

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY



Spring 2013 Course Schedule

NO.	COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	DAYS	LOCATION	TIME
101-6	Freshman Seminar: Crime: The Politics of Punishment	Joshua Kaiser	TTH	Harris L05	9:30-10:50 AM
110-0	Intro to Sociology	Anthony Chen	MWF	LVR Aud	2:00-2:50 PM
Sec. 20	<i>What's sociology? What do sociologists do? This course provides a selective introduction to sociology as both a discipline of academic inquiry and a whole way of seeing the world. Among the topics covered are economic development, social revolutions, methods of causal inference, education, gender, race, and urban inequality. This course does not use a textbook. Instead, students will read a range of materials that practicing sociologists themselves read, including book chapters and journal articles.</i>				
208-0	Race and Society	Aldon Morris	TTH	Harris 107	3:30-4:50 PM
Sec. 20	<i>Race inequality remains an enduring reality of American society. This course will explore the sociological and historical roots of race relations and the conflict they engender. Attention will also focus on how racial inequalities and conflicts could be addressed constructively by different races and societal leaders.</i>				
215-0	Economy and Society	Bruce Carruthers	MW	Ann G15	11:00-12:20 PM
Sec. 20	<i>An introduction to a sociological approach to the economy. The course covers a variety of topics in 1-2 week units, including property, markets, prices, work, globalization, informal economies, and inequality.</i>				
217-0	Global Perspectives on Education	Karrie Snyder	MW	Ann G21	12:30-1:50 PM
Sec. 20	<i>What is schooling like around the world? What are the main differences and similarities when comparing educational systems worldwide? This course will also examine what social factors shape how educational systems evolve including cultural, economic and political influences.</i>				
276-0	Intro Topics in Sociology: Global Inequalities	Chikwendu Ukaegbu	MW	Kresge 4420	3:30-4:50 PM
Sec. 20	<i>Why is there an unequal standard of living among nations? This course examines the continuing inequalities among nations in the midst of a globalization that is viewed as an instrument of interconnectedness. We will discuss global inequalities in income; disparities in access to basic needs such as food, shelter, water, healthcare, education, patterns of urbanization, and unequal participation of countries in the global political, economic and technological system. The relationship between global inequalities and domestic inequalities in selected countries will be explored.</i>				
276-0	Intro Topics in Sociology: Contemporary Issues in Asian American	Carolyn Chen	TTH	Univ. Hall 101	9:30-10:50 AM
Sec. 22	<i>This course provides a critical examination of contemporary Asian American communities in light of the demographic, social, racial and economic trends in the United States. In particular, the course will focus on key themes: the development of the Asian American movement and Asian American studies, immigration, successive generations, gender, politics, anti-Asian violence and the model minority. An important objective of this course is raising students' awareness of and responsibility to the needs of Asian American communities. In addition to assigned readings, students will examine course themes by conducting fieldwork and interviews in Chicago's Asian American communities. Co-Listed w/ Asian_Am 225</i>				
302-0	Sociology of Organizations	Jessica Koski	MW	Univ. Hall 102	11:00-12:20 PM
Sec. 20	<i>Structure and function of formal organizations, especially in business and government. Stratification, social control, styles of leadership, routinization of work, conflict and conflict resolution. Discretion, rules, and information in achieving goals. Modes of participation. Development of informal norms. Please note that enrollment preference is given to senior sociology majors and senior BIP majors. Other students will be accommodated as possible.</i>				
303-0	Analysis and Interpretation of Social Data	Leslie McCall	MW	Univ. Hall 102	5:00-6:20 PM
Sec. 20	<i>An introduction to the quantitative analysis of data, with an emphasis on the interpretation of statistics, such as tables, graphs, hypothesis and significance tests, and regression analysis. Students will work with real data and learn the statistical software program SPSS or Stata.</i>				
306-0	Sociological Theory	Charles Camic	TTH	Parkes 224	9:30-10:50 AM
Sec. 20	<i>A way of analyzing social worlds, of learning to see new things in everyday life. This course pairs classical social theory with empirical research that is informed by that theory. This approach helps disclose the dynamic relationship between theory and research, a relationship that gives rise to new ways of making sense of our social worlds.</i>				

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309-0	Political Sociology	Ann Orloff	TTh	Harris L07	3:30-4:50 PM
Sec. 20	<i>This course will investigate the relationships among gender, society and politics. We will examine the gendered character of citizenship, political participation and representation, social rights and economic rights. We aim to understand gendered politics and policy from both "top down" and "bottom up" perspectives. By the end of the class, students will know some of the history of gendered politics in the US, with some sense of comparative context, and will gain a basic understanding of the factors influencing gendered participation and representation as well as the character of gendered policies. Co-Listed w/ GNDR_ST and POLI_SCI.</i>				
310-0	Sociology of the Family	Karrie Snyder	MW	Kresge 4365	3:30-4:50 PM
Sec. 20	<i>What issues are facing families today and how are families changing? This course will examine the evolution of family structure and relationships over the past couple of decades as well as looking at contemporary issues and debates in family life including same-sex marriage and single motherhood.</i>				
317-0	Global Development	James Mahoney	MW	555 Clark B03	2:00-3:20 PM
Sec. 20	<i>This course adopts a global and historical perspective for understanding processes of economic and social development. It suggests that early development in Europe was intimately tied to processes of colonialism. In turn, differences in European colonialism help explain variations in development among the countries of Africa, Asia, and Latin America.</i>				
325-0	Global and Local Inequalities	Leslie McCall	TTh	Kresge 4435	5:00-6:20 PM
Sec. 20	Focus on American Inequality				
	<i>This course will explore the historical, economic, social, cultural, and political aspects of economic inequality in the United States. The U.S. will be placed in international perspective as well. Topics covered will include theories of egalitarianism, trends in earnings and income inequality, economic opportunity (e.g., the American Dream), and gender, racial, and ethnic dimensions of economic inequality.</i>				
326-0	Politics, Society & Public Policy in the U.S.	Anthony Chen	TTh	Harris L07	11:00-12:20 PM
Sec. 20	<i>Public policy can help to cushion ordinary people against the risks of life in a market economy, and it can also distribute economic opportunity more equitably. Or it can make the lives of ordinary people riskier, and it can also allow a privileged few to hoard economic opportunity for themselves. What are the political forces that push public policy in one direction versus the other? This course introduces students to a range of sociological perspectives on politics and policy-making by examining the development of public policy in the United States from the New Deal. Among the policy areas that will be considered are industrial relations, social policy, civil rights, health care, and banking and financial regulation. Students will read a widely interdisciplinary selection of work, including readings in sociology, political science, history, economics, journalism, and law.</i>				
331-0	Markets, Hierarchies, and Democracies	Bruce Carruthers	TTH	Kresge 4365	2:00-3:20 PM
Sec. 20	<i>The forms and social structures for making economic and political decisions in modern societies. Even with exactly the same set of underlying preferences, people reach very different outcomes depending on the institutional setting of decision-making.</i>				
332-0	Work and Occupations:	Chikwendu Ukaegbu	MW	Clark B01	9:30-10:50 AM
Sec. 20	A Global Perspective				
	<i>Work in modern society and its place in the moral order: workers in selection, recruitment, socialization, and stages of practice throughout their careers; the relationship of work and other responsibilities to family and the larger society; work and global system.</i>				
355-0	Medical Sociology	Carol Heimer	TTH	Univ. Hall 101	2:00-3:20 PM
Sec. 20	<i>Why are some groups healthier than others? Why is health care so much more expensive in the US than in other countries? Why do some people use a lot of health care services when others go to doctors only infrequently? What role do pharmaceutical companies and health care organizations play in the formulation of health policy? This course looks closely at health and illness (largely but not exclusively in the US), asking about access to health care, the work of medical professionals and their interactions with patients, and the institutional arrangements of health care as an industry. There is a prerequisite for this class.</i>				
376-0	Topics in Soc. Analysis:	Evren Savci	MW	Clark B01	12:30-1:50 PM
Sec. 20	Global Cultures and Societies				
	<i>This course brings together readings from cultural sociology and studies in transnational cultures to imagine what a transnational cultural sociology might look like and how we might sociologically understand "culture" in a globalizing world. Through considering how cultural production, consumption, reception, travel and translation, labor, intimacy, identity, memory and trauma take shape in different cultures all of which find themselves in a "transnational moment," we will carefully investigate global cultural flows and circuits making sure not to reify culture, and also not losing sight of inequalities that are still produced and reproduced. The readings will take us to Bali, France, Japan, India, Indonesia, Egypt, Germany, Chile, Canada and China; but we will also remain on "American soil" and read about how transnational subjects from Mexico, Philippines or Pakistan figure "here."</i>				

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