



Sex – Fashion – Crime – Art – Life in the Arctic Check Out Spring Sociology – You Won't Regret It

The following electives are open to majors and non-majors:

Soc 444 Honors Society in the Arctic

Although the Arctic has been settled for thousands of years, it remains a "frontier" area as viewed from the heartlands to its south. This course will examine a number of interconnected issues facing Arctic societies today, including challenges of sustainable development; climate, environment and social change; communities, migration and public health; local vs. distant control; modernization and traditional societies; the role of subsistence hunting and fishing; the global implications of Arctic change.

SOC 515 Introductory Criminology

What makes some people more likely than others to cheat and steal? Are criminals more influenced by what they learn in their families growing up or by the friends they hang out with as they mature? Is the United States really one of the most violent nations on the planet despite its vast wealth? Does the death penalty work to deter criminal behavior? Can criminals be successfully rehabilitated?

SOC 520 Family

Everybody comes from a family, but what do you really know about "the family?" Do opposites really attract? Are your chances of marrying and then divorcing really 50-50? Do kids spend much less time with their parents than they used to?

SOC 525 Sociology of Juvenile Crime and Delinquency

Get behind the disturbing headlines about child molesters, internet predators, school shooters and gang bangers. Are youth getting more violent? How can people commit such perverse crimes? What can we do to stop them?

SOC 540 Social Problems

Poverty and inequality, racism and sexism, war and terrorism, recessions and economic crises, urban blight and suburban sprawl, climate change and environmental degradation—these and other issues are commonly viewed as social problems. But why are some issues deemed social problems while others are not? How are these issues linked to our own lives, popular beliefs and values, and social institutions? What, if anything, should be done to address them?

SOC 570 Sexual Behavior

Which styles of love are more typical for college women versus college men? Are there universal standards of beauty? Why can't men experience multiple orgasms? What is a "pansexual?" Is the main reason there isn't a male birth control pill a matter of biology or culture? And, what is "sex," anyway? Find out everything you ever wanted to know about sexual behavior but were afraid to ask.

SOC 597 Art and Society

This course covers the intersection of modern society, creativity, and arts and culture from a sociological perspective. Students will attend UNH performances, be introduced to dance, analyze hip hop songs, study museum attendees, learn about artistic counterculture and look at current issues in arts and culture.

SOC 655 Sociology of Law and Justice

Is justice really blind? How do social factors such as race, gender, and culture determine who gets convicted of a crime or who wins a civil case? How is justice in modern America different from justice in other times and places—the Roman Empire, the European Middle Ages, colonial New England, contemporary Japan? What is the future of law and justice? (Prereq: Soc 515 or permission)

SOC 670 Sociology and Non-Fiction Film

Nonfiction (or documentary) films are increasing in number and popularity, but are documentaries accurate reflections of "reality"? What do the style and content of documentaries tell us about the cultural climate in which they are produced? How can social scientists use nonfiction film to explore sociological topics?

SOC 697 01 Women, Health, and Illness

Why are women's natural life events treated like illnesses? Why are the two most common major surgeries performed only on women? Why is health insurance for women more expensive but less inclusive? And, how will health care reform affect women? Whether you have a woman's body or just care about people who do, it is important to learn how the social environment affects women's health and illness.

SOC 697 02 Sociology of Fashion

Have you ever thought about what is in your closet? Ever wonder where your clothes come from? Do you think about why we wear what we do? We'll examine how and why hair, makeup, shoes, and clothes say so much about us and the social world.