

# 300 Sociology

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## Definition

Sociology is both a scientific and a humanistic discipline. It is concerned with the study of systems of social action and their interrelations. The systems of action include, in increasing order of size and complexity: single social acts, social relationships, organizations, institutions, communities and societies.

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## Program Description

Survey courses focus on basic sociological theory and analytic techniques. There are also substantive courses in marriage and the family, and social problems.

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## Distinctive Features

The program includes a variety of courses, and utilizes a number of teaching methods, including those which emphasize student participation through group and individual activity.

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## Career Options

Administrator

Civil Service Worker

Community College Instructor

Criminologist

Employment Counselor

Human Resources

Interviewer/Researcher

Outreach Worker

Personnel Analyst

Personnel Management Specialist

Probation Officer

Public Opinion Analyst

Public Relations Consultant

Research Director

Recreation Specialist

Social Services Director

Social Worker

Urban Planner

(Most of these careers require education beyond the two-year college level.)

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## Certificate Program

Certificate not applicable.

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## Associate Degree

An associate degree with a major in Sociology is not available. Sociology courses can be included in the 18 units necessary for an associate degree with a major in Liberal Arts and Sciences. (See Graduation/Associate Degree Requirements.)

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## Transfer

Students planning to continue studies at a four-year college or university after AVC should visit the Transfer Resource Center and consult with a counselor as soon as possible. Additional information on official transfer articulation agreements from AVC to many CSU/UC campuses can be found at the following Web site: [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)

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## Prerequisite Completion

If a course is listed as a prerequisite for another course, that prerequisite course must be completed with a satisfactory grade in order to enroll in the next course. According to Title 5, Section 55200(d), a satisfactory grade is a grade of "A," "B," "C" or "P". Classes in which the Pass/No Pass option is available are indicated with an asterisk (\*) before the course title. See "Pass/No Pass Option" in the catalog for full explanation.

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## Sociology Courses

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### SOC 101 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

3 units

3 hours weekly

*Advisory:* Eligibility for College Level Reading and ENGL 099.

This course will give students an introduction to the study of social processes and a consideration of the concept of culture. Students will develop an understanding of the dependency of our society on those around us as well as those who have gone before us. The basic tools of sociological analysis and the groups and social institutions of society will be presented. (CSU, UC, AVC)

### SOC 105 \*THE MEXICAN AMERICAN IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY

3 units

3 hours weekly

*Advisory:* Eligibility for ENGL 099 and READ 099.

A broad social and historical study of the major characteristics of the second largest minority in the United States and largest in the Southwest. Attention will be given to the racial, sexual, social, educational, cultural, economic, and political elements which differentiate the Mexican-American from the dominant and other groups in the United States. Issues of racism and sexism will be explicitly covered. (CSU, UC, AVC)

### SOC 110 ETHNIC RELATIONS

3 units

3 hours weekly

*Advisory:* Completion of SOC 101, and Eligibility for College Level Reading, ENGL 101 and MATH 070.

This course is a study of the sociological, historical, and political components of race and ethnic relations in the United States and the effect that this has had in regard to globalization. Major ethnic and racial groups, including minorities within these groups, will be examined

in detail utilizing sociological theories and perspectives including; African-American, Hispanic, Middle Eastern, Asian, Pacific Islander and Native American ethnic groups. Questions concerning techniques designed to promote peaceful and successful interaction will also be reviewed. (CSU, UC, AVC)

### **SOC 111 \*ISSUES AND CONCEPTS IN AGING**

*3 units*

*3 hours weekly*

*Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 099.*

This course provides an introductory study of the social, psychological, demographic, and physical aspects of growing older in American society, with an emphasis on health, finances, retirement, and interpersonal and intergenerational relations. The course also includes psychological and sociological adjustment to aging, as well as death and dying. (CSU, AVC)

### **SOC 112 \*AMERICAN SOCIAL ISSUES: PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES**

*3 units*

*3 hours weekly*

*Advisory: Completion of SOC 101, and Eligibility for ENGL 099.*

This course is designed to acquaint the student with the major social issues and problems facing contemporary American society. This course focuses on the origins, sustaining causes, implications and possible solutions to societal issues. While emphasis will be on the national level, substantial input will also be placed on local and international events and situations. Emerging concepts such as globalization will also be addressed. (CSU, UC, AVC)

### **SOC 115 \*MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE**

*3 units*

*3 hours weekly*

*Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 099.*

This course provides a study of the American family, past and present. Included are the psychological, historical, economic, ethical, and legal aspects of courtship, marriage, child-rearing, and family life. (CSU, UC, AVC)

### **SOC 120 \*DRUGS, SOCIETY AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR**

*3 units*

*3 hours weekly*

*Advisory: Completion of SOC 112, and Eligibility for ENGL 099.*

This course provides an overview of the historical and contemporary role of alcohol and drugs in society, with an emphasis on patterns of use and abuse, as well as major categories of drugs and comparative analysis of treatment modalities. Students will review sociological theories relevant to drugs and human behavior. Field trips to recovery and rehabilitation programs may be scheduled. (CSU, AVC)