

# Fall 2009 Graduate Course Offerings

## **403 Sociological Perspectives I**

Important theoretical and methodological concerns will be discussed with particular attention paid to how these concerns affect substantive areas in sociology.

**Outcome:** Students will gain familiarity with major themes that will shape their graduate education in sociology.

## **410 Logic of Sociological Inquiry**

This course explores the structures of sociological research, analyses, and explanations and provides a basic introduction to a variety of methods of data collection.

**Outcome:** Students will be able to formulate sociological problems, understand the relationship between problem formulation and data collection, measurement and analyses and develop the capacity to use different social scientific methods.

## **414 Statistical Methods of Analysis I**

After a review of bivariate regression and cross-tabular analysis, the course provides an extended treatment of the general linear model. Topics include model construction, interpretation of results, partitioning of variance, tests of statistical significance and interactions.

**Outcome:** Students will be able to employ general linear models in original research and critically evaluate existing empirical research.

## **438 The Family**

This course explores families, their changing internal structures, and their roles in contemporary societies, with a focus on special topics of current interest.

**Outcome:** Students learn about the history and changing character of family life and develop an informed understanding of contemporary policy debates concerning families.

## **461 Race and Ethnicity in American Society**

This course explores the construction, meaning, uses and consequences of racial and ethnic identity in American society over time.

**Outcome:** Students will understand the role of migration and immigration on the construction of identity; analyze prejudice, discrimination, and inter-group conflict; and explore how social movements have and are changing these group relationships.

## **462 The Urban Metropolis**

This course examines urbanization and its consequences through social theory and empirical studies emphasizing the modern European and American experience.

**Outcome:** Students will understand ecological and political economy perspectives on metropolitan development; changing regional patterns of population, housing, and employment; and urban governance, planning, and policies for the future.

## **471 Sociology of Deviance and Control**

This course is a socio-historical look at definitions of forms of deviant behavior and the identification of individuals as deviant.

**Outcome:** The student will learn how history and philosophy shape the definitions of deviant behavior and the methods used to control it. They will develop a sociological imagination that will allow them to perceive the meaning of deviance beyond today's headlines.

**490 Workshop in Applied Sociology (1 credit hour)**

Focus on special topics relevant to the development, application and transmission of public sociology in a variety of settings.

**Outcome:** Students will develop expertise in the varying topics.

**494 Sociology Internship**

Placements are typically in non-academic settings, e.g., government agencies, community organizations, businesses, or labor organizations. Internships are supervised by a faculty committee. Students are expected to work a minimum of 300 hours and write an internship report. Three hours of this course may be counted toward M.A. course work and six hours toward Ph.D. course work.

**Outcome:** Students will develop skills in applying sociological methods and theoretical perspectives to the understanding and ameliorating of social issues in real world settings.

**497 Independent Study Workshop**

Students who wish to carry out independent study will meet as a workshop, under the guidance of a faculty member.

**Outcome:** Students will develop the skills and dispositions necessary to be successful and productive in independent work. These skills are important for expeditious completion of proposals, theses, and dissertations.

**499 Directed Study**

Students will explore a field of study of their own choosing under the guidance of faculty.

**Outcome:** Students will acquire expertise in their chosen topic.

**520 Topics in Contemporary Society**

Various topics in the study of modern society.

**Outcome:** Students will develop advanced skills in the special topic.

**595 Thesis Supervision**

Work on Master's thesis under faculty supervision

**Outcome:** Students will complete a Master's thesis.

**600 Dissertation Supervision**

Work on doctoral dissertation under faculty supervision

**Outcome:** Students will complete a doctoral dissertation.

**605 Master's Study****610 Doctoral Study**