

## Sociology (SOCY)

### **SOCY 1150 Principles of Sociology**

**(OT36, TAG) 3 Credits**

This course provides an introduction to the theoretical perspectives and research methods used by sociologists to understand and interpret our social world. Major components of the course include a sociological analysis of culture, socialization, social institutions, stratification, and social change with society.  
(3 contact hours)

### **SOCY 1190 Drug Use and U.S. Society**

**(OT36) 3 Credits**

This course explores the micro- and macro-sociological perspectives of licit and illicit drug use in the United States. From a micro-sociological approach, students will explore how society constructs drugs and drug users, the motivations that drive drug use, the impact of drug use on primary and secondary groups, and reactions to drug use and users. From a macro-sociological approach, students will explore the social and demographic patterns of licit and illicit drug use and abuse, the patterns of drug consumption, their physiological impact users, historical patterns and reactions to various drugs, and the impact of drugs and drug use on the institutions of society.  
(3 contact hours)

### **SOCY 2000 Race and Ethnic Relations in the U.S.**

**(OT36, TAG) 3 Credits**

This course provides an overview of race and ethnic relations in the U.S. with an emphasis on the dynamics of contemporary and historical intergroup relations. Theoretical perspectives and research methods used to analyze intergroup relations are emphasized. Concepts and processes covered include the social construction of race and ethnicity, prejudice, discrimination, intersectionality, identity politics, minority groups, dominant group, and agents of social change. An interdisciplinary approach to the study of racial ethnic minorities in the U.S. with an emphasis on the racial-ethnic composition of Northeast Ohio is integral to this course.  
(3 contact hours)

### **SOCY 2250 Introduction to Social Work**

**(OT36) 3 Credits**

*Prerequisite: SOCY 1150.*

This course introduces students to the practice, theory, and history of social work. Students will learn the various settings, roles, and functions of the discipline. The course includes content ranging from social welfare policy to direct practice with individuals, families, and groups.  
(3 contact hours)

### **SOCY 2260 Sociology of the Family**

**(OT36, TAG) 3 Credits**

This course examines the micro- and macro-sociological perspectives of the family from both a historical approach and by analyzing current trends. Emphasis will be on the interrelationships between the family institution and other social institutions, such as the economic, political, religious, health, and educational institutions. In addition, this course explores how social forces influence family life and individual experiences, taking into account the diverse constructs of American families.  
(3 contact hours)

### **SOCY 2270 Sociology of Aging**

**(OT36) 3 Credits**

*Prerequisite: SOCY 1150.*

This course provides an analysis of the "graying of America" and how this demographic transition affects the institutions of society (e.g., family, government, the economy, health delivery systems, etc.) In addition, it analyzes the effect that social institutions have on the process of aging.  
(3 contact hours)

### **SOCY 2280 Social Problems**

**(OT36, TAG) 3 Credits**

*Prerequisite: SOCY 1150.*

This course provides an overview of social problems prevalent in the United States by exploring the process through which social problems are identified, legitimized, and addressed across cultural contexts and time. Students will explore the impact of social structures on creating and perpetuating social problems associated with well-being, inequality, social institutions, and modernization. Major theoretical perspectives and methodological frameworks will be used to evaluate, analyze, and propose solutions to social problems.  
(3 contact hours)

**SOCY 2290 Deviance in American Society****(OT36) 3 Credits***Prerequisite: CRMJ 1110 or SOCY 1150.*

This course provides a survey of the cultural and historical experiences and perceptions of social deviance in U.S. society. This involves exploring the social processes through which behaviors and statuses come to be defined as deviant, the theories of deviant behavior and labels, the methods of studying deviance, and the patterns of social controls practiced to address deviant behavior. This course is cross-listed as CRMJ 2290 Deviance in American Society. Students who have taken the course under the alternative course ID should not take this course.

(3 contact hours)

**SOCY 2600 Social Movements and the Politics of Protest****3 Credits**

This course provides an overview and critical analysis of the role of social movements in American democracy and their impact on American political life and culture. By examining historical and contemporary examples, the course highlights the traditions, origins, purposes, goals and techniques of social movements, and considers whether such efforts are useful and effective means of expressing dissent and achieving popular political change. This course is cross-listed as POLS 2600 Social Movements and the Politics of Protest. Students who have taken the course under the alternative course ID should not take this course.

(3 contact hours)

**SOCY 2900 Special Topics in Sociology****1-3 Credits***Prerequisite: SOCY 1150.*

These specialized courses provide in-depth examinations of sociology topics and contemporary issues not covered in detail elsewhere in the curriculum.

(1-3 contact hours)