

SOCIOLOGY NEWSLETTER

Look inside for Summer & Fall
2010 Course Offerings....



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Hello Sociology majors, minors, and potential majors! We hope this newsletter will be a useful resource for you when choosing your courses for the 2010 Summer & Fall Semesters. In this newsletter you will find: degree requirements for the major & minor, a list of department members and their contact information, as well as a detailed list of our Summer & Fall 2010 course offerings. **Be sure to schedule an appointment with your advisor so you can receive your PIN and register in a timely manner.** Appointments for Advance Registration advising for Fall will be made through the Department office by calling 780-4100. Advising appointments should be scheduled between April 5th and April 30th depending on when you may register - you can determine your registration eligibility and timeline through MaineStreet. Sign up sheets will be available before Spring Break.

Advance registration for Summer Session begins March 1st
Advance registration for Fall 2010 begins April 12th

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***Degree Requirements for a Sociology Major
(38 hours)***

Required Prerequisites for all advanced sociology courses (6 hours):

SOC 100j Introduction to Sociology
SOC 210e/w Critical Thinking About Social Issues

Required Courses (11 hours):

SOC 300 Sociological Theory
SOC 301 Qualitative Research Methods
SOC 307d Quantitative Research Methods

Required Course in Class Processes – Choose one course from the following (3 hours):

SOC 312 Inequality and Power
SOC 348 Sociology of Work
SOC 358 Sociology of Women's Work
SOC 359 Leisure and Consumption Under Global Capitalism
SOC 392 Poverty: Policy & Perspectives
SOC 393 Women, Welfare, and the State

Elective Courses – choose 18 hours from among 300-level or above Sociology courses

***Degree Requirements for a Sociology Minor
(19 hours)***

SOC 100j, Introduction to Sociology
SOC 210, Critical Thinking About Social Issues
SOC 300, Sociological Theory
SOC 301, Qualitative Research Methods

OR

SOC 307d, Quantitative Research Methods

AND

Six hours of 300-level or above Sociology elective courses.

Please see the following pages for catalog course descriptions of courses to be offered Summer & Fall 2010.

The Sociology Department is located at 120 Bedford Street on the Portland Campus. Jill Jordan-MacLean, our departmental Administrative Assistant II, is in Monday through Friday 7:30-4:00 and is always willing to assist students. She can be reached at 780-4100 or by email: jjordan@usm.maine.edu. If you have questions about the major or minor, please contact Jill or the Department Chair Ed Collom at 228-8385 or collom@usm.maine.edu.

WE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO REGISTER FOR COURSES IN A TIMELY MANNER TO ENSURE THAT COURSES ARE NOT CANCELLED FOR LACK OF ENROLLMENT!

PLEASE MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR SOON!

SUMMER 2010 COURSES

Registration for Summer begins March 1st

SOC 100j, Introduction to Sociology

The fundamental concepts, principles, and methods of sociology; analyzes the influence of social and cultural factors upon human behavior; evaluates effect of group processes, social classes, stratification, and basic institutions on contemporary society.

- Monday/Wednesday 9:00-11:45, May 17-June 2
Professor Rolf Diamon
- Monday/Wednesday 4:00-6:45, July 6-August 20
Professor Rolf Diamon

SOC 210ew, Critical Thinking About Social Issues

Designed to follow Introduction to Sociology, this course further develops students' skills of critical analysis through the application of sociological principles to current social issues. The course uses popular media as well as sociological materials. Examples of issues which may be examined are: poverty, health care, homelessness, aging, drugs, violence, bureaucracy, white collar crime, and changing gender roles. Prerequisite: completion of SOC 100j with a C or better or permission of instructor.

- Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 8:30-11:45
May 17-June 11, Professor Cheryl Laz

SOC 315, Self & Society

This course explores the social construction of self as the result of both face-to-face and societal-level social processes such as language acquisition, identity development, and the effects of culture and social structure on individual and collective conceptions of self-hood. Readings and discussions focus on the relative contributions of individual self-determination and societal constraints on self-hood. Specific topics include childhood identity development, social stigma and societal definitions of normality, social structure and self-esteem, and cross-cultural differences in the concept of self-hood. Prerequisite: completion of SOC 210e/w with a C or better or permission of instructor.

- Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 6:00-9:15 pm
May 17-June 11, Professor John Baugher

SOC 359, Leisure & Consumption under Global Capitalism

This course will use sociological concepts, paradigms, and research methods to engage students in a critical examination of leisure and consumption preferences and practices among the working, middle, and upper classes in the developed nations, especially the United States. Prerequisite: completion of SOC 210e/w with a C or better or permission of instructor.

- Tuesday/Thursday 5:15-6:30 pm
July 6-August 20, Professor Donna Bird
This will be a blended on-line/classroom course
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FALL 2010 COURSES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING REQUIRED COURSES

SOC 300: Sociological Theory will **not** be offered during Fall 2010, but **will** be offered Spring 2011. Additionally, please be aware that we **may** not be able to offer **every** required course **every** semester in the future. If you have any concerns on how this will impact your progress towards graduation please let us know.

SOC 100j, Introduction to Sociology

The fundamental concepts, principles, and methods of sociology; analyzes the influence of social and cultural factors upon human behavior; evaluates effect of group processes, social classes, stratification, and basic institutions on contemporary society.

- MW 10:15-11:30, Professor Baugher
- TTH 8:45-10:00, Professor Diamon
- TTH 11:45-1:00, Professor Diamon
- TTH 8:45-1:00, Professor Laz
- MW 11:45-1:00, Professor Wagner
- MW 1:15-2:30, TBA
- Monday 4:10-6:40, TBA
- Thursday 5:35-8:05, TBA

SOC 210e/w, Critical Thinking About Social Issues

Designed to follow Introduction to Sociology, this course further develops students' skills of critical analysis through the application of sociological principles to current social issues. The course uses popular media as well as sociological materials. Examples of issues which may be examined are: poverty, health care, homelessness, aging, drugs, violence, bureaucracy, white collar crime, and changing gender roles. Prerequisite: Successful completion of SOC 100j with a grade of C or better or permission of the instructor.

- Tuesday 4:10-6:40, Professor Deprez
- MW 8:45-10:00, Professor Diamon
- TTH 10:15-11:30, Professor Laz

SOC 301, Qualitative Research Methods

This course provides an overview of the process of social research utilizing qualitative methods. Topics include the logic and principles of the research process, as well as specific techniques in qualitative research (e.g., writing field notes, conducting interviews, analyzing qualitative data). A fieldwork/lab component allows students to apply research skills in settings outside the classroom. . Prerequisite: completion of SOC 210ew with a C or better or permission of the instructor.

- MW 7:00-8:45, Professor Baugher

SOC 307d, Quantitative Research Methods

This course provides an overview of the social scientific research process, utilizing quantitative methods. Students generate research questions and testable hypotheses and analyze a variety of secondary data sources. Specific statistical topics include: measures of central tendency, measures of dispersion, t-testing, analysis of variance, cross-tabulation, measures of association, linear regression, and multiple regression. The course includes a computer lab component. . Prerequisite: completion of SOC 210ew with a C or better and completion of mathematics proficiency or permission of the instructor.

- TTH 9:15-11:00, Professor Collom

SOC 334, Sociology of Religion

Review and critique of classical and contemporary sociological interpretations of religion, with emphasis on the changing character of religious expression in the twentieth century. Prerequisite: completion of SOC 210ew with a C or better or permission of the instructor.

- MW 11:45-1:00, Professor Diamon

SOC 343, Social Psychology

This course provides an overview of sociological theory and research in social psychology on the central topics of social perception, social communication and social interaction. The course focuses on the impact of sociological factors such as gender, race, and class on face-to-face behavior and on how face-to-face interaction contributes to the creation and maintenance of social structure. Specific topics include social psychological methods; causes and consequences of stereo-typing; gender power, and conversation; status structures in small groups; disruptive justice; and social dilemmas. Prerequisite: completion of SOC 210ew with a C or better or permission of the instructor.

- [MW 8:45-10:00, Professor Baugher](#)

SOC 348, Sociology of Work

This course surveys three strands of the literature: the nature of work under capitalism, the consequences emerging from such labor, and alternatives to capitalist relations in production. Specific topics include work in the global economy, Fordism and flexible capitalism, the division of labor, labor markets, control in the workplace, corporate dominance, jobs and the class structure, alienation, and workplace democracy. Prerequisite: completion of SOC 210ew with a C or better or permission of the instructor.

- [TTH 11:45-1:00, Professor Collom](#)

SOC 371, Sociology of Race & Ethnicity

Considers the factors that produce and maintain structured social inequality based on minority status, and the social consequences of such inequality. Includes analysis of selected minorities both in the U.S. and cross-culturally. Prerequisite: completion of SOC 210ew with a C or better or permission of the instructor.

- [MW 2:45-4:00, Professor Wagner](#)

SOC 380, Food, Culture & Society

Contaminated peanut products, obesity, rising prices, beef recalls, flooded hog farms, organic dairies. Almost every day, food is in the headlines. Even if eating weren't something most humans do several times each day, food would command our attention. Eating—the consumption of nutrients—is a necessity for living organisms, a biological imperative. But food is about much more than nutrition. This course views food production, processing, distribution, and consumption as social and cultural phenomena. The course aims to develop a sociological framework for understanding and connecting the many food stories in the headlines: GMOs, CAFOs, an obesity epidemic, agricultural subsidies, federal food regulation, sustainable agriculture. By the end of the course you should also have a better understanding of your own food choices. Prerequisite: SOC 210ew with C or better or permission of instructor.

- [Thursday 1:15-3:45, Professor Laz](#)

WST 380, Politics of Difference

Sociology majors who have completed relevant course work (for example, SOC 365, Sociology of the Body or SOC 316, Sociology of Gender) may take this course for sociology elective credit **with permission of the instructor**. Please contact Professor Wendy Chapkis (email chapkis@usm.maine.edu) if you are interested in enrolling in this class for sociology elective credit. WST 380, Politics of Difference explores the advantages and disadvantages of using gender, sexuality, race, and nationality as fundamental categories of analysis. The course will examine how these categories have functioned in the creation of a normative Self and deviant Other in the Post-9/11 United States. We will also consider contemporary feminist challenges to this understanding of difference through the work of anti-globalization and transgender activists. Prerequisites: WST 280 or permission of instructor.

- [Tuesday 1:15-3:45, Professor Chapkis](#)

Department of Sociology
Spring 2010 events

Wednesday, February 24th – noon-1:30 p.m.

Faculty Research Symposium
Professor John Baugher
Room 415 Wishcamper
Brown Bag Lunch

Wednesday, March 10th – 11:45-1:00 p.m.

“Making Sociology Work”
Panel Discussion with Sociology Graduates
Room 133 Wishcamper
Refreshments will be served

Tuesday, March 16th – noon-1:30 p.m.

Faculty Research Symposium
Professor Ed Collom
Room 415 Wishcamper
Brown Bag Lunch

Friday, April 9th – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Sociology Honor Society Alpha Kappa Delta
Beta of Maine Chapter Induction Ceremony
Special Events Room, 7th Floor Glickman Library
Refreshments will be served

Monday, April 12th – noon-1:30 p.m.

Faculty Research Symposium
Professor Cheryl Laz
Room 415 Wishcamper
Brown Bag Lunch

Tuesday, April 20th – 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Panel Discussion – “Performing the Erotic”
Victoria Randall, Amanda Clark, Emily Paine and Wendy Chapkis
Talbot Hall (Luther Bonney Auditorium)

For more information contact the Sociology Department
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