

Sociology: *Studying People, Society, & Cultures*

Classes for Spring 2024

ELAS = Online Distance Learning: Asynchronous

SOCY 110 Introduction to Sociology (3) multiple sections, please see the registration schedule for section days & times. Look for ELAS options too. SOCY 110 helps you understand everything from society's biggest problems to your individual interactions, all within a social context.

SOCY 121 Understanding Cultures (3) four sections:

SOCY 121-01 & 121-02, Dr. Hulva Dogan, ELAS & SOCY 121-03, Prof. Will Taggart, TR 9:30-10:45 & SOCY 121-04 (Honors), Prof. Will Taggart, TR 11:00-12:15
SOCY 121 is an introductory course to cultural anthropology. Explore cultural patterns of behavior and belief around the world, and apply cultural anthropology perspectives to understand cultural variations and diversity.

AAST 200-01 Introduction to African American Studies (3) Dr. Fredrick Douglass Dixon, TR 9:30-10:45

This course provides an in-depth examination of African American Studies' historical, intellectual, and socio-political origins. It surveys cultural representations and racial formations via multiple interdisciplinary approaches. Through a unique black perspective, it examines critical analytical concepts across several academic disciplines, including but not limited to education, history, and sociology.

AAST 400-01 Select Topics: The Black Freedom Movement from 1955-Present (3) Dr. Fredrick Douglass Dixon, TR 11:00-12:15

This course contextualizes contemporary social movement historiography by examining the twentieth century's social, political, and economic climate. It focuses on the struggles of various African American individuals and organizations to dismantle systemic inequities during the modern civil rights and Black Power movements.

SOCY 210-01 Social Problems (3) Dr. Aysha Bodenhamer, TR 2:00-3:15

Throughout this course, I will help you discover your sociological imagination and learn what it means to be a practicing sociologist. We will explore myriad social problems including racial tensions, gender inequality, sex and sexuality, health care, social movements, and more as you learn to apply sociological concepts to your everyday life. In doing so, you will become critical consumers of information and better trained to work with diverse populations.

SOCY 213-01 Social Issues in Healthcare Delivery (3) Dr. Paula Prince, ELAS.

This course will introduce students to vital social issues affecting healthcare delivery in the United States. Course content will include health related demographics, ethnic and cultural diversity, applied communication methods and skills and an orientation to community healthcare. An experiential learning module will place students in a volunteer role working 20 hours a week with a human service agency.

SOCY 250 Social Inequality (3), two sections:

SOCY 250-01, Dr. Hulva Dogan, ELAS & SOCY 250-02, Dr. Beth Lyman, MWF 10:00-10:50

Did you know that the richest one percent of U.S. households own more than the combined wealth of the bottom 90%? That the wages of professional women are approximately 80% of those of professional men? And that African Americans and Hispanics are roughly three times as likely to live in poverty as whites? In this course, we will seek to clarify how social institutions contribute to the unequal distribution of valued resources and opportunities, and explore the factors that impact inequality.

SOCY 342-01 Race, Ethnicity, and Healthcare (3) Dr. Paula Prince, ELAS.

This course will provide students with a fundamental understanding of the dynamics of racial and ethnic relations in American daily life. Students will get an in-depth look at the history, theory, and methods that inform social science research on pressing social issues that affect health status such as diversity and inequality.

SOCY 365-01 Society and the Individual (3) Dr. Joanna Hunter, TR 2:00-3:15

Why are you attracted to certain people and not others? Why do people go along with the crowd even when they know they shouldn't? Are women really less aggressive than men? Why are we so influenced by others? This class takes a sociological look at social psychology and uses a variety of lectures, class exercises, and other activities to explore these and other questions related to the ways that social interaction affects individual attitudes and behaviors.

SOCY 370-01 Environmental Sociology (3) Dr. Aysha Bodenhamer, TR 11:00-12:15

Are we heading towards an environmental crisis in the U.S. and beyond? What does this mean and how will it impact you and societies around the globe? Taking a social problems approach, we will explore many pressing environmental issues including: energy generation and what this means for coal, natural gas, and renewables; the role of technology; food and agricultural practices; environmental (in)justice; the impacts of climate change; the importance of water; waste management and recycling; and environmental health. By participating in this class, you will gain a solid understanding of the current environmental landscape and how we can improve it.

SOCY 389-01 Sociology of the Family (3) Dr. Roby Page, MWF 11:00-11:50

It's long been said that family is the place where they'll always take you in. How well are families doing in today's changing society? We'll look at the facts about family and consider the many changes that have come and are coming to this core institution. In this class we consider the social, economic, and political context of familial relations.

SOCY 443-01 Deviance (3) Dr. Roby Page, MWF 1:00-1:50

"Why be normal?" some like to ask. We've all been deviant now and then, for better or worse. Why do people step outside the boundaries and deviate? From criminals in the streets and criminals in the suites... to drug abusers and sexual deviants... to simply not fitting in, we'll look at how and why people stray from conformity.

SOCY 480-01 Survey Research Methods (3) Dr. Allison Wisecup, TR 12:30-1:45

Survey Research Methods, invites students to engage in the world of research by selecting their research question and analyzing the data using a worldwide leading software program, SPSS. This class will give you transferable skills for your resume, so you can hit the job market ahead of your peers.

SOCY 495-01 Special Topic: Black History in the New River Valley (3) Dr. Joanna Hunter, TR 9:30-10:45

Do you ever wonder about the people behind the building names on RU's campus? Do you ever think about Black history in the NRV? In this class, we will investigate Black history in this area by developing a map of Radford that highlights Black history.

***SOCY 499 Internship (3-12)** Please see Dr. Beth Lyman, Internship Coordinator, to discuss opportunities to fulfill the internship requirement. Also please review the Sociology Internship Manual on the Sociology web site, and view internship opportunities at <http://www.radford.edu/content/chbs/home/sociology/about/internships.html>.

* Satisfies the SOCY major Applied/Practical Experience course requirement

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THE SOCIOLOGY MAJOR AND MINOR

The Department of Sociology promotes a challenging atmosphere in which students are encouraged to recognize, understand, and think critically about social processes, issues, and cultural diversity. Through rigorous coursework, the program teaches students how to gather, analyze and interpret qualitative and quantitative data. Through research-in-service and internships students learn how to apply their knowledge and skills to problems and needs in businesses, organizations, and communities. A central part of our mission is to provide opportunities for independent student research as well as faculty and student collaborative research. We teach from the philosophy that active engagement in real-world research enhances employment opportunities and opens doors to graduate school. The department engages in sound career planning and preparation with each major.

SOCIOLOGY MAJOR, B.A. OR B.S. DEGREE (36 credit hours)

**The following major requirements have changed beginning with the 2023-2024 catalog. The change applies to you if you began studies at RU in the 2023-2024 academic year. See Dr. Page for clarification.*

Required Courses (21 credit hours)

SOCY 110 Introduction to Sociology (3)
 SOCY 250 Social Inequality (3)
 SOCY 360 Sociological Theory (3)
 SOCY 365 Individual and Society (3)
 SOCY 380 Introduction to Social Research Methods (3)
 SOCY 480 Survey Research Methods (3)
 SOCY 497 Senior Seminar in Sociology (3)

STAT 130 Understanding Statistics in Society, or STAT 200 Introduction to Statistics.
 All majors in the department must successfully complete either of these courses, which is a prerequisite for SOCY 380.

Sociology Electives (15 credit hours)

Five additional elective courses not listed above must include at least four 300-400 level courses. One elective must be satisfied by an approved internship or other designated applied sociology course selected in consultation with your advisor.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate with a major in Sociology, a student must have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher in all courses taken with a SOCY prefix. Majors must complete all required courses in the major curricula listed above with a grade of "C-" or better (SOCY 110, and 250, 360, 365, 380, 480, 497).

For specific REAL Curriculum information and additional B.A or B.S requirements see the Undergraduate Catalog.

SOCIOLOGY MINOR (18 hrs.)

SOCY 110 Introduction to Sociology (3)
 SOCY 210 Social Problems OR
 SOCY 250 Social Inequality (3)
 SOCY 365 Society and the Individual (3)
 3 additional SOCY-prefix courses, including
 at least two courses at 300-400 level (9)

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES MINOR (21 hrs.)

AAST 200 Introduction to African American Studies (3)
 AAST 400 Select Topics in African American Studies (3)
 AAST 490 Seminar in African American Studies (3)
 2 courses chosen from a Social/Behavioral Sciences menu (6)
 2 courses chosen from an Arts and Humanities menu (6)

