

# SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is the scientific study of human behavior in groups and the social forces that influence that behavior. The Sociology program offers a diverse curriculum in an effort to provide students with the tools necessary to comprehend their social world, using sociological theory and methodology to focus on the building blocks of the social structure and culture. The program includes courses that explore how social institutions play integral roles in our society, how class, race, ethnicity, and gender interact with these fundamental social institutions, the inequalities that exist in society, the importance of norms and values, the deviations therein, and the origins of social problems, their potential solutions, and the challenge to the status quo. Upon completion of a sociology course, the student will have a greater understanding of her/his part in the social world, enhancing interpersonal relationships and relationships to the social structure.

## **SOCI C1000 Introduction to Sociology 3 Units**

*Formerly:* SOC V01

*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

*Advisories/Rec Prep:* ENGL V02 or eligibility to enroll, or concurrent enrollment, in English Composition (ENGL C1000) as determined by the college's multiple measures assessment process

*C-ID:* SOCI 110

This course introduces students to Sociology: the study of people, groups, and institutions that shape people's lives. Through a mix of theory, research, and real-world examples, students explore key sociological concepts like culture, inequality, power, collective action, and social change. With content reflecting diverse histories and lived experiences, students make connections between their lives and the social forces that influence individual opportunities and choices. Students in this course will develop a critical lens that allows them to better understand and transform themselves and society.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** 4

**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

## **SOCI V01H Introduction to Sociology - Honors 3 Units**

*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

*Advisories/Rec Prep:* ENGL V02 or eligibility to enroll, or concurrent enrollment, in English Composition (ENGL C1000) as determined by the college's multiple measures assessment process

*C-ID:* SOCI 110

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**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

**Credit Limitations:** Credit will not be awarded for both the honors and regular versions of a course; credit will be awarded only for the first course completed with a grade of C or better or P.

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** None

**Transfer Credit:** CSU

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

## **SOC V02 Social Problems 3 Units**

*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

*C-ID:* SOCI 115

This course will examine current American social problems, such as health care; crime; substance abuse; domestic violence; AIDS; the environment; and the inequalities of race, sex, age, education, and social class. Analysis of factors leading to their emergence and consequences, and proposals for solving these problems, will be discussed. Students will be offered the opportunity to do volunteer work with public and private agencies working in the covered problem areas.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded

**Field Trips:** May be required

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** 4, B2

**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**Cal-GETC** 4

## **SOC V03 Racial and Ethnic Group Relations 3 Units**

*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

*C-ID:* SOCI 150

This course analyzes the patterns of prejudice and discrimination in the United States including their nature, sources, and consequences, and reviews strategies for their reduction. Majority/minority relations among the major social and cultural groups will be given specific examination.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** 4, B2, F

**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**Cal-GETC** 4

**SOC V04 Sociology of Gender Roles 3 Units***Formerly:* SOC 4*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*C-ID:* SOCI 140

This course offers an examination of gender role socialization throughout the entire lifespan. Various theories will be utilized in an effort to explain the influence of the major agents of socialization (parents, peers, education and the media) on the formation of gender roles. The effect gender has in the family, education and the work environment will be examined through both a multicultural and global perspective.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** 4, B2, F

**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**Cal-GETC 4**

**SOC V05 Sociology of Relationships: Intimacy, Commitment, and Family Patterns 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*C-ID:* SOCI 130

This course will explore the ways in which we choose relationships, make commitments, and form families. The evolution of the family will be covered from extended to alternative family patterns. Sociological theories and methodology will be utilized to analyze both the functions and dysfunctions of relationships: mate selection, love, intimacy, communication, gender roles, sexuality, marriage, and parenting. The challenges facing intimate relationships, such as power differentials, domestic violence, divorce, remarriage, single-parenting, and step-families will be covered. Cross-cultural examination of ethnic/racial/religious group patterns of relationships and families will be explored for both the U.S. and other countries.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

**Field Trips:** May be required

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** 4, B2

**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**Cal-GETC 4**

**SOC V06 Sociology of Death and Dying 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

This course offers a broad overview of death and dying across cultures. Topics include the historical evolution of care and treatment of the dying and the dead; attitudes toward death; the understanding of and care for the terminally ill patients; funeral ritual; burial, mourning and grief practices; grief counseling; and suicide and euthanasia.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded

**Field Trips:** May be required

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** 4

**Transfer Credit:** CSU

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**SOC V07 Sociological Analysis 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*Prerequisites:* SOC V01*Advisories/Rec Prep:* SOC V02, PSY V04*C-ID:* SOCI 120

This course offers an overview of how sociologists make systematic observations of the social world; students examine fundamental elements of empirical research and the ways in which sociologists gather, evaluate and critique social data. Sociological theory and the methods used in conducting social science research, from hypothesis development to the use of variable and analysis of collected data as well as the ethics of research, will be presented. Application of qualitative and quantitative analytic tools including logic and research design, such as survey, observational, experimental, case study, and comparative historical research will be introduced and applied. Students will actively participate in conducting studies that focus on current social issues.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** 4, B2

**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**Cal-GETC 4**

**SOC V13 Sociology of Deviance, Crime, and Society 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*C-ID:* SOCI 160

This course will introduce students to sociological concepts of deviance and social control. Theories of structural conditions contributing to conformity and non-conformity will be explored, as well as the effect deviance and society have on each other. The course will examine topics such as alcohol and drug use, prostitution, physical violence, property crime, white-collar crime and organized crime.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded

**Field Trips:** May be required

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** 4, B2

**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**Cal-GETC 4**

**SOC V24 Sociology of the Chicano Community 3 Units**

*Formerly:* CHST V24 and AES V24

*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

*Advisories/Rec Prep:* SOCI C1000

This course will examine various theoretical perspectives from a sociological framework in relation to the Chicano community. Race, class gender and culture in the historical development of Chicano people will be explored as we discuss culture, ethnic identity, the institutions of education, economics, family and government. It will include an overview of past and current social movements (i.e. the Chicano, Chicana Feminism, labor movements, and other topics). Students will analyze prevailing myths and stereotypes and investigate the ways Chicanos have contributed to and participated in social and political change. Specific instances of Chicano structural resistance to Anglo encroachment and domination will be discussed. Particular attention will also be given to language development among Chicanos and the historical role of youth.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

**Field Trips:** May be required

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** 3, 4, B2, C2, F

**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**Cal-GETC 4**

**SOC V31 Introduction to Social Psychology 3 Units**

*Formerly:* SOC 31

*Same-As:* PSY V31

*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

*Advisories/Rec Prep:* ENGL V02 or eligibility to enroll in English Composition (ENGL C1000) as determined by the college's multiple measures assessment process

*C-ID:* PSY 170

This course considers individual human behavior in relation to the social environment. The power of the situation, other individuals, the social group, and the individual's psychological processes will be examined. Emphasized topics include aggression, prejudice and stereotypes, interpersonal attraction, attitudes and attitude change, conformity, group phenomena, gender roles, cultural norms, person perception, and social cognition.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded

**Field Trips:** May be required

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** 4, B2

**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**Cal-GETC 4**

**SOC V90 Directed Studies in Sociology 1-6 Units**

*In-Class Hours:* 52.5-315.0 laboratory

*Prerequisites:* Varies with topic

This course offers specialized study opportunities for students who wish to pursue projects not included in the regular curriculum. Students are accepted only by a written project proposal approved by the discipline prior to enrollment.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded

**Field Trips:** May be required

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** None

**Transfer Credit:** CSU

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**SOC V432 Ethics, Society, and Technology 3 Units**

*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

*Enrollment Limitations:* Admitted to the program. Enrollment in this course requires admission into a Community College baccalaureate degree program.

This upper-division course investigates the relationship between technological advances and the influence they have had on society throughout history. Students will develop an understanding of sociological theories as an ethical resource for analyzing how technology impacts both individual and collective civil, political, and human rights and issues related to autonomy, privacy, and identity, as well as how it reinforces power dynamics in society and its impacts on equity, justice, and fairness. Social and cultural changes are reviewed in the context of technology and ethical issues that society faces because of new technological advances. Students will analyze ethical problems in the research, funding, and applications of emerging technologies with a focus on the fields of technological advances.

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**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** None

**Transfer Credit:** CSU

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

- Sociology, Associate in Arts for Transfer (<https://catalog.vcccd.edu/ventura/programs-courses/sociology/sociology-aat/>)