Politics and Governance
Examination of Foucault's genealogical method for doing critical studies of politics and governance. Topics may include governmentality, sovereignty, biopolitics, neoliberalism, citizenship, and colonialism.
Also listed as PSCI 5303.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PSCI 4303, for which additional credit is precluded.

SOCI 5408 [0.5 credit]
Feminism and Materialism
Recent developments of feminist materialist theory and analyses. Topics may include: the gender division of labour; family and economy; gender and class; gender, race and ethnicity; sexuality; reproduction; theory and politics.

SOCI 5409 [0.5 credit]
The Politics of Social Movements and the State
Origins, ideologies, strategies and political implications of social and popular movements. May include attention to the peace, feminist, LGBT2SQ, disability, ecology, and anti-racism movements, as well as conservative, religious, and ethnonationalist movements.

SOCI 5501 [0.5 credit]
Phenomenology for Anthropologists and Sociologists

This seminar builds theoretical and methodological bridges between phenomenology and anthropology/sociology. Students read key texts from, among others, Husserl,Heidegger, Merleau-Ponty, Plessner, Schultz, and Waldenfels and learn to apply concepts in research. Topics include body and senses, intersubjectivity and life-world, selfhood and otherness.
Also listed as ANTH 5501.
Seminar

SOCI 5502 [0.5 credit]
Special Topics in Work and Labour II
Topics and emphasis vary from term to term according to current policies and events influencing the distribution and benefits of work and labour including migration, technological and environmental change, privatization, austerity, and transnational legislation.
Also listed as PECO 5504.

SOCI 5503 [0.5 credit]
Special Topics in Work and Labour I
Topics and emphasis vary from term to term according to current policies and events influencing the distribution and benefits of work and labour including migration, technological and environmental change, privatization, austerity, and transnational legislation.
Also listed as PECO 5503.

SOCI 5504 [0.5 credit]
Special Topics in Political Economy I
A special topic from current research in political economy. As the topic varies from year to year, students should check with the Department regarding the current offering.
Also listed as PECO 5501, PSCI 5501.

SOCI 5505 [0.5 credit]
Special Topics in Political Economy II
A special topic from current research in political economy. As the topic varies from year to year, students should check with the Department regarding the current offering.
Also listed as PECO 5502, PSCI 5502.

SOCI 5600 [0.5 credit]
Critical Discourse Analysis
Examination of the relations between discourse, social semiotics, extradiscursive semiotics and social organization.

SOCI 5605 [0.5 credit]
Demographic Analysis
Examination of classical debates and contemporary demographic issues such as low fertility, population aging and migration policies. Introduction to the concepts, tools and techniques that demographers use; focus on empirical demographic research.

SOCI 5606 [0.5 credit]
Special Topics in Sociology
Topic varies from year to year. Students should check with the Department regarding the topic offered.

SOCI 5607 [0.5 credit]
Contemporary Theories of Crime and Social Regulation
Recent developments in theories of criminality and social regulation. Particular reference will be made to the regulatory mechanisms of both public and private spheres within legal institutions, corrections, economic institutions, and the family.

SOCI 5708 [0.5 credit]
Contemporary Criminology Issues
This team-taught seminar addresses a series of contemporary issues in criminology and criminal justice. It introduces students to the research of a number of faculty from Sociology and Anthropology, Law and Legal Studies, or Criminology and Criminal Justice.

SOCI 5804 [0.5 credit]
Modern Marxist Theory
An examination of topics of theory and research in modern Marxist literature; the central focus is on problems of class analysis, the state, and politics in advanced capitalist societies.

SOCI 5805 [0.5 credit]
Special Topics in Sociology
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SOCI 5806 [0.5 credit]
Special Topics in Sociology
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SOCI 5809 [0.5 credit]
The Logic of the Research Process
An examination of the research process, including the phases of conceptualization, choice of indicators, sampling, data collection, and analysis. Published articles will be studied as exemplars of the range of possible research strategies.

SOCI 5900 [0.5 credit]
Tutorial

SOCI 5904 [0.5 credit]
The Craft of Writing
Theoretical and practical resources for writing with ease at the graduate level. Techniques and tools for drafting, revision, elements of style, time and guilt management, and inspiration and liveliness as key parts of academic writing.

SOCI 5906 [0.5 credit]
Placement in Sociology
This course provides an opportunity to enhance educational experience through work placement. Students may not be enrolled in the Co-operative Work Term (SOCI 5913) and the Placement in Sociology (SOCI 5906) simultaneously.
Prerequisite(s): permission of the Department.

SOCI 5908 [1.0 credit]
M.A. Research Essay
Students may enrol in this course for a maximum of three consecutive terms of study, including one summer term. Students must enrol in this course not later than the beginning of the second full year of study.

SOCI 5909 [2.0 credits]
M.A. Thesis

SOCI 5913 [0.0 credit]
Co-operative Work Term
Prerequisite(s): registration in the Sociology Master of Arts Cooperative Education program.

SOCI 6001 [0.5 credit]
Special Topics in Sociology
Topic varies from year to year. Students should check with the Department regarding the topic offered.

SOCI 6101 [0.0 credit]
Introductory Doctoral Seminar
Helps students to further develop their skills in grant applications writing, scholarly writing and conference presentations. Guides students in forming a supervisory committee, deciding on a comprehensive exam field, and preparing a reading list. Graded SAT/UNS.

SOCI 6102 [0.5 credit]
Doctoral Seminar Year 1: Comprehensive Exam
Development of self-awareness and skills as sociological scholars and writers. Topics include foundations of sociological research, critical literature reviews, and attendant theoretical issues. Supports students in research work management and writing their comprehensive exam paper.
Precludes additional credit for Precludes additional credit for SOCI 6002 (no longer offered).
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 6101.

SOCI 6103 [0.5 credit]
Doctoral Seminar Year 2: Research Design
Topics include foundations of sociological research design and research methods. Supports students in writing their dissertation research proposal; breaks down into stages the crafting and drafting of the proposal. Continued attention to research work management and scholarly writing and conference presentations.
Precludes additional credit for Precludes additional credit for SOCI 6003 (no longer offered).
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 6102.

SOCI 6900 [0.5 credit]
Tutorial

SOCI 6909 [0.0 credit]
Ph.D. Thesis