

# Sociology - CPS (SOC)

## Courses

### **SOC 1100. Introduction to Sociology. (3 Hours)**

Examines the basic theoretical perspectives, research methods, and concepts of sociology, including society, culture, institutions, status and role, socialization, social groups, and the role of the individual within society. Considers a number of specific topics to help explore these concepts, including crime, deviance, sexualities, gender, education, and the environment.

**Attribute(s):** NUpath Societies/Institutions

### **SOC 1210. Sociology of Boston. (3 Hours)**

Examines Boston from the perspective of environmental development, neighborhood and intergroup relations, institutional services, and symbolic meanings. The city is a laboratory for exploring the people's search for a lifestyle and the satisfaction of their needs. Offers students an opportunity to learn about urban sociology by using Boston as the case study. Examines the social history and historical development of contemporary Boston and analyzes selected current sociological issues.

**Attribute(s):** NUpath Difference/Diversity, NUpath Societies/Institutions

### **SOC 1220. Engaging Difference and Diversity. (3 Hours)**

Introduces the issue of diversity in the United States and across the globe. All humans share the same basic capacity for thinking, feeling, and social and moral reasoning. This general capacity takes specific cultural shape as each group adapts to different environments and historical situations and over time constructs a cultural tradition. Offers students an opportunity to articulate this knowledge intellectually and to apply it to everyday living and practices.

**Attribute(s):** NUpath Difference/Diversity, NUpath Interpreting Culture

### **SOC 1230. Race and Ethnicity. (3 Hours)**

Examines race and ethnicity as constructed differences. Explores the reasons for their existence, the power dynamics behind constructions of difference, the impact of difference on identity, and ways that visual and other presentations influence perceptions of self and others. Because human beings belong to different racial and ethnic groups, the study of these constructs is important to sociology. Explores the history of race and ethnicity and how history has influenced the study of these topics.

**Attribute(s):** NUpath Difference/Diversity, NUpath Interpreting Culture

### **SOC 1990. Elective. (1-4 Hours)**

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

### **SOC 2100. Popular Culture. (3 Hours)**

Explores the significance of expressions of popular culture such as film, television, music, and literature. Examines media production, organization, technology, and audience consumption. Discusses countercultures and subcultures, moral and ethical considerations, high and low culture, independent and corporate business influences, and consumerism and consumption. Topics include the effects of popular culture on race, gender, and class. Covers the relationship between popular culture and existing socioeconomic institutions.

**Attribute(s):** NUpath Interpreting Culture

### **SOC 2200. Drugs and Society. (3 Hours)**

Introduces the sociology of drugs. Examines social definitions of licit and illicit drugs, conditions of their use, and socialization into drug use. Surveys deviant drug use and the effects of social control on definitions and use of drugs. Applies the relevant sociological theories of deviance and social control.

### **SOC 2240. Death and Dying. (3 Hours)**

Examines the treatment of death and dying, including problems faced by health-care professionals, family members, institutions, the funeral industry, and the dying themselves. Covers cross-cultural perspectives, the social distribution of mortality, the changing nature of death, and the ethical problems in determining life and death. Emphasizes abortion, suicide, and ceasing medical intervention.

**SOC 2990. Elective. (1-4 Hours)**

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

**SOC 3990. Elective. (1-4 Hours)**

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

**SOC 4955. 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. May be repeated without limit.

**SOC 4990. Elective. (1-4 Hours)**

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

**SOC 4991. Research. (1-4 Hours)**

Offers students an opportunity to conduct research under faculty supervision.

**Attribute(s):** NUpath Integration Experience

**SOC 6962. Elective. (1-4 Hours)**

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.