The Sociology Department offers graduate-level course work, but no graduate degree programs.

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Courses in Sociology are offered as electives for programs in other disciplines.

All 500- and 600-level graduate courses include requirements or assignments which differentiate them from their companionate 300- and 400-level undergraduate offerings. Students who have taken a course at the 300- or 400-level may not include that course at the 500- or 600-level in a graduate program, except in the case of special topics courses when the topic is not the same as that taken at the undergraduate level.

**SOC 514 Social Class and Inequality (3 crs)**

Prerequisite: SOC 101
Consent: Department Consent Required
- Cross-listed with SOC 314. Credit may not be earned in both courses.

Examination of the extent, causes, impact, and theoretical explanations for social inequality with an emphasis on social class; includes examinations of power relations, social mobility, poverty, race, and gender.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**SOC 564 Social Gerontology (3 crs)**

Prerequisite: SOC 101
Consent: Department Consent Required
- Cross-listed with SOC 364. Credit may not be earned in both courses.

Focuses on the social aspects of aging. Examines research and theories in the field, social structural influences on the aging process, and the social experiences and relationships of older people.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**SOC 791 Current Topics in Sociology (3 crs)**

Prerequisite: SOC 101
Consent: Department Consent Required
Areas of contemporary concern to faculty which develop general social understanding and enrich the lives of professionals, graduate students, and other interested adult members of the community.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**SOC 797 Independent Study (1-3 crs)**

Consent: Department Consent Required
Individual project under the direction of a faculty member.

Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option