Social and Cultural Sciences (SOCS)

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The Department of Social and Cultural Sciences does not offer graduate degree programs. Faculty members do participate in some graduate degree programs offered under other administrative auspices. In addition, certain upper division undergraduate courses in the Department of Social and Cultural Sciences have been approved for graduate credit and may be taken, as appropriate, by graduate students in other graduate programs.

Anthropology Courses

ANTH 5144. The Rise of Agriculture. 3 cr. hrs.
Process and variation in the development of farming and herding societies. Archaeological record pertaining to domestication of plants and animals in North and South America, Near East, Africa, and East Asia.

ANTH 5245. Archaeology of Complex Societies. 3 cr. hrs.
Patterns of processes involved in the development of complex social systems. Archaeological records of state formation and urbanization in Egypt, Mesopotamia, and Mesoamerica.

ANTH 5247. Bioarchaeology: Linking Bones and Behavior. 3 cr. hrs.
Reconstructs patterns of human behavior from integrated biological data sets. Archaeological evidence is drawn from human skeletal, plant, and faunal remains. Addresses questions of nutrition, pathology, occupation, and mortuary ritual.

ANTH 5251. Human Osteology and Odontology. 3 cr. hrs.
The anatomy of the skeleton and teeth. Methods of analysis of biological dynamics of past populations including reconstruction of population structure and patterns of disease.

ANTH 5252. Origins of the Human Species. 3 cr. hrs.
The biological past of the species sapiens. The biological legacy of the non-human primate past and the fossils which exemplify the evolutionary trends of our species.

ANTH 5253. Forensic Anthropology. 3 cr. hrs.
Survey of the applications of human biology in criminalistics, including forensic applications of skeletal analysis, dermatoglyphics, DNA and hair. Studies methods of handling and analyzing these evidentiary materials, as well as the probative value each has in the criminal justice system. Special emphasis on the methods of personal identification. Reviews case studies of mass disasters, human rights abuses and homicides to demonstrate the utility of techniques taught in the course.

ANTH 5255. Sex and Evolution. 3 cr. hrs.
The evolutionary significance of sex. Mechanisms of reproduction and sexual reproduction as a source of variation. Reproductive anatomy, sexual strategies and adaptation as well as sexual selection in the order Primates.

ANTH 5316. Culture Change and Development. 3 cr. hrs.
Societal changes analyzed from holistic anthropological perspective. Recognizing factors of long-term cultural change; modernization of the West and Third World countries; ecological and social problems related to development in the contemporary world.

ANTH 5320. Culture, Law and Violence. 3 cr. hrs.
Explores domestic violence, sexual assault and the death penalty in different legal cultures across the globe. Focuses on how different cultures define and respond to violent crime as it relates to family, intimate partner violence and sexual assault. Includes discussion of cultural variations in the death penalty.

ANTH 5931. Topics in Anthropology. 3 cr. hrs.
Various topics are designated in the Schedule of Classes. May be taken a maximum of two times.

ANTH 5964. Archaeological Fieldwork. 3 cr. hrs.
An introduction to methods used in the excavation and analysis of prehistoric sites. Surveying techniques, stratigraphy, analyses of soils and landforms, analytical fundamentals of prehistoric material remains.

Criminology Law Studies Courses

CRLS 5100. Ultimate Penalties in the Criminal Justice System. 3 cr. hrs.
A critical look at the rationales and history of corporal punishment, capital punishment, and life imprisonment without possibility of parole in order to understand the endurance of these types of sanctions in modern society. The focus will be on the philosophical, legal, social, and political aspects of the punishments. Research on ultimate punishments, such as frequency of use, characteristics of offenses and offenders, will also be presented. In addition, the course will examine the experience of sentenced offenders and their families, and correctional staff in implementing the punishments.

CRLS 5110. Media Perspectives on Urban Crime. 3 cr. hrs.
Historical overview of how urban crime has been portrayed in the media. Analysis of contemporary media presentations of urban crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system (including police, courts, and the correctional system). Social scientific theory and analysis regarding media portrayals of crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system.
CRLS 5120. Comparative Justice Systems. 3 cr. hrs.
The nature and character of police, prosecutorial, court, and correctional activity and operations in world legal systems. An examination of common law, civil law, socialist, and Islamic systems of law and social control.

CRLS 5130. Women, Crime, and Criminal Justice. 3 cr. hrs.
Examination of the roles of women in the criminal justice system. Critical analysis of the relationship of women as offenders, as victims, and as agents of social control. Review of relevant theories and practices and both historical and contemporary issues.

CRLS 5170. Organized Crime. 3 cr. hrs.
Examination of the political, social, and economic conditions involved in the appearance and expansion of organized crime in the United States. Descriptions of structures as well as internal and external dynamics, including incentives and penalties employed by criminal groups. Explanation of investigative techniques and impact of police, courts, and correctional agencies.

CRLS 5250. Clinical Criminology. 3 cr. hrs.
The theory, research and practice dimensions of clinical criminology, with a focus on sociological, psychiatric, biological, biosocial learning, cognitive, psychoanalytic theory. Examination of deviant and/or criminal interactions and their consequences. Topics for possible inclusion: substance abusers, psychopathic and violent offenders, spouse and child abusers, sex offenders, juvenile offenders, female offenders. Orientation to clinical techniques and therapy as they apply to intervention, decision-making, incarceration and sentencing, and modifications of behavior.

CRLS 5340. Financial Crime Investigation. 3 cr. hrs.
Introduces current perspectives and procedures used by the financial investigator in detecting and resolving financial crimes. Includes specific study of: methods of tracing funds, financial record keeping, accounting, interviewing techniques and law and evidence as they relate to financial investigations.

CRLS 5400. Criminal Law and Procedure. 3 cr. hrs.
Studies criminal substantive law; constitutional limits and principles of criminal law and liability; defenses to criminal liability; definitions and classification; criminal procedure of crimes; constitutional limits and protections of criminal procedure.

CRLS 5550. Crime Control. 3 cr. hrs.
Contemporary issues in criminal justice and social control. Evaluates the effectiveness of various crime control strategies and explore their social utility and implications for social stratification. Discusses crucial socio-legal questions and philosophical debates concerning crime control policies.

CRLS 5600. Evidence. 3 cr. hrs.
Basic principles of the law of evidence. Presentation of oral and demonstrative evidence in the trial process. The quantum of proof in criminal proceedings.

CRLS 5640. Family Violence and Public Intervention. 3 cr. hrs.
Analysis of maltreatment of children, youth, spouses, and seniors within the family. Examination of causes and intervention methods emphasizing the response of actors and government agencies.

CRLS 5660. Criminal Violence in America. 3 cr. hrs.
Analysis of violent crime in American society and ways in which the criminal justice system responds to it. Examination of the causes of violent crime, its prevention, treatment and public policy ramifications. Historical and contemporary understanding of the significance of violence in American culture. Critical evaluation of methods utilized to deal with violent offenders.

CRLS 5931. Topics in Criminology and Law. 3 cr. hrs.
Lectures and discussions in a broad area which, because of its topicality, is not the subject of a regular course. The special topics will be designated in the Schedule of Classes. May be taken a maximum of two times.

CRLS 5951. MU Led Travel/Study Abroad. 3 cr. hrs.
Course taught in an international setting by Marquette professors and where students earn Marquette credit. Study Abroad expenses apply.

Social Welfare and Justice Courses

SOWJ 5300. Advanced Practice in Social Welfare and Justice. 3 cr. hrs.
Students strengthen their skills in interviewing, data collection, problem appraisal, and the development of contracts for planned change. Competence is developed in carrying out contract plans, evaluating results, renegotiating contracts and terminating contracts. Working with families and groups is further examined.

SOWJ 5500. Ethics in Social Welfare and Justice. 3 cr. hrs.
An in-depth examination of ethical issues and special challenges that characterize the fields of social work, social welfare and social justice. Explores value dilemmas, stresses and frustrations that may confront professionals in theses fields.

SOWJ 5600. Faith-based Activism. 3 cr. hrs.
Analyzes sociologically a range of historic and contemporary faith-based movements through the lens of social movement theory. Examines variations in goals, framing, strategies, mobilization, engagement of symbols and movement cultures as they are recorded in movement literature, oral histories, archives, films and scholarly studies. Prereq: SOWJ 1001 or cons. of instr.
SOWJ 5700. Global Aid and Humanitarianism. 3 cr. hrs.
Introduction to governmental, nongovernmental and volunteer efforts in global aid and humanitarianism. Explores ethical and practical dilemmas in solving internationally identified social problems, such as child soldiers, sex trafficking and global hunger. Examines how aid and humanitarian systems can be part of the problem rather than the solution. Additional areas of debate may include global health as a right and achievable goal, tensions between cultural relativism and human rights and “voluntourism.”.

SOWJ 5931. Topics in Social Welfare and Justice. 3 cr. hrs.
Special areas and themes. Specific topics will be designated in the Schedule of Classes.

SOWJ 5951. MU Led Travel/Study Abroad. 3 cr. hrs.
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Sociology Courses

SOCI 5050. Urban Ethnography: The City as Laboratory. 3 cr. hrs.
Explores urban processes and institutions “from the inside.” Initially focuses on the study of various ethnographies. Next, requires “hands-on” research, involving: observing human interaction, preparing field notes, conducting focused interviews, analyzing the collected data, and preparing a data-based research paper.

SOCI 5100. Urban Life. 3 cr. hrs.
Social psychological aspects of urban life and experience. Implications of urbanization for individuals and groups. Ecological, cultural, and institutional influences. Interpersonal and intergroup relations in urban settings. Topics may include conflict, alienation, diversity.

SOCI 5130. Sociology of Human Values. 3 cr. hrs.
Definitions of values in economics, linguistics, communication and sociology. The value system of selected sociologists. Values and sociocultural pluralism.

SOCI 5200. Personal Troubles and Public Issues. 3 cr. hrs.
Deals with the social realities of troubles, which range from circumstances that we treat as irksome to major traumas in our lives that become social problems. Focuses on the commonalities shared by these various social constructions. Draws from a variety of disciplines, notably sociology, social work, anthropology, history, psychology, linguistics and rhetorical studies. SOCI 1001 recommended.

SOCI 5250. African-American Social Thought. 3 cr. hrs.
Examination of historical and contemporary writings of Black social theorists. The impact of historical, social, economic, and cultural factors on Blacks in the United States and alternative strategies for change.

SOCI 5270. Urban Sociology. 3 cr. hrs.
Urban society with special consideration of the problems of dealing with the structures, institutions, agencies and decision-making units in a metropolitan area.

SOCI 5300. Sociology of Aging. 3 cr. hrs.
The place of the aged in contemporary society. Disengagement and the social integration of older persons. Roles linking older persons to society and roles in hospitals, nursing homes and homes for the aged.

SOCI 5400. Social Inequality. 3 cr. hrs.
Theories and systems of social class in modern society. Societal structures and processes resulting from stratification phenomena.

SOCI 5420. Sociology of Religion. 3 cr. hrs.
The sociological study of religious groups, institutions and behavior, including relationships between religion and other areas of social life.

SOCI 5440. Sociology of Education. 3 cr. hrs.
Sociological analysis of educational institutions with primary emphasis on contemporary U.S. urban education, student subcultures, school-community relations and innovations.

SOCI 5450. Sociology of Sex and Gender. 3 cr. hrs.
Biological and cultural bases of sex and gender patterns. Impact of major social institutions and processes on maintenance of gender patterns, with questions of power and dominance central to discussion. Benefits and costs of stereotypic gender patterns. Mechanisms and alternative directions for change. Includes historical and cross-cultural research.

SOCI 5460. Sociology of Work and Occupations. 3 cr. hrs.
The diverse ways in which human beings make their livings in both industrialized and nonindustrialized societies. Career patterns and work problems. Theories about work and workers. Proposals for improving the quality of modern work.

SOCI 5480. Complex Organizations. 3 cr. hrs.
Theories and research on the sociology of organization. The social functions, structures and processes of formal and informal organizational systems in modern society and their relationships to social behavior. The nature and place of bureaucracies in complex societies.

SOCI 5600. The Social Reality of Crime and Justice. 3 cr. hrs.
A critical examination of the ways in which crime is defined, how crime control policies are established, and how the criminal justice system responds to the problem of crime. Specific attention given to the social and political context in which crime is talked about and responded to. Examines alternative approaches to crime control, such as peacemaking criminology and restorative justice.
SOCI 5660. Law and Society. 3 cr. hrs.
The social components of legal organizations and procedural systems. The role of law as an instrument of social control and social change.

SOCI 5680. Sociology of Mental Illness. 3 cr. hrs.
Review of major sociological and social psychological models of madness. Analysis of definitions and responses to mental illness. Study of the social processing involved in the production, recognition and treatment of mental illness.

SOCI 5700. Political Sociology. 3 cr. hrs.
The interrelationship of politics and society. Special consideration of leadership analysis, party systems, public opinion, electoral behavior and conflict situations.

SOCI 5720. Sociology of Community. 3 cr. hrs.
Discussion of contemporary problems of rural, urban and suburban communities including ecological and communication patterns, problems of identity, organization and motivation.

SOCI 5730. Capitalism and Society. 3 cr. hrs.
Explores the relationship between capitalism and society. Examines the ways in which capitalism is an engine for freedom, prosperity and efficiency and a source of exploitation and inequality. Topics may include the role of capitalism in the environment, the health care system, economic inequality, and government.

SOCI 5740. Social Change. 3 cr. hrs.
Selected topics dealing with models and theories of innovation, diffusion, resistance to change and associated conflict in and between social systems. Contents vary; subtitles indicate precise contents.

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