

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY



Fall 2013 Course Schedule

NO.	COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	DAYS	LOCATION	TIME
101-6 Sec. 20	Freshman Seminar Scandals & Reputations <i>This freshman seminar is designed to expose incoming students to the basic approaches that historians, political scientists, and sociologists use to understand historical memory. In particular, we examine how reputations are constructed by the public and by historians, and how scandals (including contemporary ones) come to be understood. Our primary focus for this course will be American examples, but the historical range will be broad, covering 1700-present. Given the controversy recently uncovered at Northwestern about the involvement of our founder, John Evans in the Sand Creek Massacre, the most significant genocide of native peoples on United States soil, we will discuss how the university should recall Evans' deeds.</i>	Gary Fine	TTh	Kresge 4420	10:30-11:50 AM
101-6 Sec. 21	Freshman Seminar 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>	Leslie Mccall	TTh	Parkes 213	2:00-3:20 PM
110-0 Sec. 20	Intro to Sociology <i>Ever wonder what a sociologist does? Introduction to Sociology looks at how sociologists view the world, how their perspective differs from that of other social scientists, and covers all the basic concepts and theories in this exciting field.</i>	Karrie Snyder	MW	Tech Aud	3:30-4:50 PM
202-0 Sec. 20	Social Problems <i>Where do social problems come from? What are the roles of the media, politicians, experts and other claimsmakers in this process? This course will cover many contemporary social problems including school violence, bullying and drunk driving. There will be an emphasis on understanding the history behind these social problems, the moral debates that surround them, and the policies enacted to address these issues. Students will do original research on a social problem of their choice.</i>	Karrie Snyder	MW	Ann G21	12:30-1:50 PM
208-0 Sec. 20	Race & Society <i>What is race? Some assert that biology is at the root of the concept of race. Others argue that preconceived biases, much more than biology, govern the way people think about race and racial inequality. In either case, race is framed as an exceedingly complex matter with important social and political implications. Students in this course will critically review both the biological myth and social reality of race, as well as engage ideas about the factors responsible for persistent racial inequality in modern America.</i>	Quincy Stewart	MW	Parkes 223	9:30-10:50 AM
212-0 Sec. 20	Environment & Society <i>An introduction to the major environmental problems we face today, such as climate changes, with focus on the underlying social causes of such problems and most importantly, what we can do to solve them. Are market incentives or government regulations the best path? Or do we need social movements?</i>	Susan Thistle	TTh	Ann G15	3:30-4:50 PM
226-0 Sec. 20	Sociological Analysis <i>This course is a class on the rhetoric of writing scientific texts in the social and historical sciences and on the art of conducting fieldwork. You will prepare a research proposal using at least two methods among the three shown in class: experiments, ethnographic observations and interviews, textual archives.</i>	Gregoire Mallard	TTh	Univ. Hall 121	9:30-10:50 AM
301-0 Sec. 20	The City: Urbanization & Urbanism <i>This course focuses primarily on American cities and begins by looking briefly at their history, ecology, and the political economy of industry, jobs, housing and transportation. We then focus on the central question of "community" in urban life looking at personal ties of friends and kin, and racial, ethnic and class segregation in neighborhoods. We move to the metropolitan level with a look at suburbia, and conclude with politics, policy and planning for urban futures.</i>	Albert Hunter	MW	Clark B01	11:00-12:20 PM
302-0 Sec. 20	Sociology of Organizations <i>This course considers four questions: What is an organization? How do they work? Why do they fail? and What role do organizations play in social change? Topics include: the structure and function of formal organizations (especially in business and government), the routinization of work, the genesis of the human relations, school, organizational culture, organization-environment interaction, stratification, organizational dysfunction, normal accidents, globalization, social change, and corporate social responsibility. Please note that enrollment preference is given to senior sociology and senior BIP majors. Other students will be accommodated as possible.</i>	Jessica Koski	MW	Univ. Hall 102	5:00-6:20 PM

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308-0 Sec. 20	Crime, Politics and Society <i>This is a course about the politics of crime from the age of Roosevelt (roughly 1933-1973) to the Age of Reagan (1974-2008). The course covers topics from domestic street crime to international crimes against humanity. The course closes by answering the question, is there a new Age of Obama in crime policy?</i>	John Hagan	TTh	Tu: Clark B01	9:30-10:50 AM
311-0 Sec. 20	Food, Politics, and Society <i>What are you actually eating!?!? This course provides an introduction to the rise of factory farming and industrial agriculture, and considers such issues as its contribution to climate change, the rise in such diseases as diabetes and heart attacks, and whether "big ag" is needed to solve world hunger. We end by looking at alternatives to how we grow, distribute and consume our food, such as organic farming, Farmers' Markets, and CSAs.</i>	Susan Thistle	TTh	Kresge 2380	12:30-1:50 PM
317-0 Sec. 20	Global Development Co-Listed w/ Poli_Sci <i>An advanced introduction to global development. A focus on comparing the historical experience in Europe to more recent processes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Topics include agricultural modernization, colonialism, industrialization, economic strategy, inequality, and social policy.</i>	James Mahoney	MW	Univ. Hall 122	3:30-4:50 PM
328-0 Sec. 20	Inequality and American Society <i>Inequality and American Society introduces students to research on social stratification and inequality with a focus on American society. Includes trends, intergenerational mobility, gender and race inequality, causes and consequences of inequalities.</i>	Lincoln Quillian	TTh	Clark B03	2:00-3:20 PM
345-0 Sec. 20	Class and Culture <i>The role that culture plays in the formation and reproduction of social classes. Class socialization, culture and class boundaries, class identities and class consciousness.</i>	Gregoire Mallard	TTh	Univ. Hall 121	11:00-12:20 PM
376-0 Sec. 20	Topics in Sociological Analysis Gangs <i>This course explores the modern American urban street gang. It looks at the long sociological tradition of theory and research on such gangs, much of it conducted right here in Chicago. It looks at the structure and activities of such gangs and the response of local community institutions such as the police, schools, the media and neighborhood organizations, and at local and national urban and criminal justice policy with respect to street gangs.</i>	Albert Hunter	MW	Clark B03	2:00-3:20 PM
376-0 Sec. 21	Topics in Sociological Analysis Reputations and Rumors <i>This class attempts to expose students to the understanding of how reputations form in the face of uncertain information and how rumors and contemporary legend shape our beliefs about individuals and social issues. While the two topics overlap, they are also separate in some measure with distinctive research tradition. In this course we begin by examining how scholars have approached reputation and then shift to the examination of rumor and contemporary legend.</i>	Gary Fine	TTh	Univ. Hall 102	5:00-6:20 PM
376-0 Sec. 22	Topics in Sociological Analysis Online Communities and Crowds. Co-list w/COMM_ST 378-0 <i>Some of the most innovative and ground-breaking organizations today are online "peer production" communities and crowds. Distributed groups collaborate over the Internet to write encyclopedias, start social movements, create software, produce films, raise vast sums of money, and conduct advanced scientific research. Why do these efforts succeed? How can the sources of online communities' and crowds' successes be harnessed and reproduced? What can be learned from their shortcomings? In this class, you will try to answer these questions. We will analyze online communities and crowds from multiple perspectives and learn some practical techniques involved in online organization, collaboration, and innovation.</i>	Aaron Shaw	TTH	Tech M128	2:00-3:20 PM
398-1,2 Sec. 20	Senior Research Seminar <i>Majors prepare an independent project/thesis under faculty direction. Occasionally students may collaborate on a common research topic.</i>	Monica Prasad	MWF	Parkes 213	1:00-1:50 PM