

SOCIOLOGY

SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology **3 Credits** Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit/Non Audit

The course introduces fundamental sociological concepts, theories, and methods to foster a foundational understanding in the systematic study of societal structures, dynamics, and human behavior. Exploring topics like socialization, social stratification, and institutions, this course examines the ways in which individuals and societal structures interact, and how larger structures of power and culture shape opportunities, attitudes, and norms. Students will learn what it means to have a 'sociological imagination' and develop critical thinking skills to analyze a broad range of contemporary social issues. This course fosters a deeper appreciation for the social world, equipping students with insights applicable across disciplines.

SOCI 105 AI and Society **3 Credits** Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit/Non Audit

This course explores the profound impact of artificial intelligence on modern society. Students will analyze the ethical, social, economic, and legal implications of AI technologies. Through critical discussions and case studies, participants will gain insights into how AI influences decision-making, privacy, security, and employment. The course also delves into the opportunities and challenges AI presents, empowering students to engage with emerging technologies in an informed and responsible manner.

SOCI 111 Community Service and Engagement **3 Credits** Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit/Non Audit

This course explores the principles and practices of community service through an Islamic lens, emphasizing the significance of civic responsibility in local and global contexts. Students will learn how to develop effective strategies for social welfare, empower marginalized communities, and foster intercultural understanding. This course combines theoretical insights with practical fieldwork, enabling students to engage directly with community projects and develop a holistic perspective on global citizenship, rooted in Islamic ethical frameworks and sustainable development principles.

SOCI 115 Comparative Theories and Methods **3 Credits** Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit/Non Audit

The course presents students with an array of social scientific methodological approaches. The course outlines the connections between method and theory and between epistemology and ontology. It discusses the strengths and potentials as well as drawbacks and limitations of various approaches. It highlights the potential power of well-established Islamic schools of thought to contribute to current issues in the social sciences. The course allows students to compare and contrast Islamic and Western research methodologies. It provides students with a toolbox that they can use to analyze existing scholarship, engage questions of human sciences, and develop theoretically informed research projects.

SOCI 117 Technology, Innovation, and Society **3 Credits** Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit/Non Audit

"Technology, Innovation and Society" explores the complex interplay between technological advancements, innovative practices, and their profound impact on society. Students will critically examine how technology shapes and is shaped by social, economic, political, and cultural factors. Through interdisciplinary perspectives, this course will analyze topics such as the history of technological change, the role of innovation in addressing global challenges, ethical considerations surrounding emerging technologies, and the future of work in a rapidly evolving technological landscape.

SOCI 137 Global Citizenship and Social Responsibility **3 Credits** Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit/Non Audit

This course explores the intersections between global citizenship and social responsibility in the polity and in civil society, at global, regional and local levels. It introduces students to the challenges of environmental destruction, climate change, and conflict, in an interconnected and deterritorialized world. With a particular focus the ethics and politics of global citizenship, it prepares students to think critically about their social responsibility as global citizens, and to address the contemporary challenges posed to our planet and humanity towards social justice.