Fourth Year Courses
Fourth year courses are designed as seminars with a maximum enrolment of 25 undergraduate students in their fourth year. The following courses may be offered in 2019-2020:

**SOCY 403/3.0 units**  
*Fall 3.0S*
**Race, Sex, and the Body**
This course explores the body as a site for the production of social and cultural meaning and social inequality. Drawing on sociological theories of the body, critical race theory, queer theory, feminist theory and postcolonial theory to highlight and ask questions about the ways that bodies are racialized, gendered and sexualized. Topics covered may include sexual diversity and desire, racism, eugenics, colonialism, nation-building, disability, body image, popular culture and reproduction.

**SOCY 422/3.0 units**  
*Fall 3.0S*
**Advanced Studies in Communication and Information Technology**
The aim of this course is for students to obtain a more nuanced understanding about the various ways in which information and communication technologies are involved in maintaining or disrupting social order, paying particular attention to questions of power and social inequalities.

**SOCY 425/3.0 units**  
*Winter 3.0S*
**Applied Sociology**
Applied sociology translates sociological knowledge into practice. This course expands understanding of the scope of applied sociology and provides firsthand experience in some of its forms that encompass applied social research, community based research, clinical sociology, policy research and analysis, organizational assessment and program evaluation, advocacy, activism, and public sociology. Initiating a repertoire of professional activities grounded in sociological theory and methods, the course involves practical considerations of principles, approaches, techniques, resources, ethics, and exemplars. Students build skills for future careers as they learn what it means to think sociologically in real world settings.

**SOCY 426/3.0 units**  
*Fall 3.0S*
**Selected Topics: Perspectives on Policing**
Through the use of empirical evidence and academic literature, this course will present the various, and often contrasting, perspectives surrounding a number of contemporary North American policing innovations; including community policing, broken-windows policing, hotspots policing, intelligence-led policing, and the use of modern technologies such as body cameras.

**SOCY 428/3.0 units**  
*Winter 3.0S*
**Advanced Studies in Work and Occupations**
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SOCY 430/3.0 units  
**Sociology of Consumer Culture**  
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 communication.  
*Prerequisite:* SOCY 306/3.0 units

SOCY 458/3.0 units  
**Law and Ideology**  
Examination of the 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.

SOCY 475/3.0  
**Advanced Studies in Deviance and Social Control**  
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.  
*Prerequisite:* SOCY 275

SOCY 476/3.0  
**Advanced Topics in Surveillance Studies**  
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.

SOCY 511/3.0 units  
**Children, Youth and the Law**  
This seminar examines the development of juvenile justice in Canada and the sociological study of youth crime. Students will critically examine the theory and empirical research that has developed in sociology and criminology focussing on juvenile offenders.

SOCY 512/3.0 units  
**Contemporary Issues in the Administration of Justice**  
This advanced seminar will examine a variety of contemporary and controversial issues that impact the administration of justice in Canada. Select topics from each stage of the criminal process will be explored, including racial profiling and carding practices, use of force and accountability, bail and pre-trial detention, plea bargaining, specialized courts, sentencing, community-based sanctions, prison labour, solitary confinement, Indigenous peoples in custody, women in custody, family visits, parole and re-entry.
SOCY-520/6.0 units

**Fall/Winter 6.0**

**Thesis Option**
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 advisor, and the work covers both terms. *A brief giving details of the requirements is available in the Department; students should read this before the end of their third year.* Before enrolling in this course, students must secure a faculty supervisor. A meeting between the Undergraduate Chair and students is normally held in the Fall Term to discuss questions about the thesis.

**Please Note:** Other Fourth Year Seminar courses or Reading courses *may* subsequently be offered, depending on availability of teaching resources and student interest/demand. Conversely, a fourth year seminar course originally listed as being offered could be removed.