SOCL 1000. Sociology at Northeastern. 1 Hour.
Intended for first-year students in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities. Introduces students to liberal arts; familiarizes them with their major; develops the academic skills necessary to succeed (analytical ability and critical thinking); provides grounding in the culture and values of the University community; and helps to develop interpersonal skills—in short, familiarizes students with all skills needed to become a successful university student.

SOCL 1101. Introduction to Sociology. 4 Hours.
Explores basic concepts and theories concerning the relation between individuals and society. Emphasizes the influence of culture, social structure, and institutions in explaining human activity. Discusses and analyzes social groups, socialization, community, class, power, and social change, among other substantive issues.

SOCL 1102. Sex, Gender, and Popular Culture. 4 Hours.
Examines how femininities, masculinities, and different forms of sexual identity are produced and represented within popular culture. Using theories and concepts from both feminist/sexuality studies and popular culture studies, analyzes popular texts and media for their treatment of gender and sexuality and the intersection of those categories with racial and class identities. Explores the visual representation of women (and men) and analyzes how visual and textual media shape our attitudes and identities. Required reading and assignments include close readings of texts, film screenings, class discussions and activities, writing assignments, and creative projects. SOCL 1102 and WMNS 1101 are cross-listed.

SOCL 1120. Society and Health. 4 Hours.
Applies social scientific perspectives to the study of health, illness, and healthcare. Explores the ways that societal factors such as race, class, and gender interplay with health, healthcare, and health disparities. Studies neighborhoods and social networks in relation to health. Introduces basic sociological concepts relevant for the study of health and healthcare, such as social construction and medicalization. Offers students an opportunity to develop critical assessment skills while exploring a range of explanations for why, despite having the most expensive healthcare system, the United States ranks comparatively low in life expectancy and health and well-being outcomes. Uses lectures, case-based learning, and small-group workshops to explore the ways that our social environment shapes health in contemporary U.S. society. PHTH 1120 and SOCL 1120 are cross-listed.

SOCL 1215. Society and Culture in Russia. 4 Hours.
Focuses on contemporary Russian society. Emphasizes the current and recent social, economic, and political characteristics of Russia and the ways in which it has evolved in the post-Soviet period. INTL 1215 and SOCL 1215 are cross-listed.

SOCL 1220. Sociology of Boston. 4 Hours.
Examines Boston from the perspectives of environmental development, neighborhood and intergroup relations, institutional services, and symbolic meanings. Explores current issues in the city through term projects. Requires field trips.

SOCL 1228. Social Problems. 4 Hours.
Analyzes in both empirical and theoretical terms many of the social problems currently facing Americans. Among these are deepening inequality and poverty among working and middle-class Americans, particularly racial minorities, women, and youth; related problems of racism and sexism; growing unemployment; international ecological crisis; deterioration of the health system; crime; and war and militarism. Strategies and political options for solving these problems are considered.

SOCL 1241. Sociology of Violence. 4 Hours.
Examines the notion of violence and its pervasive presence in the social institutions we create and maintain every day. Conducts sociological analysis of the issues we address, borrowing from other disciplines as they prove helpful. Sociology tells us that beliefs, values, and norms that characterize the United States legitimize the preference for violence, largely through the obvious venues of the mass media that glorify violence but also in the subtler structural arrangements collectively constructed and maintained in our everyday behaviors. Offers students an opportunity to understand how the structure of our society and its social institutions inhibit or facilitate violent behavior.

SOCL 1245. Sociology of Poverty. 4 Hours.
Analyzes American poverty in historical perspective, drawing on comparisons with other countries. Critically evaluates sociological research and theories relating to poverty. Considers causes and effects of poverty as well as societal responses to poverty and its consequences. Suitable for students in applied fields, such as nursing, criminal justice, education, allied health, premed, and prelaw.

SOCL 1246. Environment and Society. 4 Hours.
Examines the social, political, and economic forces behind the global environmental crisis. Topics include such issues as global warming and climate disruption, world resource availability and the global economic crisis, environmental justice and social inequities in the exposure to ecological hazards, science and technology, environmental degradation in the Third World, globalization and unfair trade, state power and the role of the polluter-industrial complex in the United States, the history of the environmental movement, and exemplary environmental policies and programs. This theoretically oriented course also involves practical experience in environmental problem solving.

SOCL 1255. Sociology of the Family. 4 Hours.
Focuses on families historically and across cultures and classes. Considers changes in contemporary families in terms of gender, family composition; women's labor force participation, divorce, cohabitation, and other transformations. SOCL 1255 and WMNS 1255 are cross-listed.

SOCL 1260. Gender in a Changing Society. 4 Hours.
Considers why and how gender is socially constructed in U.S. society and looks at different theories of gender. Explores gender as an institution as well as different (cultural) expressions of masculinities and femininities. Includes topics of gender in everyday life as well as gender as an organizing principle in the institutions of families, education, workplaces, sexualities, religion, the media, politics, and forms of gender violence. SOCL 1260 and WMNS 1260 are cross-listed.
SOCL 1275. Social Stratification. 4 Hours.
Explores the causes and consequences of the unequal distribution of prestige, power, and wealth in human societies. Topics may include theories of social stratification; varieties of human stratification systems; various dimensions of stratification (race, gender, class); and the ideologies used to justify (and criticize) inequalities. While the features of multiple societies are considered, primary emphasis is on the development and contemporary structure of the American class system.

SOCL 1280. The 21st-Century Workplace. 4 Hours.
Analyzes dramatic changes occurring in the work lives of Americans and considers the future of American workers within the global economy. Explores emerging labor markets, gender, race, and technology in shaping contemporary American work settings.

SOCL 1285. Deviant Behavior and Social Control. 4 Hours.
Explores the conditions under which people categorize others as deviant; processes by which persons so defined are assigned deviant status and assume appropriate roles and self-images; development of deviant careers and their relation to deviant subcultures; and situations in which people transform deviant identity.

SOCL 1290. Juvenile Delinquency. 4 Hours.
Examines the sociological and psychological approaches to juvenile delinquency and their implications for a typology of delinquency. Discusses problems of prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation.

SOCL 1295. Drugs and Society. 4 Hours.
Focuses on historical and contemporary drug issues through the lens of classic sociological concerns. Rather than looking at only the legal/illegal discourse or historical/contemporary production, distribution, and use of drugs, the course frames drug topics around issues of class, race and ethnicity, age, and gender, asking the question of which drugs are used by whom and why at certain life stages. Specific topics include the high incarceration rates for nonviolent drug offenders; the role of drugs in death and dying via death penalty drugs and/or hospice care; mental health and drug treatment; and the potential perjury of global drug testing and management.

SOCL 1350. Feminist Resistance. 4 Hours.
Engages students in the study of a variety of forms of feminist resistance in recent history, emphasizing the US in the context of cross-cultural examples. Students examine key feminist texts and manifestoes and study feminist activism in coalition with other social movements. Students identify and analyze unique features of gender-based activism in itself and in its intersections with other social movements, including movements and activism focused on race, class, sexuality, and physical ability. WMNS 1350, SOCL 1350, and HIST 1350 are cross-listed.

SOCL 1990. Elective. 1-4 Hours.
Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 2205. Law and Social Justice. 4 Hours.
Analyzes the impact of the legal system on the creation and perpetuation of criminality in contemporary American society. Devotes particular attention to the study of the creation of criminal law, the judicial process, and the role of law in the gap between crime and social justice. Suitable for students in prelaw, criminal justice, political science, and allied fields.

SOCL 2268. Social Movements. 4 Hours.
Introduces the social, cultural, and political dynamics that surround social movements, both historically and in the contemporary world. Emphasizes theory and research on national and transnational social movements, including studies of revolutions and political upheavals, demands for civil and human rights, movements for gender equality, and other instances of movements for social and political change. Emphasizes how structural factors shape social movement emergence and development and how social movements in turn shape the structure of societies.

SOCL 2270. Race and Ethnic Relations. 4 Hours.
Focuses on racial and religious groups, particularly with reference to the United States. Places special emphasis on historical development, specific problems of adjustment and assimilation, and present-day problems and trends. SOCL 2270 and AFAM 2270 are cross-listed.

SOCL 2300. Social Theory. 4 Hours.
Reviews the dominant theoretical traditions in classical and contemporary sociology, showing the links between the social thought of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and current social thought. Requires prior completion of two sociology courses numbered 1000 or above.

SOCL 2303. Gender and Reproductive Justice. 4 Hours.
Introduces the social, legal, and economic barriers to accessing reproductive healthcare domestically and internationally. Draws on various theoretical and analytic tools including critical race theory, critical legal theory, sociology of science, human rights, feminist theory, and a range of public health methods. Access to reproductive health services, including abortion, is one of the most contested political, social, cultural, and religious issues today. Covers domestic, regional, and international legal and regulatory frameworks on sexual reproductive health. HIST 2303, SOCL 2303, and WMNS 2303 are cross-listed.

SOCL 2320. Statistical Analysis in Sociology. 4 Hours.
Offers students an opportunity to obtain knowledge and skills essential for understanding the theory and practice of social statistics commonly used in social research. Topics covered include the operationalization of abstract concepts; descriptive statistics; correlation; bivariate regression; central limit theorem; confidence intervals; hypothesis testing; and key concepts such as association, causation, and spurious relationships. Statistical software is used to complete assignments.

SOCL 2321. Research Methods in Sociology. 4 Hours.
Introduces students to the range of research methods used by sociologists. Covers experimental research, field research, survey research, and historical-comparative research. Sampling, the rules of evidence in empirical research, research ethics, and the place of values are discussed. Required for sociology majors.

SOCL 2323. Ethnographic Methods. 4 Hours.
Focuses on the practical, ethical, and theoretical issues underlying qualitative field research. Emphasizes firsthand experience with participation, observation, interviewing, note-taking, data analysis, and ethnographic writing. Open only to sociology and anthropology majors.

SOCL 2358. Current Issues in Cities and Suburbs. 4 Hours.
Introduces students to pressing urban issues: urban sprawl, poverty, education, transportation, economic development, and housing, through an intensive analysis of the Boston metropolitan area. The course is cotaught by university faculty and practitioners in government, community, and nonprofit organizations throughout the metropolitan area. Offers students the opportunity to analyze Boston data, go on outings to see development in progress, talk with urban practitioners about what they do, and conduct research on an urban issue of their choice.
SOCL 2359. Current Issues in Cities and Suburbs Abroad. 4 Hours.
Introduces students to pressing urban issues—urban sprawl, poverty, education, transportation, economic development, and housing—through an intensive analysis of the metropolitan area. Taught by university faculty and local practitioners in government, community, and nonprofit organizations. Offers students an opportunity to analyze urban data, to go on outings to see development in progress, and to talk with urban practitioners about what they do in urban contexts outside of the United States. To be taken as part of a Dialogue of Civilizations. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 2450. Class, Power, and Social Change. 4 Hours.
Focuses on theories of social inequality as applied to the exercise of power and large-scale social change. Examines contemporary events in order to understand power structures.

SOCL 2990. Elective. 1-4 Hours.
Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 3100. Gender, Social Justice, and Transnational Activism. 4 Hours.
Introduces key issues, themes, and debates in feminist transnational theory, practice, and activism in contemporary contexts and how it has changed under socioeconomic, political, and cultural processes of globalization. Examines differences among women relating to race, class, sexuality, national identity, and political economy in reckoning with possibilities for sustainable social justice. Students interrogate the relationship between the local and global; the production of knowledge in different regional spaces; the pragmatics of political mobilization; the varying contours of “social justice”; and other key issues. Offers students an opportunity to discuss the impact of globalization, neoliberalism, and state and intimate violence on gendered politics and relations and to contend with the politics of difference, to debate its challenges, and to imagine possible futures for transnational gender justice. POLS 3100, SOCL 3100, and WMNS 3100 are cross-listed.

SOCL 3200. Cities in Global Context. 4 Hours.
Examines the roots of the urbanization process, major ways of thinking about it, and the development of world cities and megacities. The twenty-first century will be a century in which urbanism is a central problem and opportunity. Considers the economic, political, cultural, and environmental dimensions of urbanism across the globe. Includes specific case studies from around the world. Encourages students to develop a knowledge of particular cities in order to examine the key themes of the course. INTL 3200, ANTH 3200, and SOCL 3200 are cross-listed.

SOCL 3408. Sociology of Organizations. 4 Hours.
Examines sociological perspectives on the structures and processes of large-scale formal organizations in Western society and contemporary organizational theory and research, with illustrations from business, governmental, and other organizations.

SOCL 3411. The Networked Society Abroad. 4 Hours.
Introduces students to basic concepts and principles of social network analysis. Taught while abroad as part of a Dialogue of Civilizations program, it combines studying the different roles that social networks play in different institutions and societal settings with appropriate readings that offer a conceptual, theoretical, and applicable context for understanding the networked society. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 3414. The Sociology of Campus Life. 4 Hours.
Focuses on campus life through the lens of classic sociological concerns of race, class, and gender. Offers students an opportunity to address core contemporary issues in higher education; to develop an understanding of campus life from the perspective of learning that occurs both inside and outside the classroom; and to assess how that learning impacts their views of themselves and their larger context. Also offers students an opportunity to develop an understanding of student commitment to issues of social change and social justice. HUSV 3414 and SOCL 3414 are cross-listed.

SOCL 3440. Sociology of Human Service Organizations. 4 Hours.
Introduces selected theoretical perspectives on human service organizations, emphasizing defining organizational goals and effectiveness. Gives students the opportunity to become familiar with the nature of human service organizations, to compare these organizations to business and industrial organizations, to outline specific problems that human service organizations face, and to propose potential solutions.

SOCL 3441. Sociology of Health and Illness. 4 Hours.
Offers a substantial overview of the sociology of health and illness. Medical sociology is an important subfield of sociology with important links to public health, social psychology, psychology, and other medical fields. Emphasizes several critical areas: society and disease; theoretical understandings of health inequalities; medicalization and social control; healthcare professions and professionalization; and the American healthcare system. Offers students an opportunity to obtain analytical frameworks to explore other topics in medical sociology not covered in this course.

SOCL 3465. Globalization and the Evolution of Human Societies. 4 Hours.
Examines current issues of globalization from a sociological viewpoint, emphasizing the forces that create ties between societies and the consequences of these ties. Analyzes the structures of human societies, the ways in which they change over long periods of time, and the consequences of changes for people's actions and beliefs. Stresses the importance of social "environments" in understanding social change and of the process of social adaptation. Uses sociological concepts to analyze current issues of globalization, their origins, and ways of dealing with them.

SOCL 3485. Environment, Technology, and Society. 4 Hours.
Focuses on the connections between the development of modern nation-states and the control of nature. Explores the role human societies play in such events as climate change, tsunamis, and droughts. Asks how industrialization and the process of science and technology development are related to our transforming environmental conditions, as well as how the social sciences, the sciences, and engineering are transforming to address these issues. Draws on social theory, environmental history, anthropology/sociology, art/design, and open-source technologies to investigate theoretically and methodologically the sources, experiences of, and solutions for environmental health questions.

SOCL 3487. Applied Sociology: Practice and Theory. 4 Hours.
Offers the academic component of the experiential education requirement for sociology majors; to be taken after students have completed the experiential component. Provides a seminar format in which students will reflect upon their approved experience (that is, co-op, internship, community service, and so on) and integrate it into a research project. Students who have completed study abroad or a service-learning course in the department may not have to take this course.
SOCL 3488. Doing Sociology in the City Abroad. 4 Hours.
Introduces students to the classic sociological method of urban ethnography by facilitating their independent ethnographic research while abroad. Designed to be taken as part of a Dialogue of Civilizations program. Students spend the term in a geographic location, or with a social group of their choosing, conducting participant observation and taking field notes in the Chicago School tradition. Supplements the experience of conducting fieldwork with readings and group reflection. Offers students an opportunity to engage with basic concepts of ethnography and the practices of conducting qualitative research, coding, interpretive analysis of data, and oral and written presentation of findings. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 3990. Elective. 1-4 Hours.
Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 4514. “The Wire” and the Study of Urban Inequalities. 4 Hours.
Offers a seminar examining a range of topics related to the issue of urban inequality. Uses the HBO series The Wire (which aired from 2002–2008) as a vehicle to explore how crime and social control, labor markets, housing policies, local politics, and other urban institutions both reflect and contribute to systemic inequality in U.S. cities. The material for this class consists of academic readings and seasons one through three of The Wire.

SOCL 4518. Law and Society in a Digital World. 4 Hours.
Explores the ways in which the legal system shapes and is, in turn, shaped by ideological and political movements. For example, the bitter controversy over whether runaway juries have created “jackpot justice” by awarding huge sums to plaintiffs is a reflection of deep cultural and political divides over individual rights and corporate power. Also examines new legal principles that are currently evolving to deal with such misdeeds as systematic corporate misconduct, cyber crimes, and harassment.

SOCL 4520. Race, Class, and Gender. 4 Hours.
Considers the intersection of race, class, and gender in social structure, institutions, and people’s lives. Utilizes an interdisciplinary approach to focus on the socially constructed nature of these concepts and how they shape and create meaning in individual lives. Difference with an emphasis on inequality and varying life chances is central for understanding our society and is central to our work. Requires a significant amount of reading. Class format is like a seminar; students are expected to participate, take responsibility, and write a paper. SOCL 4520 and WMNS 4520 are cross-listed.

SOCL 4523. Sexualities. 4 Hours.
Offers a primarily sociological overview of the field of sexuality studies. Explores the ways in which sexual behaviors and identities are in fact shaped by social norms, values, and expectations; the meanings and statuses ascribed to sexual acts, behaviors, identities, and communities; and the interactive processes by which sexualities are achieved. Also brings an intersectional framework to discussions by emphasizing how our understandings of sexuality interact with categories of gender, race, nation, and class. Examines a variety of topics, such as transgenderism, power, extreme and illicit sex, socialization, pornography, and politics. SOCL 4523 and WMNS 4523 are cross-listed.

SOCL 4528. Computers and Society. 4 Hours.
Focuses on the social and political context of technological change and development. Through readings, course assignments, and class discussions, offers students an opportunity to learn to analyze the ways that the internet, artificial intelligence, and other technological advances have required a reworking of every human institution—both to facilitate the development of these technologies and in response to their adoption.

SOCL 4580. Special Topics in Sociology. 4 Hours.
Designed as a specialized themes course for students with experience in sociology and/or anthropology. Takes advantage of unique opportunities—visiting guests, special thematic interests—which are not part of the regular curriculum. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 4600. Senior Seminar. 4 Hours.
Offers students an opportunity to integrate and apply knowledge of the discipline by building on completed course work and conducting original research on a topic of their choice. Requires students to produce a research paper due at the end of the semester. This seminar operates as an intellectual workshop in which students share the process, as well as the results, of their research with the group. The class comes together to inform, guide, critique, and support one another’s research efforts in a collaborative fashion. Students are expected to make constructive comments on the work of others and to freely exchange ideas.

SOCL 4970. Junior/Senior Honors Project 1. 4 Hours.
Focuses on in-depth project in which a student conducts research or produces a product related to the student’s major field. Combined with Junior/Senior Project 2 or college-defined equivalent for 8-credit honors project. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 4971. Junior/Senior Honors Project 2. 4 Hours.
Focuses on second semester of in-depth project in which a student conducts research or produces a product related to the student’s major field. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 4990. Elective. 1-4 Hours.
Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 4991. Research. 4 Hours.
Offers an opportunity to conduct research under faculty supervision.

SOCL 4992. Directed Study. 1-4 Hours.
Offers independent work under the direction of members of the department on a chosen topic. Course content depends on instructor. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 4993. Independent Study. 1-4 Hours.
Offers independent work under the direction of members of the department on a chosen topic. Course content depends on instructor. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 4994. Internship. 4 Hours.
Offers students an opportunity for internship work. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 4996. Elective. 1-4 Hours.
Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 7100. Queer Theory: Sexualities, Genders, Politics. 4 Hours.
Introduces the core texts and key debates that have shaped queer theory and examines the intersections between queer theory and feminism and critical race theory. Seeks to provide an understanding of expansive and radical contemporary queer politics by analyzing foundational queer and feminist texts, pushing beyond narrow constructions of identity politics, anti-discrimination policy, and rights-based reforms. Engages queer theory by means of a rich philosophical and political interrogation of the meaning and content of “queer.” SOCL 7100 and WMNS 7100 are cross-listed.

SOCL 7200. Foundations of Social Theory 1. 4 Hours.
Studies the classic theorists including Durkheim, Weber, Marx, and others.
SOCL 7201. Foundations of Social Theory 2. 4 Hours.
Reviews the dominant theoretical traditions in contemporary sociology, examining the key assumptions, terminology, weaknesses, and strengths of the pluralist, managerialist, neo-Marxist, feminist, and postmodern paradigms. Strives not only to expose students to the giants in the field but, more important, to give students the intellectual tools to situate entire theoretical traditions vis-à-vis one another. Introduces students to various schools of thought. Offers students the opportunity to learn "how to think" sociologically and theoretically—that is, to go beyond simplistic and descriptive accounts of social phenomena to offer more systematic and insightful explanations.

SOCL 7211. Research Methods. 4 Hours.
Surveys methods of social research including field study and participant observation techniques, survey techniques, interviewing and questionnaire construction, sampling procedures, experimental design, content analysis, and use of available data. Examines the roots and consequences of violent behavior in society and the individual. Topics vary, but will include serial murder, massacres, hate crimes, workplace murder, group violence including cults, and mass media portrayals of violence.

SOCL 7220. Seminar in Qualitative Analysis. 4 Hours.
Studies qualitative techniques of analysis. Examines social-structure process and meaning in interacting groups. Students study a face-to-face group by means of participant observation using symbolic interaction concepts.

SOCL 7221. Globalization, Development, and Social Justice. 4 Hours.
Explores the rise of neoliberal globalization and its impact on local and national communities around the world. Examines complex patterns of resistance, including place-based struggles and transnational social movements. Combines theoretical analysis of global capitalism, development, the politics of resistance, and reformist/radical alternatives with the study of concrete struggles in defense of land, labor and human rights, indigenous cultures and identities, and ecological sustainability.

SOCL 7222. Gender and Globalization. 4 Hours.
Explores current issues and debates relating to the gendered effects of globalization and neoliberal reforms and the entanglement of their economic, social, and cultural effects. Gender research on globalization has expanded notions of work and migration to include the politics of location as well as the feminization of labor in transnational production. This seminar focuses on new forms of subjectivities, ideologies, sovereignty, and notions of citizenship in postindustrial and postcolonial settings. Topics may include, but are not limited to, poststructuralist feminist critiques, financial markets, migration, care and factory work, as well as the privatization of urban space.

SOCL 7225. Gender and Social Movements. 4 Hours.
Offers an in-depth examination of the sociological literature on the gender dynamics of social movements, both nationally based and transnational. Covers key questions, conceptual tools, and methodological frameworks in the study of social movements; the interplay of gender, the state, and social movements, including feminist and women's movements; how social institutions and social norms may affect the course and outcomes of movements; and globalization, transnational social movements, and gender. Geared toward students who plan to do research on social movements or global social movements but also designed to be useful to those with interests in related fields.

SOCL 7227. Race and Ethnic Relations. 4 Hours.
Offers a graduate-level seminar in the sociology of race and ethnic relations. Explores the key social, economic, political, and ideological forces shaping race and ethnic relations in the United States, past and present, and the main theoretical, methodological, and substantive debates in the "race and ethnicity" subfield of sociology. Course topics include, but are not limited to, the conceptual and intellectual foundations of the study of race and ethnic relations; the sources and consequences of ethnic and racial identities; urban poverty and dynamics of racial residential segregation; the role of wealth in creating and perpetuating racial inequality; the "new black middle class"; and contemporary debates regarding racial prejudice, discrimination, and redistributive public policies in the United States.

SOCL 7230. Political Ecology of Global Capitalism. 4 Hours.
Analyzes the political economy of international capitalism, really existing state socialism, and the global environment. Includes philosophies of nature; laws of capital accumulation and ecological degradation; technology and the division of labor; combined and uneven development, imperialism, and ecological crises in the Third World; the relationship between economic and ecological crises; environmental policy, democracy, and the state; ecological racism, sexism, and classism; and the crisis of social movements in the United States.

SOCL 7235. Urban Sociology. 4 Hours.
Discusses theories of the development of urban life. Compares preindustrial and industrialized urban areas. Presents methods for the study of urban social structure and change, and evaluates contemporary metropolitan action programs.

SOCL 7243. Sociology of Health and Illness. 4 Hours.
Studies social aspects of illness and medicine, historically and cross-culturally. Focuses on illness and the medical profession in modern society and their structural settings: the community, the hospital, and the medical school. Critically examines research studies in the field and specifies problems for future research.

SOCL 7257. Contemporary Issues in Sociology. 4 Hours.
Discuss contemporary issues in sociology. Include supervised readings and written reports on special problems. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 7258. Contemporary Issues in Sociology. 4 Hours.
Discuss contemporary issues in sociology. Include supervised readings and written reports on special problems. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 7259. Contemporary Issues in Sociology. 4 Hours.
Discuss contemporary issues in sociology. Include supervised readings and written reports on special problems. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 7263. Social Psychology of Stratification. 4 Hours.
Explores the social psychological dimensions of structured social inequality. Overviews the "social psychologies" embedded in the classical social theorists, then explores the literature on sociological social psychology (as opposed to its psychological cousin), identifying key theoretical frameworks and focusing on "social structure and personality" (or "social structure and attitudes") research. Explores relevant literatures on various "subjective" responses to stratification including the self-concept, stratum (that is, race, class, or gender) identification and consciousness, the process of legitimation, stratification beliefs (or stratification ideology), racial attitudes, and links between these phenomena and various policy attitudes and preferences (support for affirmative action, wealth redistribution, and so on). Also explores the ways in which such responses may contribute to the maintenance and reproduction of the status quo (social reproduction), and social change.
SOCL 7265. Sociology of Gender. 4 Hours.
Examines the origins of feminist sociology, its contributions to gender studies and to sociology, and directions of research. Covers feminist critiques of mainstream sociology, i.e., Parsonian structural functionalism, as well as of critical or Marxist sociology. Theoretical debates include critique of “sex role” theory and its replacement by multilayered notions of gender. That is, we conceptualize gender as macro-institutional and ideological, as an interactional accomplishment, and an aspect of identity. Includes intersectional theories and research, global/transnational concerns, studies of masculinities, and the place of the body and sexuality studies. This is a graduate seminar.

SOCL 7267. Environment, Health, and Society. 4 Hours.
Studies contested illnesses, which are diseases or conditions in which there is dispute over environmental causation. For many diseases and conditions attributed to environmental and occupational exposure, the disease or condition and/or its causes are discovered by laypeople in workplaces and communities, with considerable attention to chemical exposures. This seminar synthesizes a diverse set of fields, encompassing environmental sociology, medical sociology, medical anthropology, science studies, history of medicine, history of science, environmental health, community-based participatory research, environmental justice, and environmental public health. Emphasizes both political economic and ideological factors as determinants of contestation. Also examines issues of interdisciplinary collaboration between social scientists and environmental health scientists.

SOCL 7268. Globalization and the City. 4 Hours.
Considers the conditions of cities and their residents in the era of globalization. Cities have always been located at the center of regional and global networks of trade, capital, and culture. Even so, urban sociology has tended to treat cities as closed systems, defined more by internal logics than by broader social and economic forces. Since the early 1990s, however, shifts under way in the global economy, information and communications technologies, political movements, and cultural processes have altered the way that scholars (and policy makers, planners, architects, urban residents, etc.) look at cities. Increasingly, the world's cities are regarded as nodes in global networks; and correspondingly, urban social and spatial processes are being viewed through global lenses.

SOCL 7270. Sociology of Work and Employment. 4 Hours.
Examines the ways in which work organizations powerfully shape individual and social life. Traces such influences with particular emphasis on how organizations differentially affect the distribution of job rewards across class, gender and racial/ethnic lines. Topics include the historical evolution of the management/worker relationship, job segregation by both race and gender, the impact of new technologies on social inequality, the relation between gender and professional careers, governmental efforts to ensure equal opportunity, and the impact of workplace transformation on racial and gender inequalities at work.

SOCL 7273. Gender and Social Policy. 4 Hours.
Provides an introduction to gender and social policy, with emphasis on intersections of inequalities based on class, race, and sexuality. The focus is on equality policies in employment including family-friendly measures and antidiscrimination policies. Includes those focused on child care, poverty, reproduction, and sexuality. Examines the intersections of family, economy, sexuality, and state from a variety of perspectives including cross-national and comparative analysis.

SOCL 7287. Social Movements in Health. 4 Hours.
Offers a graduate seminar centering on health social movements. Also explores general social movement theory and research. Uses concepts from science and technology studies and covers some core medical sociology concerns such as health inequalities; personal experience of illness; and lay-professional disputes over disease identification, causation, prevention, and treatment. Among the movements covered are disability rights, breast cancer activism, medical activism, black health movements, environmental justice, community health centers, patients’ rights, and health access movements.

SOCL 7962. Elective. 1-4 Hours.
Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 7976. Directed Study. 1-4 Hours.
Comprises reading and research directed by a faculty member. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 7990. Thesis. 1-4 Hours.
Offers thesis supervision by members of the department. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 8960. Exam Preparation—Doctoral. 0 Hours.
Offers the student the opportunity to prepare for the PhD qualifying exam under faculty supervision.

SOCL 8984. Research. 1-4 Hours.
Offers an opportunity to conduct research under faculty supervision. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 9984. Research. 0 Hours.
Offers the student the opportunity to conduct full-time research. May be repeated without limit.

SOCL 9990. Dissertation. 0 Hours.
Offers theoretical and experimental work conducted under the supervision of a departmental faculty. May be repeated once.

SOCL 9996. Dissertation Continuation. 0 Hours.
Offers continued thesis work conducted under the supervision of a departmental faculty. May be repeated without limit.