SOCILOGY

Departmental Notes

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Overview

In Queen's Sociology Department, you will consider theories about how societies are organized and experienced, use social research methods to critically investigate what is happening, and explore areas such as crime, law and deviance, communications and media, gender and race, and culture and consumption. We place a major emphasis on how to study a broad range of social processes, throughout the life course, from global systems to personal life.

Faculty

For more information, please visit: https://www.queensu.ca/sociology/people-search/

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- Stephen Baron
- Rob Beamish
- Annette Burfoot
- Martin Hand
- Fiona Kay
- Cynthia Levine-Rasky
- David Lyon
- Norma Möllers
- David Murakami Wood
- Nicole Myers
- Alana Saulnier
- Sarita Srivastava
- Victoria Sytsma

Cross-Appointed:

- Mary Louise Adams
- Allison Goebel
- Villia Jefremovas
- Sergio Sismondo
- Susanne Soederberg
- Marcus Taylor

Major

- Sociology – Major (Arts) – Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/sociology/sociology-major-arts-ba-honours/)

Joint Honours

- Sociology – Joint Honours (Arts) – Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/sociology/sociology-medial-arts-ba-honours/)

General/Minor

- Sociology – General (Arts) – Bachelor of Arts (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/sociology/sociology-general-arts-ba/)
- Sociology – Minor (Arts) (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/sociology/sociology-minor-arts/)

Courses

SOCY 122  Introduction to Sociology  Units: 6.00
An introduction to the concepts, theories and methods of sociological enquiry, and their application to the analysis of Canadian society.
NOTE Also offered online, consult Arts and Science Online (Learning Hours may vary).
Learning Hours: 240 (48 Lecture, 24 Group Learning, 24 Online Activity, 144 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite None.
Course Equivalencies: SOCY122, SOCY122A
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
SOCY 200 Sociology of Health and Illness Units: 3.00
This course explores the sociological dimensions affecting the meaning and experience of health and illness in contemporary society. Topics include policy, professionalization, medicalization, mental health, inequalities, bioethics, and globalization.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0) or HLTH 101/3.0.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 201 Selected Topics in Sociology Units: 3.00
Explores a range of issues in contemporary sociology. Topics may vary from year to year. See the departmental website for further details.
NOTE This course is repeatable for credit under different topic titles.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite SOCY 200/3.0.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 210 Social Research Methods Units: 3.00
Examination of relationship between sociological theory and methods of social research; topics include logic of research, hypothesis formulation, and variables and their operationalization.
Learning Hours: 120 (24 Lecture, 12 Group Learning, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 211 Introduction to Statistics Units: 3.00
Introduces descriptive and inferential statistics and data analysis strategies. Topics include probability, correlation/regression, experimental design and analysis of variance. Online learning and weekly laboratories provide practice in computation, interpretation and communication of statistical findings, and large class review sessions and individual drop in assistance ensure mastery. Applications appropriate to different fields of study will be explored.
NOTE Students can also fulfill the statistics requirements of a SOCY plan by taking any one of the courses listed as exclusions below in place of SOCY 211.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0 or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0). Exclusion BIOL 243/3.0; CHEE 209/3.5; COMM 162/3.0; ECON 250/3.0; GPHY 247/3.0; KNPE 251/3.0; NURS 323/3.0; POLS 285/3.0; POLS 385/3.0*; PSYC 202/3.0; STAM 200/3.0; STAT 263/3.0.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 225 Sociology of Globalization Units: 3.00
An introduction to recent sociological debates on the emergence of a global economy and society, and its impact on different parts of the world.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 226 Central Concepts in Sociological Theory Units: 3.00
A discussion of the central concepts in sociological theory, for example, agency and structure; rationality, reason, and abstraction; social continuity and social change; subjectivity and selfhood; language and interpretation are normally considered.
Learning Hours: 120 (24 Lecture, 12 Tutorial, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite SOCY 225/3.0.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 227 Theorizing Contemporary Society Units: 3.00
A discussion of theoretical frameworks for understanding contemporary societies. The course will normally cover capitalism and economy; globalization and post-colonialism; identity, politics, and social movements; science, technology, and environmentalism; consumerism and urban life.
Learning Hours: 120 (24 Lecture, 12 Tutorial, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite SOCY 226/3.0.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 235 Race and Racialization Units: 3.00
Concept and meaning of race, racism, and racialization; ethnicity; processes, policies, and practices of differentiation; the impact of racism and discrimination on various populations; intersections of race, ethnicity, class and gender.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 273 Social Psychology Units: 3.00
The social matrix of personality, socialization as a social process, the influence of social structure and culture upon socialization practices, and the patterning of personality through the life cycle.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
SOCY 275  Theories of Deviance and Social Control  Units: 3.00
This course focuses on the theoretical foundation examining the process by which activities are defined as deviant: such activities as 'sexual deviance', 'mental illness', and 'political deviance'. The major etiological approaches to the study of deviants are also considered.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 276  Substantive Issues in Social Deviance  Units: 3.00
This course examines a variety of substantive topics in the sociology of deviance. The choice of topics will illustrate the range of theoretical approaches discussed in SOCY 275. The selection of topics will vary from semester to semester but will typically include violence, corporate crime, sexual deviance, and physical stigma.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite None. Corequisite SOCY 275. Exclusion SOCY 274.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 284  Sociology of Information and Communication Technology  Units: 3.00
Social context and consequences of information and communication technologies as they relate to work, culture, privacy and education.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 300  Sociology of Cities  Units: 3.00
More than 50% of the world's population now lives in cities and most of the biggest sociological issues are urban in location and character. Understanding cities is therefore crucial to understanding contemporary societies. This course is an intensive introduction to Urban Sociology with particular emphasis on world cities.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 301  Selected Topics in Sociology  Units: 3.00
Explores a range of issues in contemporary sociology. Topics may vary from year to year. See the departmental website for further details.
NOTE This course is repeatable for credit under different topic titles.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 302  Selected Topics in Socio-legal Studies  Units: 3.00
Explores a range of contemporary issues in socio-legal studies. Topics may vary from year to year. See the departmental website for further details.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 303  Selected Topics in Feminist Sociology  Units: 3.00
Explores a range of contemporary issues in feminist sociology. Topics may vary from year to year. See the departmental website for further details.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 304  Selected Topics in Communications and Information Technology  Units: 3.00
Explores a range of contemporary issues in communications and information technology. Topics may vary from year to year. See the departmental website for further details.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 305  Sociology of Professions and Occupations  Units: 3.00
This course examines theories and empirical studies on professions and occupations. This course examines historical change, social structure, market competition, career advancement, workplace interaction and culture, job satisfaction, demographic diversity and social service, from the late nineteenth century to the age of globalization.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
SOCY 306 Consumer Culture Units: 3.00
A comprehensive introduction to the major theories and empirical studies of consumer culture with emphasis upon the historical, socioeconomic, and cultural aspects of consumption in sociological context; substantive focus upon diverse topics such as food, tourism, the home, children, and marketing.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 309 Surveillance and Society Units: 3.00
Provides a critical introduction to surveillance and the emerging interdisciplinary field of Surveillance Studies. Offers an historically-grounded, theoretically-informed, and empirically-illustrated survey of the practices, technologies and social relations of surveillance from different perspectives, with an emphasis on the socio-political dimensions.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 310 Visual Culture Units: 3.00
A lecture-format course devoted to the sociological understanding of visual culture in contemporary society. The course integrates the critical development of key social theories of visuality from Descartes to Baudrillard and beyond. It addresses the sociological significance of visual culture in terms of ideology, hegemony and visual discourse.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 336 The Sociology of Work and Technology Units: 3.00
The course examines the meaning of work and the changes taking place in the work world, with special attention devoted to new technology, gender, unionism and globalisation.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 337 Social Psychology Units: 3.00
The course is designed to introduce students to the major theories and empirical studies in social psychology, with an emphasis on concepts and techniques of research. Special attention is paid to selected content areas and topics, such as group influence, and social motivation.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 352 Family Diversity Units: 3.00
This course introduces students to the sociology of family diversity. Topics normally considered include diversity of family forms; social constructions of motherhood and fatherhood; contested understandings of families; and how contemporary debates about gender differences, sexualities, and racialization may inform the understanding of intimate and familial relations.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 354 Sociology of Education Units: 3.00
Comparative study of Canadian education system and processes in light of current sociological theory and research.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 362 Cultural Studies Units: 3.00
This course focuses on contemporary sociological perspectives of culture. It includes a survey of various theoretical positions vis à vis culture and society such as the high and low culture distinction, the rise of mass culture; cultural hegemony; populism and social resistance. Canadian culture is the predominant object of analysis.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 363 Science, Technology and Society Units: 3.00
Critical examination of science in modern society; particular reference to historical development, transmission of scientific knowledge, conduct of enquiry, and interdependence with other institutions.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 384 Women and Reproduction Technology Units: 3.00
Critical study of historical development of scientific and medical establishments with specific focus upon women; legal, ethical, and economic issues related to new reproductive technologies examined.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (A minimum grade of C- in SOCY 122/6.0) or (BADR 100/3.0 and BADR 101/3.0) or (6.0 units of GNDS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
SOCY 387 Sociology of Crime and Delinquency  Units: 3.00
Critical study of conceptual, empirical, and theoretical bases to sociological approaches to crime and delinquency; Canadian research emphasized.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite SOCY 275/3.0.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 388 Sociology of Criminal Justice  Units: 3.00
Comparative examination of criminal justice system and its major institutions; Canadian research emphasized.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite SOCY 275/3.0.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 389 Gender, Law, and Crime  Units: 3.00
Investigation of gender differences in offending, victimization and criminal justice processing; Canadian research emphasized.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Lecture, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite SOCY 275/3.0.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 401 Advanced Studies in Contemporary Social Theory  Units: 3.00
Critical treatment of contemporary theories; emphasis upon logic of social inquiry.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Seminar, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Joint Honours Plan and a [minimum grade of C in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY]).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 402 Families, Gender and the State  Units: 3.00
A critical assessment of contemporary issues and theories pertaining to intimate relationships and family relations. Contemporary research and debates are critically discussed. An overall objective of the course is to 'rethink the family' and consider and evaluate ideological assumptions and persistent myths about 'the family'.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Seminar, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Joint Honours Plan and a [minimum grade of C in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY]).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 403 Sociology of the Body  Units: 3.00
This seminar aims at advanced students interested in exploring the body as a site for the production of social and cultural meaning and social inequality. Theoretical approaches may include critical race theory, queer theory, feminist theory, postcolonial theory, and sociological theories of the body. Topics covered may include the ways that representations of the body are linked to practices of racism, sexism, moral regulation, colonialism and nation-building.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Seminar, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Joint Honours Plan and a [minimum grade of C in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY]).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 406 Walls to Bridges - Socio-Legal Issues  Units: 3.00
This is an experimental learning course based on the Walls to Bridges program model, which brings together students from Queen's University ('outside students') with students from a local federal prison ('inside students') to learn and share knowledge based on their lived experience and critical analysis of academic scholarship. Topics may vary.
NOTE This course will take place off campus at a local federal prison, as part of the Walls to Bridges prison education program - http://wallstobridges.ca.
Requirements: Prerequisite Completion of Sociology Option Courses with a minimum 2.6 GPA, and completion of Sociology Core Courses (SOCY 210, SOCY 211, SOCY 226, and SOCY 227) with a minimum grade of a C in each. Students register for the course with instructor permission. Exclusion PHIL 406.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

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SOCY 407 Walls to Bridges - Philosophical Issues  Units: 3.00
This is an experimental learning course based on the Walls to Bridges program model, which brings together students from Queen's University ('outside students') with students from a local federal prison ('inside students') to learn and share knowledge based on their lived experience and critical analysis of academic scholarship. Topics may vary.
NOTE This course will take place off campus at a local federal prison, as part of the Walls to Bridges prison education program - http://wallstobridges.ca.
Requirements: Prerequisite Completion of Sociology Option Courses with a minimum 2.6 GPA, and completion of Sociology Core Courses (SOCY 210, SOCY 211, SOCY 226, and SOCY 227) with a minimum grade of a C in each. Students register for the course with instructor permission. Exclusion PHIL 407.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 420 Program Evaluation  Units: 3.00
This course focuses on program evaluation as applied sociology, including program theory, and will provide a practical understanding of how social research methods are used to assess social intervention programs.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Seminar, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Joint Honours Plan and a [minimum grade of C in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY]).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 421 Multivariate Statistical Applications  Units: 3.00
Instruction and practice in building and testing multiple regression and logistic regression models with sociological data. Potential utility of alternative models considered.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Seminar, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Joint Honours Plan and a [minimum grade of C in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY]).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 422 Advanced Studies in Communication and Information Technology  Units: 3.00
Examination of social implications of communication and information technology in the context of sociological theory.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Seminar, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Joint Honours Plan and a [minimum grade of C in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY]).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 424 Sociology of Aging  Units: 3.00
This course provides a comprehensive and critical assessment of contemporary issues on social aging. This course focuses on how society and its major institutions have reacted to the aging of society as well as how they have shaped it. The social-psychological, social structural (gender, race and social class) and cultural factors that influence a person's experience of aging are examined.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Seminar, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Joint Honours Plan and a [minimum grade of C in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY]).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 425 Selected Topics in Sociology I  Units: 3.00
Consult the Department for possible offerings in any given year.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Seminar, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Joint Honours Plan and a [minimum grade of C in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY]).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
SOCY 426  Selected Topics in Sociology II  Units: 3.00
Consult the Department for possible offerings in any given year.
NOTE This course is repeatable for credit under different topic titles.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Seminar, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Joint Honours Plan and a
[minimum grade of C in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and
SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60
in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and
SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY]).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 427  Selected Topics in Sociology III  Units: 3.00
Consult the Department for possible offerings in any given year.
NOTE This course is repeatable for credit under different topic titles.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Seminar, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Joint Honours Plan and a
[minimum grade of C in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and
SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60
in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and
SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY]).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 428  Selected Topics in Sociology IV  Units: 3.00
Consult the Department for possible offerings in any given year.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Seminar, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Joint Honours Plan and a
[minimum grade of C in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and
SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60
in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and
SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY]).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 429  Selected Topics in Sociology V  Units: 3.00
Consult the Department for possible offerings in any given year.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Seminar, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Joint Honours Plan and a
[minimum grade of C in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and
SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60
in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and
SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY]).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 430  Sociology of Consumer Culture  Units: 3.00
A critical engagement with theories of consumer culture with emphasis upon the material, symbolic and practice-orientated aspects of consumption in sociological context; substantive focus upon shopping, taste, brands, tourism, services, digital commodities.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Seminar, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Joint Honours Plan and
SOCY 206/3.0 and a [minimum grade of C in SOCY 210/3.0 and
SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and
SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY]).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

SOCY 431  Advanced Studies in Gender Relations  Units: 3.00
Advanced study of gender relations from postcolonial and anti-racist theoretical perspectives. Historical and sociological analysis of femininity, masculinity, race and sexuality, particularly in the context of nation-building and colonialism.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Seminar, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Medial Plan and SOCY 331 and a
(minimum grade of a C in SOCY 210 and SOCY 211 and
SOCY 226 and SOCY 227) and a (minimum GPA of 2.60 in
SOCY 210 and SOCY 211 and SOCY 226 and SOCY 227) and a
(minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY).
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SOCY 457  Law and Social Structure  Units: 3.00
Sociological perspectives of the relationship of law to social structure, the role of law in social action, law's role in social change, and discrimination and social inequality through law; emphasis is on contemporary systems in comparative and historical perspective.
Learning Hours: 120 (36 Seminar, 84 Private Study)
Requirements: Prerequisite (Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Joint Honours Plan and a
[minimum grade of C in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and
SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60
in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and
SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY]).
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SOCY 458  Law and Ideology  Units: 3.00
Relationship between law and ideology with particular reference to current controversies; legal reasoning in substantive areas of law, and the place of law with reference to social control, power, social conflict, and dispute resolution; law's interconnections to state ordering and economic relations emphasized.
**Learning Hours:** 120 (36 Seminar, 84 Private Study)
**Requirements:** Prerequisite (Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Joint Honours Plan and a [minimum grade of C in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY]).
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SOCY 475  Advanced Studies in Deviance and Social Control  Units: 3.00
Critical study of theories and practices of social control in Canada and comparable societies insofar as they are implemented by law or regulation and rely on coercion; main agencies of social control and assumptions of their operation emphasized.
**Learning Hours:** 120 (36 Seminar, 84 Private Study)
**Requirements:** Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Medial Plan and ([SOCY 275 and SOCY 276] or SOCY 274) and a (minimum grade of a C in SOCY 210 and SOCY 211 and SOCY 226 and SOCY 227) and a (minimum GPA of 2.60 in SOCY 210 and SOCY 211 and SOCY 226 and SOCY 227) and a (minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY).
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SOCY 476  Advanced Topics in Surveillance Studies  Units: 3.00
Advanced study of surveillance engaging with sociological, political, cultural and geographic perspectives. The focus is on core topics in Surveillance Studies including: the relationship between surveillance, power and social control; the concept of privacy, its history, utility and future; surveillance, pleasure and consumption; and surveillance in popular culture.
**Learning Hours:** 120 (36 Seminar, 84 Private Study)
**Requirements:** Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Medial Plan and SOCY 309 and a (minimum grade of a C in SOCY 210 and SOCY 211 and SOCY 226 and SOCY 227) and a (minimum GPA of 2.60 in SOCY 210 and SOCY 211 and SOCY 226 and SOCY 227) and a (minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY).
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SOCY 510  Directed Special Reading  Units: 3.00
Students will arrange their reading in consultation with members of the Department. They will be expected to write reports on their readings and to discuss them throughout the term in seminars.
**Learning Hours:** 126 (36 Seminar, 90 Private Study)
**Requirements:** Prerequisite (Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Joint Honours Plan and a [minimum grade of C in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY]).
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SOCY 511  Directed Special Reading  Units: 3.00
Students will arrange their reading in consultation with members of the Department. They will be expected to write reports on their readings and to discuss them throughout the term in seminars.
**Learning Hours:** 126 (36 Seminar, 90 Private Study)
**Requirements:** Prerequisite (Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Joint Honours Plan and a [minimum grade of C in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY]).
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SOCY 512  Directed Special Reading  Units: 3.00
Students will arrange their reading in consultation with members of the Department. They will be expected to write reports on their readings and to discuss them throughout the term in seminars.
**Requirements:** Prerequisite (Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Joint Honours Plan and a [minimum grade of C in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY]).
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**SOCY 520 Thesis Units: 6.00**
An intensive study of a particular topic or question, usually consisting of a number of sections or chapters which form a single coherent work. The topic is chosen by the student in consultation with an academic adviser, and the work covers both terms.

NOTE A brief giving details of the requirements is available in the Department; students should read this before the end of their third year. A meeting between staff and students is normally held in the Fall Term to discuss questions about the thesis.

**Learning Hours:** 240 (24 Individual Instruction, 216 Private Study)

**Requirements:** Prerequisite (Level 4 or above and registration in a SOCY Major or Joint Honours Plan and a [minimum grade of C in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in SOCY 210/3.0 and SOCY 211/3.0 and SOCY 226/3.0 and SOCY 227/3.0] and a [minimum GPA of 2.60 in all SOCY]).

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**SOCY 595 Independent Study Units: 6.00**
Exceptionally qualified students entering their third- or fourth-year may take a program of independent study provided it has been approved by the Department or Departments principally involved. The Department may approve an independent study program without permitting it to be counted toward a concentration in that Department. It is, consequently, the responsibility of students taking such programs to ensure that the concentration requirements for their degree will be met.

NOTE Requests for such a program must be received one month before the start of the first term in which the student intends to undertake the program.

**Requirements:** Prerequisite Permission of the Department or Departments principally involved.

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