Sociology (SOC)

SOC 100: Survey of General Sociology
Introduction to basic sociological concepts, theories and findings with emphasis on the sociological perspective to gain insight into basic social relationships, social structures and processes.

Credits: 3
Prerequisites: ENG 22 or ENG 24 with a grade of C or better or equivalent.

SOC 151: Introduction to Sociology of Food
Introduction to the sociological analysis of food by challenging students to think critically about issues involving food production, food consumption behaviors, and the controversies surrounding food production and the environmental impact of food production practices. Students will also evaluate social justice issues related to food and current social movements that have emerged to address these issues.

Credits: 3
Prerequisites: ENG 22 or ENG 24 with a grade of C or better.

SOC 214: Introduction to Race & Ethnic Relations
This course examines race and ethnic relations from a global perspective. Social, economic and political problems associated with perception, existence, and accommodation of varying racial and ethnic groups within the wider society are examined.

Credits: 3
Prerequisites: ENG 22 or ENG 24 with a grade of C or better or equivalent.
Recommended Prep: SOC 100

SOC 218: Introduction to Social Problems
Application of a social perspective to selected problems afflicting modern industrial societies. Emphasis on understanding the nature, causes, and effects of selected social problems. Different research data and theoretical approaches are examined.

Credits: 3
Prerequisites: ENG 22 or ENG 24 with a grade of C or better or equivalent.

SOC 231: Introduction to Juvenile Delinquency
This course focuses on juvenile delinquency in the U.S. and examines: the nature of and trends in juvenile delinquency; explanations for and theories of juvenile delinquency; and institutional responses to and treatment of juvenile delinquency including discussion of the U.S. juvenile justice system. Special attention is paid to juvenile delinquency and the juvenile justice system in Hawai‘i.

Credits: 3
Prerequisites: ENG 22 or ENG 24 with a grade of C or better or equivalent.

SOC 250: Community Forces in Hawai‘i
This course is designed to acquaint the student with sociological principles and the application of these principles to aid in the awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the unique social environment of the State of Hawai‘i. Fundamental concepts of sociology in the area of race relations are presented with emphasis on Hawai‘i’s unique potential “melting pot” social environment and the development of an “unorthodox race doctrine” for Hawai‘i. Sociological aspects of the various cultural contributions by the ethnic groups to Hawai‘i including values, concepts, practices, history, and language are also investigated.

Credits: 3
Recommended Prep: ENG 22 or ENG 24 with a grade of C or better or equivalent

SOC 250H: Community Forces in Hawai‘i: Honors Course
This course is designed to acquaint the student with sociological principles and the application of these principles to aid in the awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the unique social environment of the State of Hawai‘i. Fundamental concepts of sociology in the area of race relations are presented with emphasis on Hawai‘i’s unique potential “melting pot” social environment and the development of an “unorthodox race doctrine” for Hawai‘i. Sociological aspects of the various cultural contributions by the ethnic groups to Hawai‘i including values, concepts, practices, history, and language are also investigated.
SOC 251: Introduction to Sociology of the Family
This course is a survey of contemporary family life. Using a cross-cultural perspective, this course examines variations in relationships and family patterns focusing on choices in relationships; current patterns, trends, and changes in these choices and family life. Love, sex roles, sexual attitudes and their relationship within the institution of the family are discussed along with partner selection, dating, marriage, singlehood, divorce, separation or widowhood. Major issues in family life today will be addressed including: career and family conflicts, alternative family forms, family planning and parenthood, spouse and child abuse, et al.

Credits: 3
Prerequisites: ENG 22 or ENG 24 with a grade of C or better or equivalent.

SOC 275: Introduction to Sociological Inquiry
Introduction to basic methods and analytical techniques used in sociology. This course is designed to introduce students to the basic methods in sociology, and the nature, logic, and skill involved in the production and analysis of social scientific data. Emphasis is on learning by doing and providing basic skills in sociology. This course provides the necessary foundation for more advanced courses in methods and statistics. (Required of all sociology majors in the Manoa program and is a prerequisite for all 400-level sociology courses).

Credits: 3