

Department of Sociology

The Department of Sociology offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health with a concentration in Epidemiology and Disease Control, and a Minor in Sociology. At least 36 semester credit hours of sociology coursework are required to fulfill a Sociology major. The 36-hour total is considered a minimum, and students are encouraged to deepen and broaden their grasp of their major through careful allocation of their elective semester credit hours.

The Sociology degree requires students to complete at least 6 semester credit hours of support work. These courses, which require advance approval from advisors, should serve to introduce students to other social sciences in addition to those entailed in the coursework within students' major discipline.

Internship in Sociology

As part of the COLFA Signature Experience, the Sociology Department encourages its students to participate in an internship. Internship entails supervised experience, usually within selected organizations in the San Antonio area. The majors are asked to find their internship placements. The internship coordinator of the Department of Sociology approves placement. Students majoring in nonsocial science disciplines are welcome to participate but should consult with their faculty advisors regarding the role of the internship within their own degree programs. Further information can be obtained from the internship coordinator.

Department Honors

The Department of Sociology, through its Department Honors program, provides the opportunity for advanced study under close faculty supervision to those students who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship.

Selection for honors designation is based on academic performance and recommendation by discipline faculty. To be eligible for the program, students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 overall at UTSA and a minimum grade point average of 3.5 in Sociology at UTSA. Minimum grade point averages must be maintained for students to receive the approval of the Department Honors Committee and the Sociology faculty. Students applying for Department Honors are expected to enroll in the appropriate honors thesis course during their final two semesters. The supervising faculty sponsor and another department faculty member must approve the completed thesis. Students interested in this program should contact the department's faculty undergraduate advisor for additional information.

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Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology

The minimum number of semester credit hours required for the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Sociology, including the Core Curriculum requirements, is 120. Thirty-nine of the total semester credit hours required for the degree must be at the upper-division level.

All candidates for this degree must fulfill the Core Curriculum requirements and the degree requirements, which are listed below.

Core Curriculum Requirements (42 semester credit hours)

Students seeking the B.A. degree in Sociology must fulfill University Core Curriculum requirements in the same manner as other students. The course listed below will satisfy both degree requirements and Core Curriculum requirements; however, if this course is taken to satisfy both requirements, then students may need to take an additional course in order to meet the minimum number of semester credit hours required for this degree.

SOC 1013 Introduction to Sociology should be used to satisfy the core requirement in Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Core Curriculum Component Area Requirements (<http://catalog.utsa.edu/undergraduate/bachelorsdegreeregulations/degreerequirements/corecurriculumcomponentarearequirements>)

First Year Experience Requirement	3
Communication	6
Mathematics	3
Life and Physical Sciences	6
Language, Philosophy and Culture	3
Creative Arts	3
American History	6
Government-Political Science	6
Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
Component Area Option	3
Total Credit Hours	42

Gateway Course

Students pursuing the B.A. degree in Sociology must successfully complete the following Gateway Course with a grade of "D-" or better in no more than two attempts. A student who is unable to successfully complete this course within two attempts, including dropping the course with a grade of "W" or taking an equivalent course at another institution, will be required to change his or her major.

SOC 1013 Introduction to Sociology

Degree Requirements

A. Sociology major courses

1. Required courses. It is strongly recommended that theory and research methods requirements be completed by the first semester of the junior year.

SOC 1013	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 3323	Introduction to Social Research	3
SOC 3353	Sociological Theory	3
SOC 3373	Qualitative Research Methods	3
	or SOC 3393 Quantitative Research Methods	

2. Select 24 additional semester credit hours of Sociology electives as approved by the student's advisor, at least 15 semester credit hours of which must be upper division. Students are encouraged to take a broad variety of courses.

B. Single language other than English

Select 6 semester credit hours in a single language other than English 6

C. Electives

Select 36 semester credit hours of electives; 15 hours in upper-division courses. In fulfillment of this requirement, majors are encouraged to take at least 6 semester credit hours of upper-division coursework in disciplines that support the study of Sociology.

Total Credit Hours 78

Course Sequence Guide for B.A. Degree in Sociology

This course sequence guide is designed to assist students in completing their UTSA undergraduate Sociology degree requirements. *This is merely a guide and students must satisfy other requirements of this catalog and meet with their academic advisor for individualized degree plans.* Progress within this guide depends upon such factors as course availability, individual student academic preparation, student time management, work obligations, and individual financial considerations. Students may choose to take courses during Summer terms to reduce course loads during long semesters.

B.A. in Sociology – Four-Year Academic Plan

First Year

		Credit Hours
Fall		
AIS 1203	Academic Inquiry and Scholarship (core)	3
HIS 1043 or HIS 1053 or HIS 2053	United States History: Pre-Columbus to Civil War Era (core) or United States History: Civil War Era to Present or Texas History	3
SOC 1013	Introduction to Sociology (core and major)	3
WRC 1013	Freshman Composition I (Q) (core)	3
Mathematics core		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
HIS 1043 or HIS 1053 or HIS 2053	United States History: Pre-Columbus to Civil War Era (core) or United States History: Civil War Era to Present or Texas History	3
WRC 1023	Freshman Composition II (Q) (core)	3
Free elective		3
Free elective		3
Life & Physical Sciences core		3
Credit Hours		15

Second Year

Fall		
SOC 3353	Sociological Theory	3
Creative Arts core		3
Component Area Option core		3
Life & Physical Sciences core		3
Free elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
SOC 3323	Introduction to Social Research	3
Free elective		3

Free elective	3	
Language, Philosophy, & Culture core	3	
Upper-division free elective	3	
Credit Hours		15

Third Year

Fall		
POL 1013	Introduction to American Politics (core)	3
SOC 3373 or SOC 3393	Qualitative Research Methods or Quantitative Research Methods	3
Foreign language (semester I)		3-4
SOC elective		3
Upper-division free elective		3
Credit Hours		15-16

Spring

POL 1133 or POL 1213	Texas Politics and Society (core) or Civil Rights in Texas and America	3
Foreign language (semester II)		3-4
Upper-division free elective		3
Upper-division SOC elective		3
Upper-division SOC elective		3
Credit Hours		15-16

Fourth Year

Fall		
Upper-division SOC elective		3
Upper-division SOC elective		3
Upper-division free elective		3
Upper-division free elective		3
Upper-division free elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
Free elective (to meet 120 hour minimum)		1-3
Upper-division free elective		3
Upper-division SOC elective		3
Upper-division SOC elective		3
Upper-division SOC elective		3
Credit Hours		15-13
Total Credit Hours		120

Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Health (Epidemiology and Disease Control Concentration)

The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Public Health is offered with an interdisciplinary curriculum designed for students who are interested in gaining knowledge and developing skills needed in a variety of health care related areas, including biostatistics, environmental science, health and public administration, epidemiology, and health behavior. The degree requirements consist of the University Core Curriculum, major core requirements, elective courses in areas of specializations, a foreign language, and an internship. The major core is multidisciplinary; introducing students to the fundamental subjects and the essential knowledge necessary for working in any field related to public health.

The elective courses allow students to concentrate in one of the areas of specialization.

The degree program prepares students for health care related careers in government, private, and nonprofit organizations. In addition, graduates of this program will be competent in pursuing graduate studies in a variety of academic fields, including public health, allied health, public policy, nutrition, business, and law. It can also provide students with a pathway to advanced studies in medicine or dentistry, if the students use the electives to fulfill the additional admission requirements for medical and dental schools.

The degree program is offered in two concentrations: (1) Epidemiology and Disease Control and (2) Health Promotion and Behavioral Science. The Epidemiology and Disease Control concentration is offered by the Department of Sociology of the College of Liberal and Fine Arts (COLFA) and the Health Promotion and Behavioral Science concentration is offered by the Department of Kinesiology, Health, and Nutrition (<http://catalog.utsa.edu/undergraduate/educationhumandevlopment/healthkinesiology/#degreestext>) of the College of Education and Human Development (COEHD). Bachelor of Science in Public Health majors will be advised by the Life and Health Sciences Advising Center.

The minimum number of semester credit hours required for this degree, including Core Curriculum requirements, is 120. Thirty-nine of the total semester credit hours required for the degree must be at the upper-division level.

All candidates seeking this degree must fulfill the Core Curriculum requirements and the degree requirements, which are listed below.

Core Curriculum requirements (42 semester credit hours)

Students seeking the B.S. degree in Public Health (Epidemiology and Disease Control concentration) must fulfill University Core Curriculum requirements in the same manner as other students. The courses listed below satisfy both degree requirements and Core Curriculum requirements; however, if these courses are taken to satisfy both requirements, then students may need to take additional courses in order to meet the minimum number of semester credit hours required for this degree.

STA 1053 may be used to satisfy the core requirement in Mathematics as well as a major requirement. BIO 1404 and BIO 1414 may be used to satisfy the core requirement in Natural Sciences as well as major requirements. SOC 1013 may be used to satisfy the core requirement in Social and Behavioral Sciences.

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First Year Experience Requirement	3
Communication	6
Mathematics	3
Life and Physical Sciences	6
Language, Philosophy and Culture	3
Creative Arts	3
American History	6
Government-Political Science	6
Social and Behavioral Sciences	3

Component Area Option	3
Total Credit Hours	42

Degree Requirements

All candidates for the B.S. degree in Public Health with a concentration in Epidemiology and Disease Control must complete the following 87 semester credit hours, which includes 9 semester credit hours of Core Curriculum requirements.

A. Public Health Foundation courses

All candidates for this degree must complete the following 38 semester credit hours of coursework:

BIO 1404	Biosciences I	4
BIO 1414	Biosciences II	4
HTH 3503	Theories of Health Behavior	3
HTH 4503	Human Disease and Epidemiology	3
HTH 4543	Environmental Health and Safety	3
MGT 3013	Introduction to Organization Theory, Behavior, and Management	3
PUB 1113	Introduction to Public Health	3
PUB 2113	Data Management in Public Health	3
SOC 3223	Population Dynamics and Demographic Techniques	3
SOC 4043	Global Health	3
SOC 4053	Health Care System	3
STA 1053	Basic Statistics	3

B. Epidemiology and Disease Control Concentration

All candidates for the degree in Public Health with an Epidemiology and Disease Control Concentration must complete the following 18 semester credit hours of coursework:

SOC 3323	Introduction to Social Research	
SOC 4683	Health Disparities	
Select at least 12 semester hours of the following:		
ANT 3523	Medical Anthropology	
BIO 2053	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	
BIO 2063	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	
BIO 2313	Genetics	
BIO 2322	Genetics Laboratory	
BIO 3413	Physiology	
BIO 3422	Physiology Laboratory	
BIO 3433	Neurobiology	
BIO 3713	Microbiology	
BIO 3722	Microbiology Laboratory	
GES 3443	Medical Geography	
PUB 3413	Behavioral Epidemiology	
PUB 3613	Etiology 1: Epidemiologic Methods to Investigate Outbreaks and New Epidemics	
PUB 4613	Etiology 2: Epidemiologic Methods to Investigate Chronic Disease, Exposure, and Risk	
SOC 3213	Medical Sociology	
SOC 4073	Social and Behavioral Theories in Public Health	

C. Advanced Public Health Requirement

All candidates for this degree must complete 6 hours of an internship in public health.

PUB 4933 Public Health Internship (repeated once) 6

D. Foreign Language

All candidates for this degree must complete 6 hours of coursework in a single foreign language. 6

E. Free Electives

All candidates for this degree must complete up to 19 hours of free electives to meet the 120 hour minimum for the degree, including a sufficient number of electives at the upper-division level to meet the UTSA minimum of 39 upper-division hours. 19

Total Credit Hours 87

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B.S. in Public Health, Epidemiology and Disease Control Concentration – Four-Year Academic Plan

First Year

		Credit Hours
Fall		
AIS 1203	Academic Inquiry and Scholarship (core)	3
PUB 1113	Introduction to Public Health	3
SOC 1013	Introduction to Sociology (core)	3
STA 1053	Basic Statistics (core and major)	3
WRC 1013	Freshman Composition I (Q) (core)	3
Credit Hours		15

Spring

BIO 1404	Biosciences I (core and major)	4
HIS 1043 or HIS 1053 or HIS 2053	United States History: Pre-Columbus to Civil War Era (core) or United States History: Civil War Era to Present or Texas History	3
WRC 1023	Freshman Composition II (Q) (core)	3
Free elective		3
Language, Philosophy & Culture core		3
Credit Hours		16

Second Year

Fall		
HIS 1043 or HIS 1053 or HIS 2053	United States History: Pre-Columbus to Civil War Era (core) or United States History: Civil War Era to Present or Texas History	3

HTH 4503	Human Disease and Epidemiology	3
Free elective		3
Free elective		3
Free elective		3

Credit Hours 15

Spring

BIO 1414	Biosciences II (core and major)	4
PUB 2113	Data Management in Public Health	3
SOC 3223	Population Dynamics and Demographic Techniques	3

Component Area Option core 3

Creative Arts core 3

Credit Hours 16

Third Year

Fall

MGT 3013	Introduction to Organization Theory, Behavior, and Management	3
POL 1013	Introduction to American Politics (core)	3
SOC 4043	Global Health	3
Free elective (upper-division)		3
Foreign language (semester I)		3

Credit Hours 15

Spring

HTH 4543	Environmental Health and Safety	3
POL 1133 or POL 1213	Texas Politics and Society (core) or Civil Rights in Texas and America	3
SOC 3323	Introduction to Social Research	3
SOC 4053	Health Care System	3
Foreign language (semester II)		3

Credit Hours 15

Fourth Year

Fall

HTH 3503	Theories of Health Behavior	3
PUB 4933 ₁	Public Health Internship (repeated)	6
Concentration course (upper-division)		3
Concentration course (upper-division)		3

Credit Hours 15

Spring

SOC 4683	Health Disparities	3
Concentration course (upper-division)		3
Concentration course (upper-division)		3
Free elective (upper-division)		3
Free elective (to meet 120 hour minimum)		1

Credit Hours 13

Total Credit Hours 120

¹ May be repeated in a different semester.

Master of Public Health: 4+1 Program for Public Health Majors

This is a collaborative program between The University of Texas at San Antonio and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston - School of Public Health

Program Description

The 4+1 program provides a direct line for Public Health students to enroll in and complete their master's coursework over the course of five years, as opposed to the traditional four years of undergraduate work and two years of graduate work. The 4+1 degree between The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston - School of Public Health (UTHSCH SPH) allows undergraduate public health majors to streamline and advance their education efficiently.

The student will graduate with a baccalaureate degree in public health while earning a certificate in public health from UTHSCH SPH. Additionally, they will have the opportunity to complete a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program in one additional year instead of the customary two years. Upon graduation from UTSA, students can immediately transition to master's status and continue on to complete the remaining degree requirements at UTHSCH SPH. Students who do not wish to continue with the master's degree will graduate with a certificate in public health from UTHSCH SPH.

Graduates will be expected to acquire the education, skill-set and experience needed to enter the professional work force in any of the varied fields of public health, or be well prepared to continue with their education through doctoral studies or in professional degrees such as medicine, dentistry and pharmacy.

Requirements

Students in good standing in the Bachelor of Science in Public Health program who have a minimum cumulative grade point average of a 3.2 or higher and ideally have completed select degree foundation courses can apply for acceptance into the 4+1 program during their third full year of study. Students who are accepted into the 4+1 program will then complete selected online or in person graduate courses during their last year of study at the UTHSCH San Antonio Regional Campus. This coursework will simultaneously satisfy remaining undergraduate requirements, as well as the core courses for the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree. After satisfying the undergraduate degree requirements students will then apply for and finish the graduate program.

Minor in Sociology

All students pursuing a Minor in Sociology must complete 21 semester credit hours, 12 of which must be at the upper-division level.

A. Required courses

SOC 1013	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 3323	Introduction to Social Research	3
SOC 3353	Sociological Theory	3

B. Electives

Select 12 semester credit hours of Sociology electives	12
Total Credit Hours	21

To declare a Minor in Sociology, obtain advice, or seek approval of substitutions for course requirements, students should consult their academic advisor.

Sociology (SOC) Courses

SOC 1013. Introduction to Sociology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours. (TCCN = SOCI 1301)

Introduces the study of human groups, the relations of individuals to groups, and the process of becoming a group member and functioning in a group setting. May be applied toward the Core Curriculum requirement in Social and Behavioral Sciences. (Formerly titled "Introduction to the Study of Society.") Generally offered: Fall, Spring, Summer. Course Fees: LRC1 \$12; LRLF \$10.

SOC 1043. Introduction to Public Health. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Introduces the discipline of public health. Covers a variety of disciplines to the basic tenets of public health. Provides a history of public health, an introduction to the five core disciplines (Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Environmental Health, Social and Behavioral Health, and Health Policy & Management). Also covers the role of public health in global society. (Same as PUB 1113. Credit cannot be earned for both SOC 1043 and PUB 1113.) Generally offered: Fall, Spring. Course Fees: LRLF \$10.

SOC 2013. Social Problems. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours. (TCCN = SOCI 1306)

Examines major contemporary social problems and their causes and consequences. Topics may include poverty, racism, sexism, deviance and crime, drug and alcohol dependence, the urban crisis, overpopulation, and war. May be applied toward the Core Curriculum requirement in Social and Behavioral Sciences. Generally offered: Fall, Spring, Summer. Course Fees: LRC1 \$12; LRLF \$10.

SOC 2023. Social Context of Drug Use. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours. (TCCN = SOCI 2340)

Explores the use and abuse of mind-altering substances within society. Topics of study may include historical treatments of drug use, drug treatment and recovery interventions, the global magnitude of contemporary drug problems, and the problematic nature and consequences of drug legislation and enforcement. May be applied toward the Core Curriculum requirement in Social and Behavioral Sciences. (Formerly titled "Drugs in Society.") Generally offered: Fall, Spring. Course Fees: LRC1 \$12; LRLF \$10.

SOC 2043. Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

In 2015, the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) added a new section to the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) that focuses on "Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior." According to the AAMC, this new section "tests your understanding of the ways psychological, social, and biological factors influence perceptions and reactions to the world; behavior and behavior change; what people think about themselves and others; the cultural and social differences that influence well-being; and the relationships between social stratification, access to resources, and well-being." This course will examine sociological perspectives and concepts to health outcomes like genetics, mental health, physical health, life style, health care and mortality risk.

SOC 2063. Special Topics in Sociology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

An organized course offering the opportunity for a specialized topic at the lower division level that is available through the regular course offerings. Special Topics may be repeated for credit when topics vary, but not more than 6 semester credit hours, regardless of discipline, will apply to a bachelor's degree.

SOC 3013. Social Stratification. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Examines theory and research pertaining to inequalities of power, prestige, and economic privilege. Major emphasis upon inequality and social mobility in the United States. Generally offered: Summer.

SOC 3043. Race and Ethnic Relations. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Examines the dominant-subordinate relations in world societies, with major emphasis on the United States. Models of assimilation, colonial and class society, and consequences for minority and majority populations may be examined. Generally offered: Fall, Spring.

SOC 3053. Deviance and Difference. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Analyzes the forms of deviance and consideration of social/political trends toward difference. An examination of theories may include: biological, analytic, labeling, functionalist, culture conflict, radical, and poststructuralist.

SOC 3063. Collective Behavior. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisite: SOC 1013, or consent of instructor. Focuses on case studies and associated theory dealing with various forms of collective behavior ranging from spontaneous events to organized mass movements.

SOC 3083. Social Change and Development. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Presents principal models and theories of social transformation applied to examples of societal change. Topics may include consideration of master trends such as rationalization, industrialization, and bureaucratization, and the expansion and contraction of global interconnectedness.

SOC 3093. Religion and Society. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Focuses on religious institutions and movements in the United States with comparative data from other countries. Topics may include the relationship of religious institutions to social stratification, economic institutions, and political and social change. Generally offered: Fall, Spring.

SOC 3113. Criminology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Examines the nature, prevalence, and impact of different types of legal violations, including street crime, organized crime, political crime, and white-collar crime. Includes treatment of social and legal responses to crime. Generally offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

SOC 3163. Families in Society. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Examines the modern family, structures and functions, variant patterns and the influence of the broader society in producing family change. Contemporary and continuing issues are covered in the context of theory and research. Topics may include variability in childhood socialization, family violence, changing gender roles, marriage, divorce and remarriage, alternative family structures, and the aging family. (Formerly SOC 2053. Credit cannot be earned for both SOC 3163 and SOC 2053.) (Formerly titled "Marriage and Family.") Generally offered: Fall.

SOC 3193. The Sociology of Work and Occupations. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisite: SOC 1013, or consent of instructor. Explores occupational structures in selected societies; the relationship between occupations and economic rewards, lifestyles, and worldview; and determinants of work satisfaction. Generally offered: Summer.

SOC 3203. Gerontology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Examines the historical and cross-cultural differences in the status of the elderly in society. Includes interaction of the elderly with social institutions, and policy implications of the demographic shift toward an aging population in the United States.

SOC 3213. Medical Sociology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Examines social factors in the cause and distribution of disease; relationships between patients and medical professionals; the contribution of lay belief to health, illness, treatment, and recovery; the organization of health-care delivery; and the disparities in the distribution of medical resources. Generally offered: Spring.

SOC 3223. Population Dynamics and Demographic Techniques. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Introduces the common methods, techniques, and models employed by demographers. Topics may include demographic data sources, introduction to life table techniques; construction, standardization, and decomposition of rates; measures of concentration and diversity; and population growth projections. Students will become familiar with microcomputer programs for demographic analysis. (Formerly titled "Demographic Techniques.") Generally offered: Spring.

SOC 3253. The Individual and Society. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Examines the major theories dealing with the effects of culture and social structure on the development and functioning of the personality and the self.

SOC 3263. Latinas in U.S. Society. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Focuses on women of Latino descent in the United States with a comparative emphasis on the experiences of Texas Latinas relative to those residing elsewhere in the Southwest. Topics may include: historical presence in the Southwest; patriarchy and familism; labor and employment issues; immigration and border issues; political involvement and feminist vision; artistic, cultural and intellectual expression. (Same as WS 3953. Credit cannot be earned for both SOC 3263 and WS 3953 when topic is the same.) Generally offered: Spring.

SOC 3283. Poverty. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Examines the causes and consequences of poverty in the United States and selected other societies. An examination of social programs designed to combat poverty. Generally offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

SOC 3293. Sociology of Gender. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Explores the nature of gender roles in our own and other societies. Consideration of how people learn gender roles and the outcomes of this learning for individuals, families, and societies. Alternatives to conventional gender roles. (Formerly titled "Gender Roles.")

SOC 3323. Introduction to Social Research. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisite: SOC 1013. Introduction to the philosophy of science and the logic of research design. Examines a variety of social research designs including experiments, survey research, content analysis, and historical analysis. Course emphasizes techniques related to information gathering, basic data analysis, and reporting findings. (Formerly titled "Research Methods in Sociology.") Generally offered: Fall, Spring.

SOC 3353. Sociological Theory. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisite: SOC 1013. Begins with an examination of the foundational writings in classical sociological theory with special emphasis on the work of Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim and Max Weber. Contemporary paradigms in sociological theory (e.g., functionalism, neo-Marxism, phenomenology, and feminism), and current debates over the state of theory are then addressed. Attention is also given to the linkages between theory and research. (Formerly SOC 3183. Credit cannot be earned for both SOC 3353 and SOC 3183.) Generally offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

SOC 3373. Qualitative Research Methods. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisite: SOC 3323. Introduces the philosophy of science and research design, including participant observation, in-depth interviews, oral history, and focus groups through field research. The course provides opportunities for developing qualitative research skills while gaining familiarity with issues and problems common to these methods. Generally offered: Fall, Spring.

SOC 3393. Quantitative Research Methods. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisites: Completion of the Core Curriculum requirement in mathematics, SOC 1013, and SOC 3323. Application of conceptualization and operationalization in the quantitative analysis of a variety of sociological subjects. Use of elementary measures of central tendency and dispersion, cross tabulations, and linear model procedures to evaluate relationships among variables; problems of descriptions and inference. Includes the use of standard computer packages and secondary analysis of data. (Formerly SOC 3313. Credit cannot be earned for both SOC 3313 and SOC 3393.) Generally offered: Fall, Spring.

SOC 3413. Sociology of the Mexican American Community. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Focuses on contemporary issues regarding Mexican American communities. Topics of discussion include family structure, gender roles, border issues and political power. Comparison with other minorities and the majority group will allow discussion of variant community patterns. (Same as MAS 3413. Credit cannot be earned for both MAS 3413 and SOC 3413.) (Formerly titled "Mexican American Family.") Generally offered: Summer.

SOC 3423. Mass Media in Society. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Examines media production and its role in the economy; the construction of media meaning, signification, and ideology; and the role of the audience in making sense of messages. Larger issues of societal power will be treated, along with an examination of alternative media.

SOC 3433. Mexican Immigration and U.S. Society. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Focuses on the growth and development of the Mexican population in the United States and controversies around Mexican immigration, both legal and undocumented. Uses a sociological perspective to present a historical analysis of Mexican migration to the United States, theoretical explanations of migrations, and the social implications of these issues.

SOC 3463. Sociology of Sport and Leisure. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Examines the social meanings of play and leisure in advanced industrial societies. Emphasis will be on the origins, structure, and function of these phenomena in the United States, with major emphasis on sport as an institution.

SOC 3503. Sociology of Education. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Explores education as an institution that affects and is affected by the larger social structure. Topics may include the role of schools in society; connections between schooling, stratification and the economy; gender and ethnic differences in achievement; and social and cultural contexts of learning. Generally offered: Summer.

SOC 3543. Data Management in Public Health. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Provides an introduction to data management for research projects in public health using microcomputers. Topics include design of data collection forms, data entry, computer managed documentation and statistical computing using SPSS/SAS. (Same as PUB 2113. Credit cannot be earned for both SOC 3543 and PUB 2113).

SOC 4023. Violence and Society. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Examines and assesses the major social science perspectives and theories that attempt to explain why violence occurs in society. (Formerly SSC 3203. Credit cannot be earned both for SOC 4023 and SSC 3203.) Generally offered: Spring.

SOC 4043. Global Health. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Covers the field of global health, particularly the serious health problems facing developing world populations. The course begins with an introduction to the global burden of disease and then examines the complex social, economic, political, environmental, and biological factors that structure the origins, consequences and possible treatments of disease. Provides an introductory survey of the basic issues and initiatives in contemporary international public health, and develops student awareness of the socioeconomic and cultural complexity of health problems in developing nations. Generally offered: Fall.

SOC 4053. Health Care System. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Covers the complexities of health care organization and finance and presents a general overview of how the U.S. health care systems work and how the major components within the system fit together. Covers basic structures and operations of the U.S. health system—from its historical origins and resources, to its individual services, cost, and quality. Compares and contrasts the U.S. health care system with other health care systems around the world. Generally offered: Fall.

SOC 4073. Social and Behavioral Theories in Public Health. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Examines the fundamental social and behavioral theories that drive research and practice in public health. The course covers a number of social and behavioral theories commonly used in public health education interventions at the individual, group, and community levels. Generally offered: Fall, Spring.

SOC 4083. Behavioral Epidemiology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisite: Restricted to upper-division Sociology and Public Health majors. Provides an introduction to the social/behavioral sciences in public health, basic behavioral measurement methods, and basic knowledge of epidemiologic application in the area of social and behavioral science. The course will stress the relationship of human behavior to disease, and ways in which the social/behavioral sciences differ from epidemiology with respect to approaches to measurement, terminology, and analytic methods. In addition, the course will examine the literature, and explore in-depth and quantify the determinants of behavior that are risk factors for several chronic and infectious disorders. (Same as PUB 3413. Credit cannot be earned for both SOC 4083 and PUB 3413.)

SOC 4213. Behavioral Profiling. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisite: SOC 1013 or PSY 1013. This course is designed to expose students to the process of criminal behavioral profiling, an investigative tool used by law enforcement, criminologists, and forensic scientists to predict the characteristics of unknown subjects through crime scene analysis. This is a unique course and is arranged around the deductive profiling method developed by a few of the more published criminal profilers in the United States. Topics include case assessment, crime scene reconstruction methods, evidence dynamics, victimology, criminal motivation, and ethics.

SOC 4433. Culture and Society. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Explores the social significance of cultural production, including the relationships between art, consciousness, the economy, and history. Themes examined may include the social production of art, art and ideology, the problem of artistic reception, and art movements and cultural resistance. Topics include art and culture in minority social movements, the relation between high and low culture, and cultural conflict over art.

SOC 4683. Health Disparities. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

The main purpose of this course is to provide students with an understanding of how racial/ethnic, social, economic, demographic and gender factors contribute to disparities in health and health care in the United States. Generally offered: Spring.

SOC 4853. Topics in Sociology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

An organized course offering the opportunity for specialized study not normally or not often available as part of the regular course offerings. Special Studies may be repeated for credit when topics vary, but not more than 6 semester credit hours, regardless of discipline, will apply to a bachelor's degree. (Formerly SOC 4953. Credit may be earned for both SOC 4853 and SOC 4953 but may not exceed 6 semester credit hours combined).

SOC 4863. Topics in Sociology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

An organized course offering the opportunity for a specialized topic not normally or not often available as part of the regular course offerings. Special Topics may be repeated for credit when topics vary, but not more than 6 semester credit hours, regardless of discipline, will apply to a bachelor's degree.

SOC 4911. Independent Study. (0-0) 1 Credit Hour.

Prerequisites: Permission in writing (form available) from the instructor, the student's advisor, the Department Chair, and the Dean of the College in which the course is offered. Independent reading, research, discussion, and/or writing under the direction of a faculty member. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 6 semester credit hours of independent study, regardless of discipline, will apply to a bachelor's degree.

SOC 4913. Independent Study. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisites: Permission in writing (form available) from the instructor, the student's advisor, the Department Chair, and the Dean of the College in which the course is offered. Independent reading, research, discussion, and/or writing under the direction of a faculty member. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 6 semester credit hours of independent study, regardless of discipline, will apply to a bachelor's degree.

SOC 4923. Public Health Study Abroad. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.

The purpose of this course is to provide students greater understanding of global health issues. The study abroad program focuses on health care and public health in different international settings and provides students with a unique opportunity to integrate direct academic learning and field experience in public health. The program involves attending class room lectures in public health and interacting with local public health officials in understanding how health care system is responding to the health needs of its population. This course will satisfy 3 hours of the Public Health Internship requirement under the Sociology degree.

SOC 4926. Public Health Study Abroad. (0-0) 6 Credit Hours.

The purpose of this course is to provide students greater understanding of global health issues. The study abroad program focuses on health care and public health in different international settings and provides students with a unique opportunity to integrate direct academic learning and field experience in public health. The program involves attending class room lectures in public health and interacting with local public health officials in understanding how health care system is responding to the health needs of its population. This course will satisfy 6 hours of the Public Health Internship requirement under the Sociology degree.

SOC 4933. Internship in Sociology. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisites: Completion of SOC 3353 and either SOC 3373 or SOC 3393, and consent of internship coordinator. Provided as part of the COLFA Signature Experience and offers supervised work experience relevant to sociology within selected organizations and agencies. Internships selected should be relevant to previous coursework. A maximum of 6 semester credit hours may be earned through this internship. Generally offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

SOC 4936. Internship in Sociology. (0-0) 6 Credit Hours.

Prerequisites: Completion of SOC 3353 and either SOC 3373 or SOC 3393, and consent of internship coordinator. Provided as part of the COLFA Signature Experience and offers supervised work experience relevant to sociology within selected organizations and agencies. Internships selected should be relevant to previous coursework. A maximum of 6 semester credit hours may be earned through this internship. Generally offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

SOC 4993. Honors Thesis. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisite: Enrollment limited to candidates for Honors in Sociology during the last two semesters. Supervised research and preparation of an honors thesis. May be repeated once with advisor's approval. Generally offered: Fall, Spring.

Public Health (PUB) Courses

PUB 1113. Introduction to Public Health. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Introduces students to the discipline of public health. It will cover a variety of disciplines to the basic tenets of public health. The course will provide a history of public health, an introduction to the five core disciplines (Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Environmental Health, Social and Behavioral Health, and Health Policy & Management). The course will also cover the role of public health in a global society. (Same as SOC 1043. Credit cannot be earned for both PUB 1113 and SOC 1043).

PUB 2113. Data Management in Public Health. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Study of the skills required to design, organize and implement a data management system in public health applications. It will cover an introduction to data preparation for statistical analysis, development of organizational tools, methods of data acquisition, data collection form design, principles of database development, quality control of data, and data security. Application of Microsoft® Access and SAS® software packages in data management will be presented. (Same as SOC 3543. Credit cannot be earned for both PUB 2113 and SOC 3543).

PUB 3413. Behavioral Epidemiology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Provides the student with basic knowledge about epidemiological applications in a behavioral area. It covers behavioral and social environmental issues related to disease etiology, premature morbidity and mortality patterns. Provides an overview of the epidemiology of specific health-related behaviors, the relationships between these behaviors and health outcomes, and available evidence for the effectiveness and appropriateness of various approaches to modification of these behaviors. (Same as SOC 4083. Credit cannot be earned for both PUB 3413 and SOC 4083).

PUB 3613. Etiology 1: Epidemiologic Methods to Investigate Outbreaks and New Epidemics. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Utilizes case discussion seminars to appraise the investigative methods and research designs for studying disease outbreaks and new epidemics. Historical and current cases will include examples of disease outbreaks (e.g., food borne illness, hospital infections), emergence of new diseases, or epidemics related to specific exposures (e.g., natural disasters). Each case will evaluate the background of the problem, the investigative methods employed, the results, and the interventions taken to resolve the problem.

PUB 4613. Etiology 2: Epidemiologic Methods to Investigate Chronic Disease, Exposure, and Risk. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Utilizes case discussion seminars to appraise the investigative methods and research designs for studying chronic disease, disease exposure, and ascertainment of risk. Cases will include current examples of chronic diseases or conditions affecting population health (e.g., cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and obesity), methods for ascertaining outcomes (e.g., death certificates), and measures of risk association (e.g., standardized mortality ratios and relative risk). Each case will evaluate the background of the problem, the investigative methods employed, the results, and the public policy and practice implications from the research.

PUB 4913. Independent Study. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisites: Permission in writing (form available) from the instructor, the student's advisor, the Department Chair, and Dean of the College in which the course is offered. Independent reading, research, discussion, and/or writing under the direction of a faculty member. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 6 semester credit hours of independent study, regardless of discipline, will apply to a bachelor's degree.

PUB 4933. Public Health Internship. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisites: Senior standing and completion of SOC 1043, SOC 4073, and SOC 3543. Provides the opportunity for work experience in a private or public health-related agency. Opportunities are developed in consultation with faculty advisor and on-site coordinator. Internship must be approved in advance by the Internship Coordinator and the student's internship faculty advisor. Supervised full-or part-time off-campus work experience and training in health care management. A minimum of 150 hours of work experience is required. Individual conferences and written reports required. May be repeated for credit but not more than 6 hours of internship will apply to a bachelor's degree.

PUB 4936. Public Health Internship. (0-0) 6 Credit Hours.

Prerequisites: Senior standing and completion of SOC 1043, SOC 3543, and SOC 4073. Provides the opportunity for work experience in a private or public health-related agency. Opportunities are developed in consultation with faculty advisor and on-site coordinator. Internship must be approved in advance by the Internship Coordinator and the student's internship faculty advisor. Supervised full-or part-time off-campus work experience and training in health care management. A minimum of 300 hours of work experience is required. Individual conferences and written reports required. Not more than 6 hours of internship will apply to a bachelor's degree.

PUB 4953. Special Studies in Public Health. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Organized course offering the opportunity for specialized study in an area of health not available as part of the regular course offerings. Special Studies may be repeated for credit when topics vary, but not more than 6 semester credit hours, regardless of discipline, will apply to a bachelor's degree.