

## Sociology and Anthropology

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## Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/Anthropology

### Degree Program Hours: 120

#### Lower Division Preparation

To be admitted to the upper division, students must meet the University's and College's admission requirements. Students without an AA degree must have the background to handle advanced academic work.

To qualify for admission to the program, FIU undergraduates must have met all the lower division requirements including CLAST, completed 60 semester hours, and must be otherwise acceptable to the program.

#### Required Courses

Introduction to Anthropology, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, or Introduction to Sociology. If the student does not have one of these courses, it will be required as part of the upper division program.

#### Recommended Courses

Other anthropology and sociology courses; ecology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology; arts, biology, English, foreign languages, mathematics, philosophy.

## Upper Division Program (60)

### Required Courses (31)

#### Core Courses

ANT 3034	Anthropological Theories	3
SYA 3300	Research Methods	4
SYA 4010	Sociological Theories	3
SYG 4972*	Senior Capstone Seminar	3

**\*Prerequisites: SYA 3300 and either ANT 3034 or SYA 4010**

One course from the following: Societies in the World (SYP 3456), World Ethnographies (ANT 3212), Advanced Research Methods (SYA 4450), or Qualitative Research Methods 3

**Area Courses:** Either Anthropology or Sociology 15

**Electives:** with the approval of the faculty advisor 29

A grade of 'C' or higher is required for all courses that make up the major (16 semester hours of core courses and 15 semester hours of area courses in Sociology and Anthropology).

## Minor in Sociology and Anthropology

### Required Courses

Fifteen credits in the Department of Sociology/Anthropology including two core courses:

#### Core Courses

ANT 3034	Anthropological Theories	3
SYA 3300	Research Methods	4
SYA 4010	Sociological Theories	3
SYG 4972*	Senior Capstone Seminar	3

**\*Prerequisites: SYA 3300 and either ANT 3034 or SYA 4010**

## Combined BA in Sociology-Anthropology/ MA in Comparative Sociology

The combined BA/MA program allows qualified full time students to earn both degrees in a shorter time than would otherwise be possible. Entry to the program may affect eligibility for some types of financial aid and students are advised to investigate this issue before applying to the combined BA/MA program.

Students may count up to 12 hours of graduate courses toward both the BA and MA degrees. Hence the two degrees may be earned with a minimum of 144 hours instead of the 154 required if the degrees were pursued separately. Students in this program could choose a thesis or non-thesis MA option.

Students must apply no later than their second junior year semester for admission the following semester. Students entering the program in the fall of their senior year may be able to double count the full 12 semester hours over two semesters.

To enter the program the students apply and are accepted by the Department. They will also need to apply to the graduate program when they complete the first year, after receiving the BA degree.

### Admission Requirements

Admission to the combined BA/MA program is competitive; meeting the minimum requirements will not guarantee admission. Entry to the program requires prior admission by the Department and approval by the College Dean. Students must also apply and be accepted by the Graduate School in their semester of BA receipt. Graduate

School admission requires a separate application. Actual entry to the Graduate School occurs on completion of the undergraduate degree. At the time of application to the Department the student must have:

- Overall undergraduate GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Minimum GRE (verbal + quantitative) score of 1100.
- Successful completion of Senior Capstone course by the Spring semester of their Junior year.
- Completion of ANT 3034 (Anthropological Theories) and SYA 4010 (Sociological Theories).
- Completion or current registration in SYA 3300 (Research Methods).
- Students are strongly recommended to take an introductory Statistics course during their junior year.
- At least 15 hours in undergraduate sociology/anthropology courses in addition to the courses listed above.
- A writing sample.
- Letters of Recommendation from two faculty in the Department of Sociology/Anthropology.
- A 2-4 page statement of purpose describing the student's academic plans and longer-term career goals.

#### MA Courses taken during the student's senior year:

SYA 6125	Sociocultural Theories A
SYA 6126	Sociocultural Theories B
SYA 6305	Research Methods I
SYA 6306	Research Methods II

#### Combined BA/MA Program Requirements

Each student must:

- Apply and be admitted by the Department. In the final undergraduate semester apply and be accepted by the Graduate School.
- Complete all undergraduate major requirements
- Complete twelve graduate hours (6000 level courses listed above) taken while the student is an undergraduate.
- Complete all MA requirements (with either thesis or non-thesis program).

#### Awarding of Degree

- The BA will be awarded when the BA requirements are completed.
- The MA will be awarded when the BA and MA requirements are completed

### Course Descriptions

#### Definition of Prefixes

ANG Anthropology Graduate; ANT-Anthropology; ISS-Interdisciplinary Social Sciences; SYA-Sociological Analysis; SYD-Sociology of Demography and Area Studies; SYG-Sociology, General; SYO-Social Organization; SYP-Social Processes.

F-Fall semester offering; S-Spring semester offering; SS-Summer semester offering. (Subject to Change)

**ANG 5396 Representations of Africa and Africans in Films (3).** Analyzes representations of Sub-Saharan Africa and Africans in various cinematic traditions (including documentaries) and examines these representations in

socioeconomic and political contexts. Prerequisite: Permission of Instructor.

**ANG 5397 Advanced African Diaspora Cultures and Performativity (3).** Examines different approaches adopted by African diaspora studies scholars in social and cultural anthropology, and recent theoretical texts and debates in Performance Studies. Prerequisite: Permission of Instructor.

**ANG 5403 Ecological Anthropology (3).** Theories of human adaptation, including environmental determinism, possibilism, cultural ecology, materialism, and evolutionary ecology. Credit for both ANT 3403 and ANT 5548 will not be granted. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor. (SS)

**ANG 5496 Social Research and Analysis (3).** A graduate overview of the scientific methods used in intercultural studies. Includes the philosophical basis of science, research design, and hypothesis testing using both secondary and original data. Students will conduct a research project in this course. Prerequisites: Graduate status or permission of the instructor. (F)

**ANG 5905 Directed Individual Study (VAR).** Supervised readings and/or field research and training. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. (F,S,SS)

**ANG 5915 Directed Field Research (VAR).** Permission of the instructor required. (F,S,SS)

**ANT 2000 Introduction to Anthropology (3).** This course surveys the four subfields of anthropology, including physical anthropology and human evolution, archaeology, cultural anthropology, and linguistics. Introduces basic anthropological theories and concepts. (F,S,SS)

**ANT 3034 Anthropological Theories (3).** This course examines the process of theory building and explanation in the social sciences, and outlines the historical and philosophical foundations of anthropological thought. Theorists and schools of thought reviewed include Darwin and evolution; Boas and historical particularism; Freud and culture and personality; and Malinowski and functionalism. (F,S)

**ANT 3101 Introduction to Archaeology (3).** The history of archaeology is traced from its origins to its emergence as a scientific discipline within anthropology. Students are familiarized with the concepts and methods of modern archaeology, and with the scientific goals of archaeological research. (F,S)

**ANT 3144 Prehistory of the Americas (3).** Early man in the Americas is examined through archaeological records. (S)

**ANT 3212 World Ethnographies (3).** Introduces students to ethnography, which is the art of writing culture. Teaches students to compare and contrast cultures through ethnographic reading, writing, and critiques. Prerequisites: ANT 2000 (Intro to Anthropology) or SYG 2000 (Intro to Sociology).

**ANT 3241 Myth, Ritual, and Mysticism (3).** Surveys anthropological approaches to the study of myth, ritual, and mysticism, as religious and symbolic systems. The social and psychological functions of myth and ritual in small-scale and complex societies will be compared. (S)

**ANT 3255 Peasant Society (3).** Comparative study of peasant societies with emphasis on the concepts of folk community, traditional culture, and modernization. Data on peasantry in Latin America and other culture areas will be reviewed.

**ANT 3302 Anthropology of Sex and Gender (3).** Cross-cultural ethnographic data will be utilized to examine the enculturation of sex roles, attitudes, and behavior; cultural definitions of maleness and femaleness; and varieties of human sexual awareness and response. (F)

**ANT 3304 Voices of Third World Women (3).** Deals with the literature in the social sciences and humanities written by women of the Third World or others who have recorded their testimony.

**ANT 3403 Cultural Ecology (3).** Examines systems of interaction between humans and their environment; the roles of social, cultural, and psychological factors in the maintenance and disruption of ecosystems; and interrelations of technological and environmental changes. (SS)

**ANT 3409 Anthropology of Contemporary American Society (3).** The application of classical anthropological methods and concepts to the analysis of contemporary American culture. Investigation of a unique cultural scene will involve the student in field work and the preparation of an ethnographic report. (F,S)

**ANT 3442 Urban Anthropology (3).** Anthropological study of urbanization and urban life styles, with particular emphasis on rural-urban migration and its impact on kinship groups, voluntary associations, and cultural values.

**ANT 3451 Anthropology of Race and Ethnicity (3).** Considers ethnicity and concepts of race in cross-cultural perspectives with emphasis on the historical and cultural and construction of identity, intercultural relationships, and social stratification. (F,S)

**ANT 3462 Medical Anthropology (3).** A survey of basic concepts; examination of preliterate and non-western conceptions of physical and mental health and illness; emphasis on cultural systems approach to the study of illness and health care. Background in biology, medicine, or nursing helpful. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. (S)

**ANT 3467 Food and Culture (3).** Introduction to the anthropology of food: European conquest of the New World, theories of famine, the industrial food system, food and nationalism, the organic food movement.

**ANT 3497 Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods (3).** Introduction to qualitative data collection, analysis, and documentation. Fieldwork experiences include observation, interviewing, and utilizing non-obtrusive measures. Prerequisites: SYA 3300 (Research Methods) and SYA 4010 (Sociological Theories).

**ANT 3500 Introduction to Physical Anthropology (3).** A study of the biological history of man as interpreted through the theory of evolution, anatomy and the fossil record, contemporary population genetics, and the concept of race. (F)

**ANT 3640 Language and Culture (3).** Examines the relationship between language and culture, with emphasis

on the linguistic structuring of perception and culture; speech styles and their relationship to the identities and inequalities associated with gender, class and ethnicity; and the politics of bilingualism and multilingual nations. (F)

**ANT 3780 Anthropology of Brazil (3).** Anthropological perspective on Brazilian society and culture. Covers classic and contemporary studies of Brazil including such topics as race, ethnicity, national identity, regionalism, and social organization. (S)

**ANT 4164 Inca Civilization (3).** A survey of Andean culture history with emphasis on Inca and pre-Inca civilizations. Includes discussion of peopling of South America, habitats, and the transition from foraging to village settlements, and the rise of indigenous empires. (S)

**ANT 4211 - 4328 Area Studies (3).** Surveys selected world areas with an emphasis on ethnicity, social stratification, and processes of social change and globalization. Areas to be studied may include: (1) North America; (2) South or Latin America; (3) the Caribbean; (4) Africa; and (5) Asia. Specific topics may vary. May be repeated for credit with change of topic. (F,S)

**ANT 4273 Law and Culture (3).** A cross-cultural examination of the practical and theoretical relationships between the legal system and other aspects of culture and society. (S)

**ANT 4306 The Third World (3).** An interdisciplinary, cross-cultural survey of the factors contributing to the emergence of the Third World. Significant political, economic, pan-national and pan-ethnic coalitions are analyzed. (F)

**ANT 4312 American Indian Ethnology (3).** An examination of the socio-cultural patterns of selected American Indian groups as they existed in the indigenous state, prior to European contact.

**ANT 4324 Mexico (3).** An interdisciplinary examination of the major social, cultural, economic, and political factors contributing to the transformation from the Aztec empire to colonial society to modern Mexico. (F)

**ANT 4328 Maya Civilization (3).** A survey of the culture and intellectual achievements of the ancient Maya civilization of Mesoamerica. Course includes: history and social-political structure, archaeology, agriculture and city planning, mathematics, hiero-glyphics, astronomy, and calendars. (F,S)

**ANT 4330 Contemporary Maya Cultures (3).** Studies the Maya cultures of Mexico and Central America from the Conquest to the present. Investigates the political, social, economic, religious, and cultural life of contemporary Maya peoples. (F)

**ANT 4332 Latin America (3).** Examines cultures and societies of the Latin American region. Topics may include indigenous and peasant cultures, social movements, urban and global transformations, and class, gender and ethnicity. (F)

**ANT 4334 Contemporary Latin American Women (3).** The lives of 20th century Latin American women and gender analysis along class and ethnic dimensions. Discussion of religion, family, gender roles, machismo, and women's roles in socio-political change. (F)

**ANT 4340 Cultures of the Caribbean (3).** Provides an overview of cultures and societies of the Caribbean and Circum-Caribbean region with a focus on local cultures and their historical transformations, transnationalism and globalization, and class, gender and ethnicity. (F)

**ANT 4343 Cuban Culture and Society (3).** Examines the culture of contemporary Cuba, with emphasis on the Cuban Republic, the transformations associated with the 1959 revolution, the impact of international relations, and transnational Cuban communities. (S)

**ANT 4352 African Peoples and Cultures (3).** This course includes a survey of the cultures and civilizations of Sub-Saharan Africa. It includes discussions of history, geography, sociopolitical structures, religion, art, music, and oral literature. (F)

**ANT 4353 Africa and Africans in Film (3).** Analyzes representations of Sub-Saharan Africa and Africans in various cinematic traditions (including documentaries), and examines these representations in socioeconomic and political contexts. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

**ANT 4390 Explorations in Visual Anthropology (3).** An examination of the use of film in anthropology, both as a method of ethnographic documentation and as a research technique for analyzing non-verbal modes of communication. Documentary films and cross-cultural data on paralanguage, kinesics, proxemics, and choreometrics will be reviewed and discussed. (F)

**ANT 4397 African Diaspora Cultures and Performativity (3).** Examines different approaches adopted by African diaspora studies scholars in social and cultural anthropology, and recent theoretical texts and debates in Performance Studies. Prerequisite: Permission of Instructor.

**ANT 4406 Anthropology of War and Violence (3).** The purpose of this course is to introduce the scientific study of human aggression and warfare from an evolutionary and cross-cultural perspective in order to gain a better understanding of the causes and consequences of such behavior, and to evaluate proposed options for the control of warfare.

**ANT 4422 Kinship and Social Organization (3).** Comparative study of kinship systems and the social organization in tribal, peasant, and industrial societies. Emphasis on the ethnographic record in anthropology. Prerequisites: ANT 2000 or permission of the instructor. (F)

**ANT 4433 Psychological Anthropology (3).** Cross-cultural studies in cognition, possession states, myth making and world view are examined. The interface of anthropology, psychology and psychiatry is reviewed. (S)

**ANT 4461 Hallucinogens and Culture (3).** Cross-cultural examination of the political, religious, and socio-cultural factors related to altered states of consciousness, including dreams and images. Applications to contemporary psychology are explored. (S)

**ANT 4473 Anthropology of Globalization (3).** Examination of global economic, political, and cultural processes including the movements of people, commodities, and capital. Study of formation of identities, consumption practices, and gender dynamics.

**ANT 4723 Education and Culture (3).** A cross-cultural examination of educational and socialization processes, their functions in the larger society, and the value systems they transmit.

**ANT 4905 Directed Individual Study (1-2).** Supervised readings and/or field research and training. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. (F,S,SS)

**ANT 4915 Directed Field Research (1-2).** Permission of the instructor required. (F,S,SS)

**ANT 4930 Topics in Anthropology (3).** Special courses dealing with advanced topics in the major anthropological subdisciplines: (1) social and cultural anthropology, (2) applied anthropology, (3) physical anthropology, (4) linguistics, and (5) archaeology. Instruction by staff or visiting specialists. Topics to be announced. Instructor's permission required. May be repeated. (F,S)

**ANT 4941 Holocaust Documentation Internship (3).** History and significance of the Holocaust; issues in oral history; interviewing Holocaust survivors; transcribing and archiving interview data.

**ANT 5318 American Culture and Society (3).** Anthropological analysis of the cultures and subcultures of the United States, focusing on the social, ethnic, and regional organizations and their corresponding value and symbolic systems. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor. (S)

**EVR 4595 South Florida Environmental Conflicts (3).** Research on environmental conflicts in South Florida. Theories of environmental conflicts, research design, semi-structured interview and survey methods, group research projects.

**ISS 3330 Ethical Issues in Social Science Research (3).** An introduction to the problems of possibilities of ethical premises in the perspectives and work of social scientists. Examination of historical interrelationships between moral philosophies and developing scientific methodologies. Analyses of contemporary social ethicists' attempts to assume moral postures while examining social relations. Case studies involving issues such as nation building in areas of accelerated change including Africa and Asia. (F,S)

**SYA 3300 Research Methods (4).** An introduction to the scientific method and its application to anthropological and sociological research. Topics include: formulation of research problems; research design; field methods and collection of data; hypothesis testing and interpretation of results. (F,S)

**SYA 3949 Cooperative Education in Social Sciences (3).** A student majoring in one of the Social Sciences (Economics, International Relations, Political Sciences, Sociology, or Psychology) may spend one or two semesters fully employed in industry or government in a capacity relating to the major. Prerequisite: Permission of Cooperative Education Program and major department.

**SYA 4010 Sociological Theories (3).** Examines the emergence of sociology as the study of social relations. Compares and contrasts the work of selected theorists, with respect to their methodologies, treatment of the emergence and consequences of modern society, political sociology, conception of social class, and analysis of the

role of religion in society. The student is expected to gain in-depth knowledge of opposing theories, as well as an appreciation of the contingent nature of sociological theories. (F,S)

**SYA 4011 Advanced Social Theory (3).** An advanced analysis of classical and contemporary sociological theories, with particular attention paid to their conceptions of the nature of society, forms of social organization and social change, and relationships among the individual, groups, and society.

**SYA 4330 Basic Research Design (3).** Advanced course in social research, providing research practicum for studying patterns of human behavior; analyzing findings of studies, methodical and analytical procedures; reporting and explaining these results; and applying these inferences to concrete situations. Also acquaints the student with the use of computers in research in the behavioral sciences. (F)

**SYA 4354 Historical Sociology (3).** The authenticity and meaning of historical data for sociological research. Systematic theories in history are analyzed for their utility in sociology. Particular emphasis on the sociological uses of the comparative method in history.

**SYA 4450 Advanced Research Methods (3).** Advanced topics in sociological research are explored. Focus will be on measurement and analysis issues, although topics related to sampling and data collection are also addressed. Prerequisites: SYA 3300 (Research Methods) and SYA 4010 (Sociological Theory).

**SYA 4621 Sociology of the 20th Century (3).** An examination of the sociological implications evident in the events of our modern world. Heavy reliance is placed on intellectual materials other than social science, especially literature.

**SYA 4905 Directed Individual Study (VAR).** Supervised readings and/or field research and training. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. (F,S,SS)

**SYA 5135 Sociology of Knowledge (3).** The study of the theoretical basis of knowledge and the inter-relatedness of knowledge and social factors, particularly as knowledge relates to institutional forms of behavior. (S)

**SYA 5909 Directed Individual Study (VAR).** Supervised readings and/or field research and training. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. (F,S,SS)

**SYA 5941 Directed Field Research (VAR).** Permission of the instructor required. (F,S,SS)

**SYD 3600 Community and Society (3).** The social group known as the community is identified and analyzed for its distinctive qualities. By distinguishing it from other social groups, its dominating force on the behavior of its members is isolated. Attention is given to the interaction of individuals and groups as they exist within the community. (S)

**SYD 3620 Sociology of Miami (3).** Study of Miami and Dade County using sociological and anthropological techniques and theory, fieldwork assignments, readings and guest speakers. (F)

**SYD 3650 Sociology of Gender and Power in Asia (3).** Examines cultural ideologies and systems of power in gender relations in contemporary Asia.

**SYD 3804 Sociology of Gender (3).** An examination of women's and men's roles, statuses, and life opportunities in society. Consideration of current theories of gender inequality. (S)

**SYD 3811 Sociology of Women (3).** Examines the nature of the social construction of female gender identity in American society.

**SYD 4237 Immigration and Refugees (3).** Examines the causes and consequences of immigration and refugee flows. Focuses on sociological and anthropological issues.

**SYD 4410 Urban Sociology (3).** Study of the urban community, with particular attention to the problems associated with urban life. The development of urban societies is reviewed historically, and factors associated with this development are identified. (F)

**SYD 4604 Cities and Sustainability: Latin America, Africa, and Asia in a Globalizing World (3).** Focuses on challenges of environmental sustainability of poor cities in a globalizing world. Emphasizes methodological frameworks to analyze the roots of the problems and potential solutions. Prerequisites: SYG 2000 or ANT 2000 or EVR 1017 or permission of the instructor.

**SYD 4606 World Jewish Communities (3).** An overview of Jewish communities throughout the world. Analyze their origins, migrations, demographic and social characteristics. Covers Ashkenazi, Sephardi, and Oriental communities.

**SYD 4610 Topics in Sociology (3).** Special courses on the social structures and related problems of specific geographical and cultural areas. Topics may vary. May be repeated for credit with change of topics. Can be taken for credit no more than twice with any given instructor.

**SYD 4621 Cubans in the U.S. (3).** An overview of Cuban migration to the U.S. and the establishment of Cuban communities in this country. Emphasis on the development and dynamics of the enclave in Miami.

**SYD 4630 Latin American and Caribbean Societies (3).** Exploration of the types of social structures, statuses, and roles, and the resulting distributions of power and authority in the hemisphere.

**SYD 4700 Sociology of Minorities/Race and Ethnic Relations (3).** The study of social groups identified by racial or ethnic characteristics. Particular emphasis is given to the role of minorities in society, and the interactive process resulting from their contact with the majority. Social behaviors of minorities are reviewed and related to institutional structures and their accepted norms. (F,S)

**SYD 4703 Depiction of Jews in Films (3).** A comparison of films about Jewish communities from different parts of the world to analyze how Jewish communities interact with different societies.

**SYD 4704 Seminar in Ethnicity (3).** An upper-level seminar, stressing a comparative sociological approach to the study of two or more racial-ethnic groups. Emphasis on the interrelations of ethnic communities within the same society and the socio-political effects of these

interrelations. Prerequisites: SYD 4700 or permission of the instructor. (S)

**SYD 4801 Sociological Theories of Gender (3).** Examines theories of gender in classical and contemporary sociological theory. Prerequisites: SYA 4010 or permission of the instructor.

**SYD 4802 Sociology of Sexual Minorities (3).** Social construction and development of sexual and gender identities in Western societies and cross-culturally. Topics include various contemporary social issues regarding sexuality and minority status.

**SYD 4820 Sociology of Men (3).** Examines the nature of the social construction of male gender identity in American society. (F)

**SYD 5045 Population and Society (3).** The study of the processes that determine the size and composition of human populations. Emphasis on demographic transition theory and the antecedents and consequences of differential growth rates throughout the world.

**SYD 5607 Advanced World Jewish Communities (3).** Overview of Jewish communities throughout the world. Analyzes their origins, migrations, demographic and social characteristics. Covers Ashkenazi, Sephardi, and Oriental communities. Prerequisite: Graduate Standing.

**SYG 2000 Introduction to Sociology (3).** This course introduces the sociological perspective and method, and the basic areas of sociological interest such as socialization, sex roles, social groups, race and ethnic relations, deviance and social control, social stratification, and urban life. (F,S,SS)

**SYG 2010 Social Problems (3).** An introduction to the concept of a social problem and the approaches used to understand more fully the total dimensions of some specific problems. Special emphasis is given to clarifying one's understanding of the underlying nature of selected social problems, an analysis of those aspects amenable to remedy, and an inventory of the knowledge and skills available. (F,S,SS)

**SYG 3002 Basic Ideas of Sociology (3).** The course introduces the student to the ideas of community, authority, status, alienation, and the sacred, as used in sociological literature. (F,S,SS)

**SYG 3320 Social Deviancy (Deviant Behavior) (3).** The study of behavior that counters the culturally accepted norms or regularities. The social implications of deviancy are reviewed, and theoretical formulations regarding deviant behavior are analyzed. (S,SS)

**SYG 4003 Sociology through Film (3).** Popular and documentary films as data for the analysis of various sociological problems. (F)

**SYG 4060 Sociology of Sexuality (3).** Applies sociological perspectives to sexual attitudes and behavior, examining various world cultures. Topics include premarital and extramarital sex, sexual orientation, and prostitution. (F,S)

**SYG 4972 Senior Capstone Seminar (3).** Synthesizes and builds upon the major curriculum's components of inquiry, literacy, and in-depth study. Students write a research paper and present it orally to a departmental

forum. Satisfies SACS requirements in oral and computer competency. Prerequisites: SYA 3300 and ANT 3034 or SYA 4010.

**SYO 3120 Marriage and the Family (3).** Considers marriage and kinship, and their relationships with political, economic, cultural and social factors. Emphasizes the distinction between family and other social units, and the changing social arrangements and exceptions associated with family and gender roles. (F,S,SS)

**SYO 3250 School and Society (3).** A specialized course dealing with the place of schools (particularly public) in society, the import of social criteria for school personnel, and the influence of such criteria on educational processes within the school system (institution). (F)

**SYO 3400 Medical Sociology (3).** An introductory overview of the social facets of health, disease, illness, and the organization/delivery of medical care and health care. (F,S)

**SYO 3401 Sociology of Health Behavior (3).** Provides a sociological perspective on health behavior. Topics include health as a social construct; personal, familial, and social/cultural determinants of health behavior; and health care delivery.

**SYO 3546 Sociology of Groups and Organizations (3).** Introduction to the study of groups and organizations from a sociological perspective.

**SYO 4130 Comparative Family Systems (3).** The study of family organization and function in selected major world cultures. Emphasis is given to the inter-relationships of the family, the economic system, urbanization, and human development.

**SYO 4300 Political Sociology (3).** The underlying social conditions of political order, political process, and political behavior are explored. Examples are drawn from empirical and theoretical studies of power, elites, social class and socialization. (S,SS)

**SYO 4360 Work and Society (3).** Provides an overview of the relationships among labor, economic and social systems, and political economy. Topics include changing patterns of employment and unemployment, social class, industrial and service economies, and processes of globalization. (F)

**SYO 4410 Sociology of Mental Illness (3).** Contemporary issues in mental health and illness from a sociological perspective. Includes differential prevalence, health, and illness behaviors, organization of care, social policy, and social control. (F)

**SYO 4420 Comparative Sociology of Health Care Systems (3).** Health care policies, organization, and systems from a cross-national perspective, focusing on issues such as access, insurance, corporation, and spiraling costs. (S)

**SYO 4530 Social Inequality (3).** Examines various forms of social stratification and political and economic systems. Topics may include the identities and inequalities associated with class, ethnicity and gender; the relationships among social structure, ideology and the state; and social justice movements. (S)

**SYO 4550 Comparative Sociology (3).** A cross-cultural and cross-national survey of sociological studies, with particular emphasis on theoretical and methodological issues. Examples will be drawn from studies on culture patterns, social structures, sexual mores, power relationships and the ethical implications of cross-national research.

**SYO 4571 Organizations and Society (3).** The course deals with the micro-sociological problems of the internal organization of bureaucracies; the relation between bureaucracy and personality; the macro-sociological problems of the emergence of the bureaucratic form; bureaucratization and contemporary life; general problems of affluence; meaningless activity; ways to beat the bureaucracy; and bureaucracy and atrocity. (S)

**SYP 3000 The Individual in Society (3).** Introduction to the study of the individual as a social being, with emphasis on theoretical conceptions of the relationship between the individual and society, and structural and cultural constraints versus individual agency. (F)

**SYP 3300 Social Movements (3).** An introduction to the study of social movements, with emphasis on their relationship with social inequalities, identities, political and cultural conflict, and state authority as organized at the national, subnational, and transnational levels. Topics may include a comparison of historical and contemporary social movements, local, national and transnational movements; and the relationship between mass media, public attitudes, and social action. (S)

**SYP 3400 Social Change (3).** The study of major shifts in focus for societies or culture, and the indicators associated with such changes. Particular attention is given to the development of industrial societies and the dynamics involved for nations emerging from various stages of 'underdevelopment'. (S)

**SYP 3456 Societies in the World (3).** An introduction to the study of local societies in worldwide perspective. Addresses local-global issues such as gender, social class, economy, politics, migration, and environmental destruction.

**SYP 3520 Criminology (3).** An introduction to the study of criminal behavior, its evidence in society, society's reaction to the subjects involved, and the current state of theoretical thought on causality and treatment. (F)

**SYP 3530 Delinquency (3).** An analysis of behavior which is extralegal, with major concentration on its appearance among young people (juveniles) and society's response. Particular emphasis is given to the dynamic thrusts being made in establishing juvenile rights as a distinct part of human or civil rights. (S)

**SYP 3750 Sociology of Life Course (3).** Introduction to the study of the life course from a sociological perspective. Life stages (birth to death) are examined as social constructions.

**SYP 4321 Mass Culture (3).** Analysis of the social, political, and cultural impact of mass communications. (S)

**SYP 4410 Social Conflict (3).** The study of conflict in society and its place in social relationships. A study of causes and resolutions, with particular emphasis on

methods of resolution and their influence on social change. (F)

**SYP 4421 Science, Technology and Society (3).** An introduction to the social, cultural, and political changes associated with the development of science and technology. Topics may include structural inequalities associated with differences in access to science and technology; ethical debates related to scientific and technological advances; and the relationship between technology and changing forms of communication, community, and social action. (S)

**SYP 4441 Sociology of World Development (3).** An examination of the various theories concerning what is happening in the 'under-developed world.' The political, social, and economic events of these societies are subjected to sociological analysis.

**SYP 4454 Globalization and Society (3).** Examines the economic, political and social dimensions of globalization and the theories used to describe and account for globalization. Course material may focus on particular world regions and comparisons between or among world regions. Prerequisites: ANT 2000 or SYG 2000.

**SYP 4460 Sociology of Disasters (3).** Study of human response to disaster events, including political and economic factors influencing vulnerability. Examines how individuals and institutions make decisions at all levels of disaster response.

**SYP 4562 Domestic Violence (3).** Applies sociological perspectives to the topic of domestic violence. Analyzes cultural roots and social structures that promote and reinforce violence in intimate relationships. Prerequisites: SYG 2000 or ANT 2000. (F)

**SYP 4600 Sociology of Art and Literature (3).** This course approaches the question of art and society through an analysis of: the social production of art; the relationship between imagination and society; the role of the artist; and the ideological impact of aesthetic theory.

**SYP 4601 Symbols and Society (3).** An analysis of the effect of culture on the individual and on society. The roles of popular and intellectual culture will be examined.

**SYP 4730 Sociology of Aging (3).** The social impact of aging on individual and group interaction patterns, particularly in the areas of retirement, family relations, community participation, and social services. Explores the major sociological theories of aging in light of current research. (F)

**SYP 4740 Sociology of Death (3).** An introduction to 'death' as social phenomenon. Attention given to various approaches which systematically study death, with primary emphasis given to the sociological approach. Major attention is given to an exploration of attitudes toward death, and an assessment of the implications for the respective groups involved.