

SOCIO-PATHS

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“WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY?”

Sociology provides a broad liberal arts base from which to explore a world of job opportunities.

- ⇒ It provides knowledge and analytical skills needed to pursue a professional degree in **law, business, education, health & medicine, social work, or counseling.**
- ⇒ It offers preparation for fields that involve investigative skills and working with diverse people, such as **journalism, politics, public relations/marketing, public administration or business.**
- ⇒ It provides the strong liberal arts preparation needed for entry-level positions in the **criminal justice system, business, social service, and government.**
- ⇒ It's a first step for future graduate work in sociology in order to become a **professor or researcher.**



Careers in Sociology, a booklet produced by the American Sociological Association, is available in the sociology office, for all sociology majors. If you have not already picked up a copy, see Dee-Dee Higgins (SSB 401) during office hours.



Spring Visitors

Kathleen Grove

SOCC152 *Social Inequality and Public Policy*
SOCC153 *Urban Sociology*

Elizabeth Jennings

SOCC135 *Medical Sociology*

Makeba Jones

SOCC126 *Social Organization of Education*

Jonathan Markovitz

SOCB162 *Popular Culture*
SOCD189 *The Civil Rights Movement: History, Context & Legacies*

Cristin McVey

SOCD187 *African Societies through Films*

PLEASE NOTE: Course descriptions for all of the spring offerings are now available in the sociology main office.



HONORS PROGRAM

Applications for next years' Honors Program (Fall 2004/Winter 2005) are due Friday, April 30, 2004.

Forms are available in the Sociology office, SSB 401. Please see Dee-Dee Higgins for more information.

Law and Society 101



Sociology Professor John Skrentny will offer *Law and Society 101* in spring, on MWF 2:00-2:50 pm. His sub topic is: ***Comparative Law and Society***. The creation of this course was motivated by the belief that you cannot truly understand a social phenomenon unless you study it comparatively—unless you know of possibilities, of roads not traveled in the USA, but well-explored elsewhere. Covering several regions of the world, especially Europe and east Asia, it is designed to give students a big picture view of law making, courts, and legal processes. Topics include legal change, litigation, crime and punishment, discrimination law, and immigration.

One L&S 101 course may be used as an elective for the sociology major. The course must be taken for a letter grade, with a grade of C– or better earned. Remember that courses between the major and minor can not overlap. Sociology majors who are interested in a Law and Society minor, should contact Barbara Sanchez. Her office is room 3238 in the Literature Building; her phone number is (858) 534-1704.

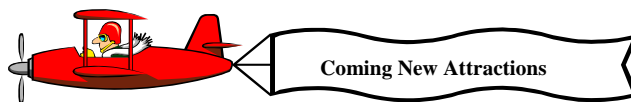
“All men by nature desire to learn.”

...Aristotle



Paper Prize Reminder!

Nominations are now being solicited from department faculty for the yearly Paper Prize. The recipient of this years award will be announced in the Fall 2004 issue of the newsletter.

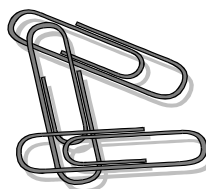


Students have been asking for a course on the Environment and we listened! Fall 2004 will bring a new course from Professor Andrew Lakoff, *Sociology of the Environment*.

SOCC149 Sociology of the Environment

The “environment” as a socially and technically shaped milieu in which competing values and interests play out. Relation of humanity to nature; conflicts between preservation and development; environmental pollution and contested illnesses.

Instructor: Andrew Lakoff



Spring course descriptions are now available in the main office. (SSB 401)

It’s a good time to plan the courses you’d like to take next year. The tentative course list for 2004-2005 is also available in the sociology main office, SSB 401. This information is updated whenever necessary with additional course offerings, cancelled courses, or instructor changes. Check back often to be sure that you have the latest revision.

Tracking Your Sociology Major

The Department of Sociology has prepared a handout sheet that will help you track your progress in the major. You may pick one up in the main office, SSB 401. It is also highly recommended that you meet with the undergraduate coordinator regularly to monitor your progress in the major.

SOCL20, a required course for the major will be offered in spring quarter. Remember this course will not be offered again until spring 2005.



Sociology Summer Courses

Are you missing a course for your sociology major? Why not plan now to take a sociology course during summer session, 2004. Course descriptions can be found in the general catalog. **The list below is a tentative list and there may be changes.** For additional summer session scheduling information, visit the summer session web site at <http://summersession.ucsd.edu> or call the Summer Session Office at 534-5258. **Enrollment for summer session opens on student link on April 12, 2004.**

Session I (June 28 - July 31)

Soc/B 145 *Violence and Society*
Instructor: Ivan Evans

Soc/B 162 *Popular Culture*
Instructor: Jonathan Markovitz

Soc/B 172 *Films and Society*
Instructor: Jonathan Markovitz

Soc/C 154 *Religious Institutions in America*
Instructor: John Evans

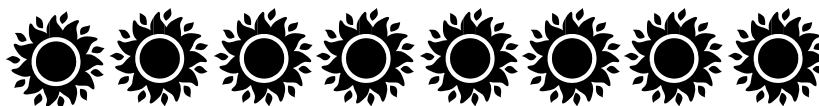
Session II (August 2 - September 4)

Soc/L 1B *The Study of Society*
Instructor: Ivan Evans
(This is a required course for sociology majors.)

Soc/A 100 *Classical Sociological Theory*
Instructor: Harvey Goldman
(This is a required course for sociology majors.)

Soc/C 153 *Urban Sociology*
Instructor: David Frisby

Soc/C 157 *Religion in Contemporary Society*
Instructor: Bennetta Jules-Rosette



GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION

Whether you are vaguely thinking about graduate school or have already decided that graduate school is your ultimate goal, you need to consider the **Graduate Record Examinations (GRE)**. Most graduate programs require their applicants to take the GRE. A great resource is the web site, www.gre.org, where you'll find reference materials, sample tests and other useful information as you begin to prepare for the test. Early preparation is the key to doing your best on these examinations.

Your score on the GRE is only one of the considerations in determining your entrance into various graduate programs. Your undergraduate transcript, your letters of recommendation, and your writing samples are also considered by graduate admission committees. Keep in mind that each program is different and may weigh these various factors differently.



RESOURCES

Plan now to attend the Spring Job Fair, which will be hosted by the Career Services Center. It will be held on Library Walk and is scheduled for April 13, 2004.

This is the last fair of the academic year. Information on career positions, part-time jobs and internships, as well as summer jobs will be available.

For changes and current information which may impact the job fair, check out the Career Services Center web page.

<http://career.ucsd.edu>



“Special Topic” Courses

A quick review of the special topics courses that you may choose in spring quarter include: SOC159 *Youth, Gangs, & Crime*, will be taught by Stephen Lincoln. SOCD189 *Chinese Society in Transition* will be taught by Richard Madsen. SOCD189 *The Civil Rights Movement: History, Context & Legacies* will be taught by Jonathan Markovitz. Please note that two of the above courses have the same course number. Please be very careful when enrolling that you enroll in the course that you will attend. If you missed the course descriptions for these special topic courses that were highlighted in the last newsletter you may pick up a copy of the course descriptions for all spring quarter courses in the front office, SSB 401.

Looking ahead to fall 2004, one special topic course is currently scheduled. Professor Lincoln will offer SOCB120S *Drugs in American Society*. At the most general level, this course provides an overview of both the objective and subjective dimensions of drugs, drug use, and drug abuse in the United States. The *objective* dimension refers more specifically to what drugs do to humans who use them, how widely and frequently they are used, and the impact they have on society. On the other hand, the subjective dimension—far more important for sociologists—refers to the public’s feelings about them, what they (or segments of the public) do, or want to do about them, and the general attitudes and beliefs about those who engage in such activities. Such issues as how drugs and their effects are defined and classified; the definitions and images of drug users and “abusers”; the complex relationships between drugs and other forms of social behavior; and finally the development of social policy to address drug use and drug “problems” in American will be explored.



Question and Answer Corner

Will the Sociology Department accept Psychology 60 for the required Sociology 60?

NO. Contrary to what you may have heard, the Sociology Department WILL NOT accept Psychology 60 for Sociology 60. SOCL 60, *The Practice of Social Research* is more than statistics and the department will not accept a statistics course in its place.

Program Changes Coming Soon!

Beginning with fall 2004, all upper division method courses will have SOCL60 as an enforced prerequisite. Because both SOCL60 and a method course are already required for the major, this change does not affect required courses, but rather the order in which they can be taken.

SOCL60 will be offered in fall 2004 and spring 2005.



Faculty News

Dr. Richard Biernacki

For spring 2005 I am offering a new methods course entitled *Holocaust Diaries* in which students try to account for the day-to-day experiences of Jews who were in hiding, in ghettos, or in death camps. The victims' translated diaries, neglected by most researchers, offer a uniquely valuable window into human conduct have all been purchased by Geisel library. Each student carries out original comparisons of the victims' heroic resistance by interpreting the significance of such characteristics as gender, age, religious orthodoxy, and personal resilience.

PLEASE NOTE: This new methods course will be numbered SOCA 106M. SOCD178 *The Holocaust* will be a prerequisite for the new methods course. If the *Holocaust Diaries* looks like a class you would like to take next spring, then plan to take *The Holocaust* in Fall 2004, if you haven't already done so.

Dr. Bud Mehan

Special Congratulations to Professor Mehan on receiving the 2003-2004 Chancellor Associates Faculty Recognition Award-Excellence in Community Service.

His current research is a study of the political, cultural, and academic dimensions of the educational reform unfolding in the San Diego City Schools.

In April he will attend the annual meeting of AERA (American Educational Research Association), which will be held in San Diego.

Dr. Andrew Scull

In November, he gave a series of lectures in Norway on the history of psychiatry.

SPECIAL STUDIES (SOCE 199)

Also referred to as an *Independent Study*, a special study course provides the opportunity for you to work individually on a topic of your choice under the guidance of a faculty member of your choice. Special study courses are highly recommended by the department and may be used to satisfy one of the seven upper-division electives for the major. Remember, special studies courses are taken P/NP, so only one may be used towards the major. If several students want to work as a team on the same project, the process is the same, but they enroll in SOCE 198, *Group Independent Study*.

Another benefit of an independent study course is that the faculty member gets to know you and your work in greater depth than in a typical classroom situation. This will allow them to write a much stronger and detailed letter of recommendation as you enter the job market or pursue graduate school. In many cases, you will develop a strong writing sample that can be used when applying to graduate school. You might even be able to fine-tune your project into an article for publication. There are also several opportunities on campus for undergraduates to present their work at research conferences. Most papers must be nominated by faculty members for participation in a research conference, but if you think that your paper fits the criteria, ask your faculty advisor to nominate your paper.

For information on how to enroll in a special study, pick up the step-by-step handout available in the main office and the 'Application for UCSD Special Studies Course Enrollment' form. A list of faculty with their areas of specialization is also available to assist in your choice of a professor with whom to work. The form must be turned into the registrar's office no later than the second week of the quarter in which the special studies is to be completed. Plan early as you, the professor, and the department coordinator each have a portion of the form to complete.

If you have additional questions regarding an Independent Study, please see Dee-Dee Higgins.

**"My definition of an educated man
is the fellow who knows
the right thing to do
at the time it has to be done."**

...Charles F. Kettering

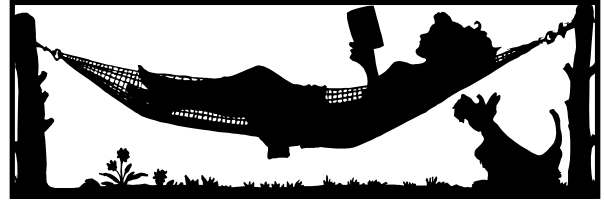


Useful Information

Always make a “back-up” copy of your sociology papers. Turn them in to your professor at the appointed day and hour or during the professor’s office hours. If those options are absolutely not possible, you may turn papers in at the main office (SSB401) where they can be date stamped and placed in your professor’s mailbox. It is highly recommended that you never slide them under a door; they may never be seen again.

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Students should print out the confirmation page on each transaction made in the Student Link system. Then check the confirmation to verify that the transaction that you intended to make is the transaction that was performed. This habit will allow you to correct a transaction made incorrectly in a timely manner. It will help avoid paperwork later, in addition to the possibility of being stuck in a situation that can not be corrected due to Academic Policy. Your confirmation copy may be the proof needed should an error occur.



Enjoy your spring break.
March 21-28



Check student link for current information on important dates and deadlines.

Upcoming Holidays

- February 16, 2004 President’s Day
- March 26, 2004 Cesar Chavez Day
- May 31, 2004 Memorial Day

Summer Session

- Session I, June 28-July 31
- Session II, August 2-September 4

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