

Division of Social Sciences

Purpose and Goals

The Division of Social Sciences provides support courses for all undergraduate programs in addition to offering four undergraduate degrees and one graduate degree. The degree programs prepare students to pursue a variety of career options, including urban and regional planning, human services, public administration, international affairs, public policy, public health, law enforcement, and legal studies. In addition, the Division offers courses in Geography and Philosophy. Many programs in the Division support those seeking teacher certification through the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education.

Degree Programs

Program	Degree Offered
African American Studies	BA
History	BA
Political Science	BA
Sociology	BA, MA

Minors in the Division of Social Sciences

Students are strongly encouraged to add minors to broaden their knowledge base and improve their chances in the workplace. The College offers minors in the following six (6) areas:

- African-American Studies
- Social Sciences
- History
- Legal Studies
- Political Science
- Philosophy
- Sociology
- Digital Storytelling

Requirements for a Minor in African-American Studies (18 SCH)

The African-American Studies minor is an interdisciplinary course of study that provides students the opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of the African-American influence on the social, political, cultural, and intellectual development of this country. Courses may not be used to satisfy multiple academic requirements such as core curriculum requirements, or other major and minor requirements. Students should consult the African-American Studies Program Coordinator in selecting appropriate elective courses.

Required Courses

AFAM 1301	Race Class and Gender in America	3
HIST 2381	African-American History	3
AFAM 4301	Seminar in African American Studies	3

Select three (3) classes from the list below: **9**

AFAM 2302	Introduction to Research Methods and Writing in African American Studies
AFAM 4302	Internship in Public History
AFAM 4331	Special Topics in African American Studies
ARTS 2328	African American Art
CRIJ 3393	Minorities and the Criminal Justice System
DRAM 2322	African American Theatre II
ENGL 3305	Survey of African-American Literature
ENGL 3306	Studies in African-American Literature
HIST 3350	American Chattel Slavery
HIST 3375	African Diaspora
HIST 4381	African-American Hist to 1876
HIST 4382	African-Amer Hist Since 1876
HDFM 2355	Human Development: Life Span

MUSC 2333	Afro-American Music	
POSC 2321	Blacks and the American Political System	
POSC 3341	Gandhi and King	
POSC 3355	African Politics	
POSC 4324	Race, Gender and Public Policy	
SOCG 2319	Sociology of Minorities	
SOCG 2302	Black Families	
Total Hours		18

Requirements for a Minor in Social Sciences (18 SCH)

The Division offers an interdisciplinary minor in Social Sciences that provides a sound understanding of the basic concepts, assumptions, research methods, and techniques used in the various disciplines that comprise the social sciences. The History Program administers the minor and students are advised to consult with the History Program Coordinator in selecting appropriate courses that support their career objectives. Courses may not be used to satisfy multiple academic requirements such as core curriculum requirements, major, or other minor requirements. Any combination of 18 semester credit hours with no more than six hours in any one discipline will constitute an interdisciplinary social science minor. Courses from the following disciplines may be used to fulfill the minor requirements: African-American Studies (AFAM), Criminal Justice (CRJS), Economics (ECON), Geography (GEOG), History (HIST), Political Sciences (POSC), Psychology (PSYC), and Sociology (SOCG). Other disciplines related to the Social Sciences may also be considered for substitution with the approval of the History Program Coordinator and the Division Head.

Requirements for a Minor in History (18 SCH)

Required Courses

HIST 2321	World Civilizations I	3
HIST 2322	World Civilizations II	3
HIST 2300	Intro to Historical Methods	3
Three (3) History courses, 2000 level or higher		9
Total Hours		18

Requirements for a Minor in Legal Studies (18 SCH)

The Legal Studies minor is interdisciplinary and prepares students for work in the legal field (e.g., paralegal or law clerk), or post-baccalaureate education in the law. The minor requires 18 semester credit hours. Courses may not be used to satisfy multiple academic requirements such as core curriculum requirements, major, or other minor requirements.

Required Courses

POSC 2314	Legal Studies	3
PHIL 2303	Critical Thinking	3

Select four (4) courses from the following list but no more than 6 SCH from any one discipline: **12**

BLAW 2301	Legal Environment of Business
BLAW 2321	Business Law
BLAW 2324	Law of Agency
BLAW 2334	Law of Contracts
COMM 3351	Communication Law & Ethics
CONS 4363	Construction Law and Ethics
CRIJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice
CRIJ 1306	Court Systems and Practices
CRIJ 2323	Criminal Procedure
CRIJ 2366	Evidence Law
CRIJ 2374	Law of Juvenile Justice
CRIJ 3362	Criminal Law
CRIJ 4365	Constitutional Rights of the Criminally Accused
ENGL 3307	Writing for Legal Professions
HLTH 4305	Health Law and Ethics
PHIL 2306	Ethics
PHIL 3305	Philosophy of Law
POSC 3314	Election Law and Voting Rights

POSC 4311	American Constitutional Law	
POSC 4320	Judicial Politics	
PSYC 3372	Psychology and Law	
SOCG 3302	Correctional Treatment and Public Policy	
SOCG 3308	Sociology of Probation and Parole	
Total Hours		18

Requirements for a Minor in Political Science (18 SCH)

Required Courses		
POSC 2304	Introduction to Political Science	3
POSC 2341	Scope and Methods in Political Science	3
Four (4) Political Science courses, 2000 level or higher		12
Total Hours		18

Requirements for a Minor in Philosophy (18 SCH)

Required Courses		6
PHIL 2306	Ethics	
PHIL 2303	Critical Thinking	
Select four (4) courses from the following list:		12
PHIL 2307	African American Philosophy	
PHIL 2309	Ethics of Cybersecurity	
PHIL 3304	Philosophy of Science	
PHIL 3305	Philosophy of Law	
PHIL 3306	Bioethics	
PHIL 3307	Environmental Ethics	
PHIL 3308	Global Social Justice and Ethics	
Total Hours		18

Requirements for a Minor in Sociology (18 SCH)

Required Courses		
SOCG 1301	General Sociology	3
SOCG 4373	Sociological Theory	3
Four (4) Sociology courses, 2000 level or higher.		12
Total Hours		18

Requirements for a Minor in Digital Storytelling (18 SCH)

Required Courses		
HIST 2300 or HIST 3301	Intro to Historical Methods ¹ Introduction to Public History	3
HIST 3330	Introduction to Digital Storytelling	3
GEOG 2311	Introduction to Geographic Information System	3
HIST 3331	Podcasting Oral Histories	3
Select one (1) course from the list below to satisfy History elective requirement:		3
HIST 2301	Texas History	
HIST 2320	Military History	
HIST 2381	African-American History	
HIST 2383	History of HBCUs	
HIST 3301	Introduction to Public History	
HIST 3322	Women in History	
HIST 3332	Contemporary United States	
HIST 3353	Civil Rights Movement	
HIST 3361	Colonial Latin Amer & Carrib	

Select one (1) course from the list below to satisfy non-History elective requirement: 3

ENGL 2307	Introduction to Creative Writing
ENGL 2314	Advanced Composition
COMM 1336	Video Production I
COMM 2303	Digital Audio Production I
COMM 3304	Digital Audio Production II
COMM 3321	Media Management
DGMA 2317	Fundamentals of Digital Imaging
DGMA 2318	Fundamentals of Interactive Media
GNST 2301	Coding and App Development (Basics)
GNST 3302	iOS App Development

Total Hours 18¹ History majors are required to take HIST 3301.**Requirements for a Minor in Texas Gulf Sustainability (18 SCH)****Science/Environmental Knowledge ¹ 6**

Choose any two of the following:

BIOL 1308	Biology for Non-Science Major I
BIOL 1309	Biology for Non-Science Majors II
BIOL 4403	Practicum in Biology
CHEM 3351	Introduction to Green and Sustainable Chemistry Principles
PHSC 1315	Physical Science I
PHSC 1317	Physical Science II
PHSC 3308	Science of Everyday
PHSC 3322	Introduction to Atmospheric Science
PHSC 4402	Astronomy and Geology

Social, Cultural, and Political Knowledge ¹ 6

Choose any two of the following:

AFAM 1301	Race Class and Gender in America
AGRI 1330	Land Grant System and Global Food Security
AGRI 1301	Natural Resource Conservation Management
AGRI 2322	Food Distribution Systems
AGEC 3321	Agricultural Policy
AGEC 4323	Land and Resource Economics
CVEG 2304	Global Development Issues
GEOG 1302	Introduction to Human Geography
GEOG 1303	World Regional Geography
GEOG 2311	Introduction to Geographic Information System
CHEG 2316	Ethical Engineering in a Global Society
CHEG 3311	Introduction to Energy Systems
HLTH/PHLT 1306	Environmental Health
MCEG 3312	Renewable Energy and Energy Sustainability
POSC 2350	Global Issues
POSC 4324	Race, Gender and Public Policy
POSC 3342	Political Resistance and Social Change
SOCG 3303	Social Inequality
SOCG 4304	Collective Behavior and Social Change
SOCG 4314	Environmental Sociology
SOWK 3321	Human and Cultural Diversity Social Work
SOWK 3311	Social Welfare Policy and Services

Ethics, Social Responsibility, and Environmental Sustainability ¹ 3

Choose one from the following:

PHIL 2306	Ethics
PHIL 3307	Environmental Ethics
PHIL 3308	Global Social Justice and Ethics

Capstone Project ² **3**

Choose one from the following:

POSC 4321	Seminar in Political Science
SOCG 4378	Senior Seminar in Sociology
AFAM 4301	Seminar in African American Studies

Total Hours **18**

¹ A core course cannot be used to satisfy both the core requirement and the requirement of the minor.

² Students must first be enrolled in a summer internship approved by the Gulf Scholars Program Director before signing up for the Capstone project.

Honor Societies, Clubs, and Service Organizations

The *WEB Dubois Historical Society* is open to all students who have an interest in the scholarship of WEB Dubois and the preservation of the black experience. Each semester, members develop and participate in lectures that highlight current events and the impact of those events on the black community.

Membership in *Phi Alpha Theta International Honor Society*, the national History Honor Society, is open to undergraduate students who have completed 12 semester hours of history with a grade point average of a 3.10 GPA or higher in all history courses and 3.00 in two-thirds of the remainder of the course work, excluding history.

Membership in the *Political Science Club* is encouraged for all political science majors. The purpose of this organization is to promote an awareness of politics at all levels and facilitate understanding of public policymaking through field trips, seminars, lecture series, and other educational activities.

Membership in the *Rho Nu Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha*, the national Political Science Honor Society, is open to students, undergraduate and graduate, who have completed at least twelve semester hours of course work in political science at the 2000 level or higher, with an average grade of a "B" or higher. Consult the Political Science program coordinator for information on other requirements and the induction ceremony.

The *George R. Ragland Scholars* is open to all majors. Members must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and be dedicated to social services and to helping others. Interested students in all disciplines are encouraged to join.

The *Sociology Club* is open to all sociology majors and minors, and to other students interested in gaining greater awareness about human societies and cultures.

Membership in *Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) International Sociology Honor Society* is open to sociology majors of junior standing with a minimum 3.0 GPA. AKD promotes excellence in scholarship, research, and social and intellectual activities leading to the improvement of the human condition.

African American Studies Courses

AFAM 1301 Race Class and Gender in America: 3 semester hours.

This survey-based course examines the theoretical and historical impact of race, gender, and class in American society.

AFAM 2302 Introduction to Research Methods and Writing in African American Studies: 3 semester hours.

This course serves as an introduction to research methods and techniques of research writing. The course will focus on issues such as identifying research topics, evaluating academic sources and the documentation of sources.

AFAM 3301 Race, Gender, and the Body as Spectacle: 3 semester hours.

Foregrounding the impact of gender, race, (dis)ability, and other social markers on the body; this course contends with historical and contemporary body politics, and discourses on the body in media, popular culture, and medical science.

Prerequisites: (AFAM 1301).

AFAM 3302 Black Women and Reproductive Justice: 3 semester hours.

This upper-level undergraduate course delves into the critical framework of reproductive justice with a particular focus on the experiences and activism of Black women. Grounded in the principles of African American Studies, this course explores the intersections of race, gender, and reproductive rights, highlighting the unique challenges and contributions of Black women in the struggle for reproductive freedom.

AFAM 3303 Race, Place, and Inequality: 3 semester hours.

AFAM 4301 Seminar in African American Studies: 3 semester hours.

The course allows students explore some of the themes and issues in previous coursework in greater depth. Students also rely on conceptual and operational methods to research and write about the experiences of African Americans.

Prerequisites: AFAM 2302 and HIST 3301.

AFAM 4302 Internship in Public History: 3 semester hours.

This course offers students an opportunity to undertake a supervised internship with an organization or institutions dedicated to public presentation of the past. Internships can take places at historic sites, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, advocacy groups, house museums, research libraries, and archives that engage in heritage interpretation, preservation and research.

Prerequisites: AFAM 2302 and HIST 3301.

AFAM 4331 Special Topics in African American Studies: 3 semester hours.

This course will focus on specific topics, trends, new directions, and issues in African American Studies that the professor deems appropriate and/or meets students' interests. Special topics courses will broadly engage major themes such as: race, class, gender, justice, art and cultural production, and power. This course may be repeated for credit when topics vary.

AFAM 4332 Black Masculinities: 3 semester hours.

This interdisciplinary course will explore the evolution of Black masculinity in the United States from conception to present.

AFAM 4333 Interpersonal Communication in Black Relationships: 3 semester hours.

This upper-level undergraduate seminar course exploring interpersonal communication within Black communities, focusing on how historical perspectives, cultural influences, and contemporary issues shape relational dynamics. Students will analyze and apply theories and concepts specific to interpersonal communication, critically examining models for their effectiveness in representing the complexities unique to the Black community.

Prerequisites: (COMM 1318).

AFAM 4334 Advanced Topics in Public History: 3 semester hours.

This course explores advanced topics in public history and the professional practice within the field. This course provides students with an opportunity to gain expertise and experience in the applied practice of public history from museum, archival, and private foundation specialists.

Prerequisites: (HIST 3301).

Geography Courses

GEOG 1302 Introduction to Human Geography: 3 semester hours.

A survey of the cultural and physical elements of geography, their characteristics, spatial organization, and distribution as viewed in the discipline today.

GEOG 1303 World Regional Geography: 3 semester hours.

A survey of the regions and nations of the world and the geographical foundations of their physical and cultural characteristics; a practical and systematic approach to the field of geography; a survey of the world in terms of outlook and regional types.

GEOG 2311 Introduction to Geographic Information System: 3 semester hours.

An introduction to the fundamentals of Geographic Information System (GIS) and science and art of making maps. The course introduces students to the basic principles of using GIS as a tool for managing and analyzing spatial data. Cross-Listed Course: CRIJ 2311.

History Courses

HIST 1301 United States History I: 3 semester hours.

This course covers American development from the era of discovery to the close of the Civil War. This course includes modules on the following topics: the colonial era; the young republic; westward expansion; and sectionalism; Civil War, and Reconstruction.

HIST 1302 United States History II: 3 semester hours.

Surveys modern American development: the industrial nation and its problems; expansionist and muckraker; the First Crusade, Normalcy and Reaction, Depression, and the New Deal; and the Second World War and after. Lectures, special readings, discussion, supervised study, and tests.

HIST 2300 Intro to Historical Methods: 3 semester hours.

This course is designed to introduce students to the historical profession, with emphasis on research methods, historical analysis and writing, and career paths for historians.

HIST 2301 Texas History: 3 semester hours.

Survey of Texas starting from Spanish colonization to the present. Emphasis will be placed on contributions made to the state of Texas by various ethnic groups.

HIST 2320 Military History: 3 semester hours.

Military History - Past Wars, conflicts and study of war heroes.

HIST 2321 World Civilizations I: 3 semester hours.

Survey of the ancient world from the dawn of civilization in Egypt, Mesopotamia, China, India and Mesoamerica through the Middle Ages in Europe. Attention is given to political, social and economic institutions as well as art, literature and religion.

HIST 2322 World Civilizations II: 3 semester hours.

Survey of key developments in Western and non-Western civilizations from the Renaissance in Europe to the present. Special emphasis is placed on religious expansion and conflict, militarism, intellectual and political revolutions, formation of modern national-states, and colonialism and post colonialism.

HIST 2381 African-American History: 3 semester hours.

Introduction to the history of persons of African descent on the North American continent from the settlement of Jamestown to present. Integral to students' exposure to African-American History will be their exposure to basic research methods and writing techniques. Students should be prepared to examine major issues and historical events including, but not limited to: the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, the black presence in Colonial America, the development of chattel slavery, Abolitionism, Emancipation, Jim Crow, the Nadir, the Great Migration, the Harlem Renaissance, the Civil Rights Movement, and Black Power Era.

HIST 2383 History of HBCUs: 3 semester hours.

This course is an in-depth history of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), to include present and future roles, student activism, civil rights, the Black Power Movement, Black Studies, and intellectual and cultural traditions.

HIST 3301 Introduction to Public History: 3 semester hours.

An introduction to the role of historical memory in shaping our understanding of the past through examining the history of museums, archives, and historical research centers. Students will be introduced to the practices, theories and various sectors of public history, and will utilize an interdisciplinary approach in documenting, preserving and curating history.

HIST 3315 Ancient Egypt & the Near East: 3 semester hours.

An advanced survey of the civilizations of ancient Egypt and the Near East(Middle East). Students will read primary sources in translation and analyze the developments and interactions of ancient Assyrian, Babylonian, Egyptian, Hebrew, Hittite, Persian, and Sumerian civilizations.

HIST 3316 Ancient Greece: 3 semester hours.

An advanced survey of ancient Greece, tracing the developments of the cultural, political, intellectual, and artistic achievements of Greek civilization from the Bronze Age through the conquest of Macedonia. Students will read primary sources in translation and analyze important Greek personalities and events, as well as methods and problems of historical interpretation.

HIST 3317 Ancient Rome: 3 semester hours.

An advanced survey of ancient Rome, tracing the developments of the cultural, political, intellectual, and artistic achievements of Roman civilization from the foundation of the City, through Kingdom, Republic, and Empire, to the fifth century A.D. Students will read primary sources in translation and analyze important Roman personalities and events as well as methods and problems of of historical interpretation.

HIST 3318 Medieval Europe: 3 semester hours.

An advanced survey of political, social, economic, and cultural developments of European civilizations from the end of the Roman Empire to the dawn of the fifteenth-century Renaissance. Students will read primary courses in translation and analyze medieval personalities and events, as well as methods and problems of historical interpretation.

HIST 3322 Women in History: 3 semester hours.

A survey of selected issues related to the historical status of women in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas, with emphasis on African-American women in the United States since slavery.

HIST 3330 Introduction to Digital Storytelling: 3 semester hours.

An introduction to the fundamental aspects of narrative in digital environments as well as digital humanities. Students will learn to identify common elements of digital stories and analyze how scholars use digital tools and platforms to develop narratives. Students will also receive hands-on introduction to a range of digital storytelling tools.

Prerequisites: HIST 1301 or HIST 1313 or HIST 1302 or HIST 1323.

HIST 3331 Podcasting Oral Histories: 3 semester hours.

An exploration of the intersection between digital storytelling and oral tradition. Students will curate and contextualize historical narratives using digital audio. Through practical skills development and discussions, they will learn the responsible practice of conducting interviews and producing podcasts. By giving students the tools and knowledge to breathe life into oral histories, this course empowers them to share the diverse voices and stories that shape our collective past with a global audience.

Prerequisites: HIST 1301 or HIST 1302 or HIST 1323 or HIST 1313.

HIST 3332 Contemporary United States: 3 semester hours.

Analysis of the emergence of the United States as a modern nation and examination of the changing United States' social, political, economic, cultural and diplomatic scene with emphasis on the progressive trends, 1900 - Present.

HIST 3350 American Chattel Slavery: 3 semester hours.

This course examines the development of slavery in the making of American society, and particularly the American South, from the early colonial period through Reconstruction. Attention will be given to the following topics: the Atlantic origins of slavery; the emergence of colonial plantation societies; the development of a distinct slave society within the plantation; and the causes and consequences of secession (Civil War and Reconstruction). Finally, we will consider Southern life in the aftermath of emancipation and the establishment of Jim Crow racial segregation in the revival of antebellum racial ideologies.

HIST 3351 Global Black Power: 3 semester hours.

This course examines the history of the Black Power Movement in the 20th century, with special emphasis on the international and transnational exchanges of ideas and strategies to overthrow white supremacy. Students will explore not just the Movement within the United States, but also within African liberation movements, Caribbean revolts, anti-caste agitation in India, and indigenous protests in New Zealand and Australia.

Prerequisites: (HIST 1301 or HIST 1313 and (HIST 1302 or HIST 1323)) or HIST 2301 or HIST 1333 and (HIST 2300 or HIST 2003).

HIST 3353 Civil Rights Movement: 3 semester hours.

This course focuses on America's Second Reconstruction, The Civil Rights Movement that ran throughout the entirety of the twentieth century. Students will engage materials that highlight the impact that the Civil Rights Movement had on the citizenship status of African-Americans. Major historical events and individuals covered include, but are not limited to: The Great Migration, the founding of the NAACP, Charles Hamilton Houston, ASA Philip Randolph, the March on Washington Movement, the Civil Rights Movement, Charles Hamilton Houston, Thurgood Marshall, Bayard Rustin, Martin Luther King, Jr., Linda Brown, Malcolm X, the Murder of Emmett Louis Till, Jackie Robinson, The Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, The Rise of Black Power, Affirmative Action, the rise of the Prison Industrial Complex, and the election of Barack Hussein Obama.

HIST 3360 Atlantic World: 3 semester hours.

This course analyzes the exploration/colonization of the Atlantic Basin, the genesis of slave societies in the Western Hemisphere, and the social, political, and economic legacies of colonial regimes in the Americas and along the western coast of Africa from 1400 to 1900. This course utilizes power, gender, race, and class as categories of analysis to bring light to understanding this region.

HIST 3361 Colonial Latin Amer & Carrib: 3 semester hours.

An advanced survey of Latin American and Caribbean histories and cultures. Special emphasis on colonization, slavery, and emancipation and independence movements particularly in connection to contemporary social, economic, and political issues impacting the region. Utilizing an interdisciplinary approach, the art, music, geography and literature of the regions will also be explored.

HIST 3370 Pre-Colonial Africa: 3 semester hours.

Study of African history before the arrival of the Europeans that examines the growth and evolution of political, social, and economic institutions of various African countries. Special attention will be given to the western portion of Africa (Ghana, Mali, and Songhay) and areas south of the Sahara.

HIST 3371 Post-Colonial African History: 3 semester hours.

Survey of African History since the end of the Second World War (1945); events and issues leading up to independence; efforts at nation-building; problems of political instability and economic development.

HIST 3375 African Diaspora: 3 semester hours.

Introduction to the people of African descent. Students will explore origins on the continent of Africa, the places blacks were dispersed to as a result of the slave trade, emancipation movements across the globe, and the movements for black equality around the world. The course also examines the musical, artistic, literary, and cultural contributions of people of African descent.

HIST 3399 Independent Study: 1-3 semester hour.

Readings, research, and/or field work on selected topics.

HIST 4195 TExES Prep-Hist/Soc Studies: 1 semester hour.

This course is designed to help students prepare to take the Texas Examination of Educator Standards(TExES) in History/Social Studies. This course is typically taken the semester before Student Teaching, or during the senior year for those who are doing alternative certification.

HIST 4305 Early Christianity: 3 semester hours.

An exploration of early Christianity from its emergence within Second-Temple Judaism to its spread and influence within the Roman world to the fourth century AD. Students will read primary sources in translation and analyze the development of the Church as an institution and community, issues of Christian doctrine and discipline, as well as methods and problems of historical interpretation.

HIST 4334 Advanced Topics in Public History: 3 semester hours.

This course explores advanced topics in public history and the professional practice within the field. This course provides students with an opportunity to gain expertise and experience in the applied practice of public history from museum, archival, and private foundation specialists.

Prerequisites: HIST 3301 or HIST 3013.

HIST 4344 Special Topics: 3 semester hours.

This course will focus on specific historical topics that the professor deems appropriate and student's desire. May be repeated for credit when topics vary.

HIST 4381 African-American Hist to 1876: 3 semester hours.

Intensive readings in a broad range of texts that form the foundation of the African-American historical experience. Students will deal with readings that cover an expansive time frame ranging from the colonization of Africa through the ending of the American Reconstruction. This course will provide students an opportunity to read seminal texts by scholars who have written about the African-American experience. Major issues and historical figures covered: the colonization of Africa, the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, American chattel slavery, Black Abolitionism, Frederick Douglass, Nat Turner, Linda Brent, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, the Underground Railroad, Emancipation, and the Reconstruction era.

HIST 4382 African-Amer Hist Since 1876: 3 semester hours.

Intensive readings in a broad range of texts that form the foundation of the African-American historical experience during the modern period. Students will deal with readings covering a period that extends from the Nadir through contemporary America. This course will provide students an opportunity to read seminal texts by scholars who have written about the post-slavery African-American experience. Major issues and historical figures covered include, but are not limited to: the Nadir, Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois, The Great Migration, The Harlem Renaissance, the March on Washington Movement, the Civil Rights Movement, the Murder of Emmett Louis Till, Malcolm X, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, the decline of Urban America, the rise of the Prison Industrial Complex, and the election of Barack Hussein Obama.

HIST 4383 Malcolm X and the Nation of Islam: 3 semester hours.

An advanced survey of the historical events of the life, assignment, and impact of Malcolm X (Omwale) both within The Nation (NOI) and in the nation (USA). This will include his upbringing, family, the rise of Garveyism and the UNIA, the influence of Elijah Muhammad and the growth of the NOI (Nation of Islam), Civil Rights and Black Power Movements.

HIST 4390 Senior Seminar: 3 semester hours.

Advanced training in historical methods and historiography designed to measure student's understanding and mastery of the discipline.

HIST 4394 History and Social Studies Methods: 3 semester hours.

This course focuses on 1) the mastery of historical facts related to US, world, and Texas histories, 2) understanding the various teaching methods used in the social studies classroom, and 3) the development of lesson plans for the EC – 6, and 4-8 Social Studies classrooms. The student will also be introduced to the social studies standards of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for licensure in Texas public schools.

Prerequisites: (HIST 1301 or HIST 1313 and (HIST 1302 or HIST 1323)) or HIST 2301 or HIST 1333 or POSC 2305 or POSC 1113 or POSC 2306 or POSC 1123.

HIST 4399 Independent Study: 3 semester hours.

Readings, research, and/or field work on selected topics.

Philosophy Courses

PHIL 2303 Critical Thinking: 3 semester hours.

Course is designed to develop students' ability to recognize and evaluate arguments. Focus will include: The most frequently encountered fallacies and errors in reasoning; the use/abuse of statistics; and principles of logic applied to daily life.

Prerequisites: ENGL 1123 or ENGL 1301.

PHIL 2306 Ethics: 3 semester hours.

Combines the philosophical study of normative ethics with the study of contemporary applied ethics through examination of a number of tendencies and schools of ethics from various cultures, societies and historical periods. The aim of the course is to enhance the student's awareness and sensitivity to the perplexity of morality and the moral life.

Prerequisites: ENGL 1123 or ENGL 1301.

PHIL 2307 African American Philosophy: 3 semester hours.

This course is a survey of the philosophical writings of some of the most important African American thinkers from the nineteenth to twenty-first century. Its aim is to gain familiarity with the works of influential African American philosophers while also learning to engage critically and responsibly with philosophical texts.

Prerequisites: ENGL 1123 or ENGL 1301.

PHIL 2309 Ethics of Cybersecurity: 3 semester hours.

This course provides a comprehensive examination of ethics as applied to the field of cybersecurity. Students will learn ethical frameworks and principles that they will apply to diverse issues within and related to cybersecurity. Specific topics to which ethical tools will be applied include but are not limited to value conflicts in cybersecurity systems, especially between system administrators and users; privacy, censorship, and filtering; intellectual property rights and digital rights management; special issues concerning the Internet of Things (IoT); accessibility and social justice. Special emphasis will be placed on issues of social justice pertaining to race, gender, ability, and socio-economic variables.

PHIL 3304 Philosophy of Science: 3 semester hours.

This course will introduce and explore conceptual, methodological, and epistemological issues about science: concept formation, explanation, prediction, confirmation, and theory construction; the status of unobservable; metaphysical presuppositions and implications of science; semantics of scientific language; illustrations from special sciences.

Prerequisites: ENGL 1123 or ENGL 1301 and (PHIL 2303).

PHIL 3305 Philosophy of Law: 3 semester hours.

Examination of the main fields of law, including criminal law, torts, constitutional law, contracts, property law, jurisprudence and international law. The focus will be on the underlying philosophical, moral and jurisprudential rationales for these; and classic texts and landmark cases will be read, to illuminate these fields. Students will also acquire legal reasoning and critical thinking skills, to help them distinguish stronger from weaker legal arguments and rulings.

Prerequisites: ENGL 1123 or ENGL 1301 and (PHIL 2303 or PHIL 2306).

PHIL 3306 Bioethics: 3 semester hours.

Provides grounding in basic theories, principles, and historical cases concerning bioethics.

Prerequisites: ENGL 1123 or ENGL 1301 and (PHIL 2303 or PHIL 2306).

PHIL 3307 Environmental Ethics: 3 semester hours.

This course is an interdisciplinary examination and assessment of the leading global thesis on environmental ethics, climate change, and sustainability. The aim of the course is to gain familiarity with contemporary global environmental issues while also learning to engage critically and responsibly with arguments concerning ethical action and environmental policy.

Prerequisites: PHIL 2303 or PHIL 2306.

PHIL 3308 Global Social Justice and Ethics: 3 semester hours.

This course is an interdisciplinary examination and assessment of the leading global theories on human rights, social justice, and ethics. The aim of the course is to gain familiarity with contemporary global challenges while also learning to engage critically and responsibly with arguments concerning ethical action and policy to address them.

Prerequisites: PHIL 2023 or PHIL 2306.

Political Science Courses

POSC 2304 Introduction to Political Science: 3 semester hours.

This is an introductory course in the study of politics, the various sub-fields in the discipline, and the variety of approaches used in the study of Political Science.

Prerequisites: POSC 2305 or POSC 1113 and (POSC 2306 or POSC 1123).

POSC 2305 American Government: 3 semester hours.

Surveys the origin and development of the U.S. Constitution; the structure and powers of the national government including the legislative, executive, and judicial branches; federalism; areas of political participation; the national election process; public policy ; civil liberties and civil rights.

POSC 2306 Texas Government: 3 semester hours.

Surveys the origin and development of the Texas Constitution; the structure and powers of Texas Government, including the legislative, executive, and judicial branches; local government; areas of political participation and public policy in Texas.

POSC 2311 Political Parties and Elections: 3 semester hours.

This course is designed to study the nature, functions, evolution, and organization of the American political parties and elections.

POSC 2312 Public Administration: 3 semester hours.

This course provides an examination of the organization, responsibility, personnel management, fiscal processes, functions, and problems of public administration.

POSC 2314 Legal Studies: 3 semester hours.

This course is designed to be an extensive examination of the structure, functions, and processes of this nation's legal system. By the end of the course, students will have training in a wide variety of topics involving the law and have the skills necessary to succeed on the LSAT or in law school.

POSC 2321 Blacks and the American Political System: 3 semester hours.

This course offers a critical analysis of the position of blacks in the American politico-economic system, both historically and contemporarily.

POSC 2341 Scope and Methods in Political Science: 3 semester hours.

This course introduces majors to the various methods and approaches used in the field of Political Science.

POSC 2342 Data Analysis in Political Science: 3 semester hours.

The course covers the use of software applications and statistical procedures used to analyze data in the study of political science.

Prerequisites: POSC 2304 or POSC 2133.

POSC 2350 Global Issues: 3 semester hours.

Critical evaluation of selected current issues and problems in world politics facing the global community, such as war, terrorism,, the environment , hunger, energy, population, migration, human rights , and trade.

POSC 2353 Latin American and Caribbean Politics: 3 semester hours.

Designed to provide a comprehensive introduction to Latin American and Caribbean politics from a multi-disciplinary perspective. Examines the various dimensions of Latin American and Caribbean politics, including political and governmental structures, political and economic development and social stratification patterns. Analyzes the implications of globalization on Latin American and Caribbean political and socio-economic systems.

POSC 2354 State and Local Government: 3 semester hours.

Analysis of state and local governments in the federal system; encompasses an examination of the state and local politics in the United States with an emphasis on politics and public policy.

POSC 3312 Political Theory: 3 semester hours.

Explores the history of political theory across time and place and provides a vehicle for understanding political concepts such as justice, power, liberty, and equality from a wide range of thinkers.

POSC 3314 Election Law and Voting Rights: 3 semester hours.

A thorough examination of election laws at the federal, state, and local levels and how they guide the conduct of elections by officials and voters alike.

POSC 3321 Public Policy Analysis: 3 semester hours.

The course explores the processes involved in the formulation and implementation of authoritative decisions, with emphasis on alternative models of policy analysis and selected issues pertaining to the federal government and bureaucracy.

POSC 3331 Political Studies Thru Film: 3 semester hours.

This course critically analyzes films that portray concepts and issues that are fundamental to the study of political science, including freedom and equality, power imbalances, revolution and war, and political structures and processes.

Prerequisites: POSC 2305 or POSC 1113 and (POSC 2306 or POSC 1123).

POSC 3341 Gandhi and King: 3 semester hours.

Historical examination of Gandhian and Kingian nonviolent political resistance in the context of the Indian independence movement and the American civil rights movement.

Prerequisites: POSC 2305 or POSC 1113 and (HIST 1302 or HIST 1323).

POSC 3342 Political Resistance and Social Change: 3 semester hours.

Examines instances in which ordinary citizens forge ways to address the political system when "normal" channels are unavailable to them. Investigates social movements and how ordinarily quiescent masses attempt to impact the political process.

POSC 3351 Comparative Politics: 3 semester hours.

Examines contemporary states in the context of current trends, including modernization, democracy, the environment, human rights, terrorism, security and globalization. Compares countries' governing institutions in case study format.

POSC 3353 U.S. Foreign Policy: 3 semester hours.

This is a study of the American foreign policy, including the objectives, capabilities and formulation process.

POSC 3354 International Politics: 3 semester hours.

The basic problems of international politics, focusing on the power competition among states and other transnational institutions, are the major focus of this course.

POSC 3355 African Politics: 3 semester hours.

Explores the political history and development of African states.

POSC 3359 Middle East Politics: 3 semester hours.

This course makes a comprehensive study of the major issues and dilemmas in contemporary Middle Eastern politics, including the clash of religions and nationalisms, security and stability in the Persian Gulf, the Arab-Israeli conflict, efforts at democratization, and the role of women.

POSC 3399 Independent Study: 1-3 semester hour.

Readings, research, and/or field-work on selected topics. Prerequisite: consent of advisor.

POSC 4310 Urban Government and Politics: 3 semester hours.

This course examines the structure and functions of urban government. Considerable attention is given to the politics and current problems of metropolitan areas.

POSC 4311 American Constitutional Law: 3 semester hours.

The principles of the American constitutional system, judicial interpretation and application of these principles, relative to the powers of government and the rights of individuals, are examined in depth.

Prerequisites: POSC 2305 or POSC 1113 and (POSC 2306 or POSC 1123).

POSC 4313 The Presidency: 3 semester hours.

This course traces the evolution of the office of the President of the United States while examining presidential powers in the areas of politics, administration, legislation, war, and foreign affairs.

POSC 4314 The Legislative Process: 3 semester hours.

Provides a detailed study of the nature and extent of the legislative process, with special attention to the organization, procedure, and dynamics of policy-making by American legislatures.

POSC 4319 Special Topics in Political Science: 3 semester hours.

This course will focus on specific topics in political science which the professor deems appropriate and students desire. This course is repeatable for up to 9 semester credit hours when topics vary.

POSC 4320 Judicial Politics: 3 semester hours.

This course makes an extensive analysis of the structure, functions and processes of the U.S. judicial and legal systems on both the federal and the state levels.

POSC 4321 Seminar in Political Science: 3 semester hours.

This course is devoted to intensive reading, writing, research, and discussion focusing on selected topics.

POSC 4324 Race, Gender and Public Policy: 3 semester hours.

Examines how racial and gender groups, broadly defined, both influence and are influenced by, American public policy.

Prerequisites: POSC 2305 or POSC 1113.

POSC 4399 Independent Study: 3 semester hours.

Readings, research, and/or field-work on selected topics. Prerequisite: consent of advisor.

POSC 4615 Internship in Political Science: 1-6 semester hour.

The student will participate in the ongoing work of a government agency, at the local, state, national or international level or a related nongovernment organization that engages in domestic or international political affairs. Administered by the Political Science Program Coordinator in conjunction with on-site intern supervisor.

Sociology Courses

SOCG 1301 General Sociology: 3 semester hours.

Introduction to the discipline. Focus on why and how sociologists study social and cultural phenomena such as inequality, race and ethnicity, gender, populations, family, political behavior, deviance, and social change.

SOCG 1306 Social Problems: 3 semester hours.

Application of sociological principles to major social issues and problems in contemporary and global society with particular emphasis on the United States.

SOCG 2301 Sociology of Marriage and Family: 3 semester hours.

Study of families as social institutions. Focus on social facts and theories of the size, composition, and life cycle of families, family violence, family diversity, family change, and myths about the family.

SOCG 2302 Black Families: 3 semester hours.

Students will be introduced to the diverse institutional, cultural, and historical issues relating to the past and present life circumstances of Black American families. Some comparisons will be made with families in Africa and the Diaspora.

SOCG 2306 Gender and Sexuality: 3 semester hours.

An exploration of how socializing agents such as the family, media, sports, school, work and religion aid in the development of gender roles, gender identity and gender inequality.

SOCG 2319 Sociology of Minorities: 3 semester hours.

Sociological study of traditional minorities (race, ethnicity, and religion) and new minorities (gender, sexual orientation and disability).

SOCG 2326 Social Psychology: 3 semester hours.

Uses major social psychological perspectives to analyze human behavior and the importance of others in determining self-perception, attitudes, motivation, conformity, communication, altruism, and aggression.

SOCG 3300 Social Statistics: 3 semester hours.

Presentation of sociological data and introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics for social science majors. Includes computer applications. Prerequisites: MATH 1314 or MATH 1332 or MATH 1113 or MATH 1103.

SOCG 3301 Urban and Rural Sociology: 3 semester hours.

Study of human settlement patterns, including the origin and development of cities, types of cities, urban political economy, spatial distribution of lifestyles, urban problems and recent trends in urbanization. Examines globalization and the rise of mega-cities and homelessness.

SOCG 3303 Social Inequality: 3 semester hours.

A consideration of the research findings describing the American class structure. Special attention is given to the various strata, the determinants of membership in these strata, lifestyles and life changes associated with social position and with changes in position.

SOCG 3305 Addiction and Substance Abuse: 3 semester hours.

This course examines the biological, psychological and social forces as causal factors of addiction and examines various types of addictive behavior such as: drugs, alcohol, food, love/sex, gambling and technology.

SOCG 3306 Sociology of Drug Use and Abuse: 3 semester hours.

Historical and contemporary analysis of patterns of use and abuse of legal and non-legal drugs in the U.S. and other parts of the world. Social-psychological impact of abuse, dependence, and addiction. Evaluation of consequences and treatment.

SOCG 3307 Conformity, Deviance, and Identity: 3 semester hours.

Analyzes social conformity, societal sanctions, and social control in relationship to the Sociological study of deviance, and identity. Applies theoretical explanations of deviance and identity to explore the intersection of social control, race/ethnicity, social class, and gender.

SOCG 3310 Sociological Research Methods: 3 semester hours.

Introduction to methods of sociological research including experiments, survey research, secondary analysis, and observation.

SOCG 3315 African American Urban Life: 3 semester hours.

This course examines African Americans as agents in shaping the urban experience in the United States. Examples will be drawn from communities such as Harlem, NY, the Central Avenue districts of Los Angeles, Chicago's south Side and the Auburn Avenue districts of Atlanta, as well as others. Prerequisites: SOCG 1013 or SOCG 1301.

SOCG 3320 Sociological Theory: 3 semester hours.

Critical survey of major sociological theories from classical to contemporary schools of thought.

SOCG 3322 Political Sociology: 3 semester hours.

Comparative analysis of political development and political participation including voting behavior, public opinion, political parties and elites; political power and resource distribution in groups, organizations, institutions, communities, and societies.

SOCG 4301 Religions in the African Diaspora: 3 semester hours.

Examines the historical progression of traditional African spirituality and cultures across various regions beyond Africa; and historical trends that have shaped the repression of African Diasporic religious life within its social context. Topics within the course will include the following: religious syncretism, black theology, black secularism, freedom movements, repatriation and the role of religious institutions in containing civil society.

SOCG 4302 Special Topics in Sociology: 3 semester hours.

Intensive study of specialized topics in sociology and contemporary social issues. May be repeated for credit when topics vary.

SOCG 4303 Introduction to Black Sociology: 3 semester hours.

A survey of theoretical paradigms and social structures and their impact on primarily black people with generalization to broader human behavior.

SOCG 4304 Collective Behavior and Social Change: 3 semester hours.

Examines the spontaneous behavior of impermanent, unstructured collections of people, including crowds, disaster, revolutions and social movements.

SOCG 4307 Global Sociology: 3 semester hours.

Study of the interaction of culture, technology and environment in the evolution of social life from hunting and gathering bands to global society. Explores recent theories of global society in the post-cold war world.

SOCG 4309 Race Relations: 3 semester hours.

Wide range explorations of the dynamics of inter-group relations including historical and sociological factors in race and ethnic relations. An examination of politico-economic and societal development processes that serve to maintain social positions in contemporary society.

SOCG 4310 Sociology of Entrepreneurship: 3 semester hours.

This course takes a sociological approach to explore entrepreneurship and organizations at various from levels of analysis. This course examines concepts of organizational structure, capital including human, cultural, and financial; the navigation of legitimacy, uncertainty and risk; as well as the role of race, class, gender, discrimination, and racism within organizations.

SOCG 4314 Environmental Sociology: 3 semester hours.

Examines the relationship between humans and the natural world from a historical and cultural perspective exploring the issues of human progress and development, cross-cultural comparisons, the relationship between humans, animals, the land and raw materials, and current environmental problems and potential solutions.

SOCG 4315 Clinical and Applied Sociology: 3 semester hours.

Applies sociology concepts, theory, and methods to analyze and engage challenges facing business, government, non-governmental organizations, and groups. Students will apply a sociological approach to research, identify social problems, and propose solutions in hands-on projects to local community organizations and business to propose solutions.

Prerequisites: SOCG 3310.

SOCG 4376 Sociology Internship: 3 semester hours.

Placement in governmental agency, nonprofit organization or business for supervised experience in applied sociology. May require health examination or security clearance.

SOCG 4378 Senior Seminar in Sociology: 3 semester hours.

Final integration of the major works of theory and research in sociology including subfields. Comprehensive exam and major paper required. Restricted to majors and must be taken the semester prior to graduation.

SOCG 4399 Independent Study: 3 semester hours.

Readings, research, and/or field work on selected topics.

SOCG 5312 Social Statistics: 3 semester hours.

This course is designed to enhance students' statistical knowledge of measurement of central tendency, z-test, t-tests, and analysis of variance, correlation techniques and regression analysis.

SOCG 5321 Classical Sociological Theory: 3 semester hours.

Major sociological contributions of the classical theorists including but not limited to Thomas Hobbes, Auguste Comte, Alexis de Tocqueville, Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, Max Weber, Harriet Martineau, W.E.B. DuBois, and Jane Addams, providing the foundation for contemporary theory.

SOCG 5322 Research Methods: 3 semester hours.

Advanced instruction in sociological research requiring a detailed treatment of qualitative and quantitative techniques of data collection and analysis. Written paper based on original research required.

SOCG 5324 Urban Sociology: 3 semester hours.

Examines the social structure of cities and the adjustment people make to urban conditions. Urban neighborhoods, population groupings, social processes, trends and problems are treated in the light of historical, ecological and social factors. A review of selected problems including urban tensions and the persistence of local ties such as family and ethnicity are explored.

SOCG 5326 Sociology of Education: 3 semester hours.

Exploration of knowledge in society and its relationship to the social structure and individual consciousness; how the social attributes of groups as well as individuals affect the production, ordering, and presentation of information as well as the form knowledge takes in a particular society.

SOCG 5328 Aspects Of Poverty: 3 semester hours.

Presentation of several theoretical perspectives on poverty in American society. Past, current, and proposed solutions of poverty are discussed.

SOCG 5333 Crime and Society: 3 semester hours.

A survey of the historical and contemporary explanations of phenomena of crime and criminal behavior from the perspective of contemporary theories and the analysis of evidence supportive of various theoretical positions. Crime measurement and crime statistics are also discussed, as are the techniques for crime analysis.

SOCG 5335 Seminar in Race Relations: 3 semester hours.

Wide range exploration of the dynamics of inter-group relations including historical and sociological factors in race and ethnic relations. An examination of politico-economic and societal development processes that serve to maintain social positions in contemporary society.

SOCG 5341 Contemporary Sociological Theory: 3 semester hours.

Basic ideas of contemporary sociological theory: structuralism, functionalism, conflict, symbolic interaction, exchange; includes but not limited to the works of Parsons, Merton, Mead, Cooley, Goffman, Coser, Dahrendorf, Marcuse and Habermas and their application to current research.

Prerequisites: SOCG 5321 or SOCG 5213.

SOCG 5342 Social Inequality: 3 semester hours.

Analysis of the nature of social stratification and its relation to other aspects of society: distribution of influence and wealth occupational structural, family relations, religious and educational institutions, minority problems, and cultural patterns. Comparison between open class, caste and other arrangements. Sources of mobility and change in stratification systems. Also addresses the impact of different forms of ranking and the consequent inequalities that arise.

SOCG 5344 Social Movements: 3 semester hours.

Examination of theories and research on social movement and social change; historical and contemporary social movements in the United States and elsewhere; collective violence and protest; terrorism and social and political revolutions.

SOCG 5345 Complex Organizations: 3 semester hours.

Introduces students to the critical examination of modern organizations, the nature of bureaucracy and its effect on personality, social relations, group dynamics and social change. Examines bureaucratic arrangements and processes in a variety of organizational context such as corporations, universities, unions, professionals associations, government bureaus and religious institutions. The role of power in bureaucratic settings and exchanges is explored.

SOCG 5346 Special Topics: 3 semester hours.

Seminar on specialized topics in sociology. Subject matter may vary by semester. May be repeated for credit when topics vary.

SOCG 5352 Black Family: 3 semester hours.

This course is designed to explore the Black family from a number of different perspectives. We will research and discuss how institutions affect family structure, relationships, socioeconomic conditions, health and other factors. Different theoretical frameworks will be used to explain the historical and contemporary status and experiences of Black families in the United States.

SOCG 5355 Sociology of Gender and Sex Roles: 3 semester hours.

Analyzes the social significance of gender through the exploration of the theoretical nature of women's oppression and inequalities between women and men. A cross-cultural analysis of the development of gender roles and an examination of contemporary gender inequality in terms of gendered work patterns, labor force participation, and occupational mobility as well as alternatives to conventional division of labor by sex in society.

SOCG 5361 Thesis: 3 semester hours.

A candidate for the Master of Sociology is required to prepare a thesis under the direction of a faculty thesis committee. The thesis must be orally defended and approved by all members of the faculty thesis committee before the degree is conferred. The student must register for thesis each semester until satisfactorily completed.

SOCG 5362 Thesis: 3 semester hours.

A candidate for the Master of Sociology is required to prepare a thesis under the direction of a faculty thesis committee. The thesis must be orally defended and approved by all members of the faculty thesis committee before the degree is conferred. The student must register for thesis each semester until satisfactorily completed.

Prerequisites: SOCG 5321 or SOCG 5213.

SOCG 5372 Black Sociology: 3 semester hours.

Examines the contributions of black sociological theorists, public intellectuals, and methodologists including but not limited to selected topics such as Black Marxism, the Atlanta Laboratory School, Postcolonial Studies, Black Feminism, and Critical Race Theory providing the foundation for contemporary theory.

SOCG 5382 Graduate Capstone: 3 semester hours.

Serves as the culminating experience for non-thesis MA students. This course will allow graduate students to develop writing and presentation skills, and integrate past learning.

SOCG 5383 Media Studies: 3 semester hours.

Explores how various avenues of the media impact human behavior with a focus on theory and themes such as: race, gender, class, culture, technology and globalization.

SOCG 5384 Urban Field Research: 3 semester hours.

The course is designed to provide theoretical foundations for and guided practical experience in conducting field research in urban settings.

SOCG 5399 Independent Study: 3 semester hours.

Readings, research, and/or field work on selected topics.

African American Studies Courses

AFAM 1301 Race Class and Gender in America: 3 semester hours.

This survey-based course examines the theoretical and historical impact of race, gender, and class in American society.

AFAM 2302 Introduction to Research Methods and Writing in African American Studies: 3 semester hours.

This course serves as an introduction to research methods and techniques of research writing. The course will focus on issues such as identifying research topics, evaluating academic sources and the documentation of sources.

AFAM 3301 Race, Gender, and the Body as Spectacle: 3 semester hours.

Foregrounding the impact of gender, race, (dis)ability, and other social markers on the body; this course contends with historical and contemporary body politics, and discourses on the body in media, popular culture, and medical science.

Prerequisites: (AFAM 1301).

AFAM 3302 Black Women and Reproductive Justice: 3 semester hours.

This upper-level undergraduate course delves into the critical framework of reproductive justice with a particular focus on the experiences and activism of Black women. Grounded in the principles of African American Studies, this course explores the intersections of race, gender, and reproductive rights, highlighting the unique challenges and contributions of Black women in the struggle for reproductive freedom.

AFAM 3303 Race, Place, and Inequality: 3 semester hours.

AFAM 4301 Seminar in African American Studies: 3 semester hours.

The course allows students explore some of the themes and issues in previous coursework in greater depth. Students also rely on conceptual and operational methods to research and write about the experiences of African Americans.

Prerequisites: AFAM 2302 and HIST 3301.

AFAM 4302 Internship in Public History: 3 semester hours.

This course offers students an opportunity to undertake a supervised internship with an organization or institutions dedicated to public presentation of the past. Internships can take places at historic sites, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, advocacy groups, house museums, research libraries, and archives that engage in heritage interpretation, preservation and research.

Prerequisites: AFAM 2302 and HIST 3301.

AFAM 4331 Special Topics in African American Studies: 3 semester hours.

This course will focus on specific topics, trends, new directions, and issues in African American Studies that the professor deems appropriate and/or meets students' interests. Special topics courses will broadly engage major themes such as: race, class, gender, justice, art and cultural production, and power. This course may be repeated for credit when topics vary.

AFAM 4332 Black Masculinities: 3 semester hours.

This interdisciplinary course will explore the evolution of Black masculinity in the United States from conception to present.

AFAM 4333 Interpersonal Communication in Black Relationships: 3 semester hours.

This upper-level undergraduate seminar course exploring interpersonal communication within Black communities, focusing on how historical perspectives, cultural influences, and contemporary issues shape relational dynamics. Students will analyze and apply theories and concepts specific to interpersonal communication, critically examining models for their effectiveness in representing the complexities unique to the Black community.

Prerequisites: (COMM 1318).

AFAM 4334 Advanced Topics in Public History: 3 semester hours.

This course explores advanced topics in public history and the professional practice within the field. This course provides students with an opportunity to gain expertise and experience in the applied practice of public history from museum, archival, and private foundation specialists.

Prerequisites: (HIST 3301).

Geography Courses

GEOG 1302 Introduction to Human Geography: 3 semester hours.

A survey of the cultural and physical elements of geography, their characteristics, spatial organization, and distribution as viewed in the discipline today.

GEOG 1303 World Regional Geography: 3 semester hours.

A survey of the regions and nations of the world and the geographical foundations of their physical and cultural characteristics; a practical and systematic approach to the field of geography; a survey of the world in terms of outlook and regional types.

GEOG 2311 Introduction to Geographic Information System: 3 semester hours.

An introduction to the fundamentals of Geographic Information System (GIS) and science and art of making maps. The course introduces students to the basic principles of using GIS as a tool for managing and analyzing spatial data. Cross-Listed Course: CRIJ 2311.

History Courses

HIST 1301 United States History I: 3 semester hours.

This course covers American development from the era of discovery to the close of the Civil War. This course includes modules on the following topics: the colonial era; the young republic; westward expansion; and sectionalism; Civil War, and Reconstruction.

HIST 1302 United States History II: 3 semester hours.

Surveys modern American development: the industrial nation and its problems; expansionist and muckraker; the First Crusade, Normalcy and Reaction, Depression, and the New Deal; and the Second World War and after. Lectures, special readings, discussion, supervised study, and tests.

HIST 2300 Intro to Historical Methods: 3 semester hours.

This course is designed to introduce students to the historical profession, with emphasis on research methods, historical analysis and writing, and career paths for historians.

HIST 2301 Texas History: 3 semester hours.

Survey of Texas starting from Spanish colonization to the present. Emphasis will be placed on contributions made to the state of Texas by various ethnic groups.

HIST 2320 Military History: 3 semester hours.

Military History - Past Wars, conflicts and study of war heroes.

HIST 2321 World Civilizations I: 3 semester hours.

Survey of the ancient world from the dawn of civilization in Egypt, Mesopotamia, China, India and Mesoamerica through the Middle Ages in Europe. Attention is given to political, social and economic institutions as well as art, literature and religion.

HIST 2322 World Civilizations II: 3 semester hours.

Survey of key developments in Western and non-Western civilizations from the Renaissance in Europe to the present. Special emphasis is placed on religious expansion and conflict, militarism, intellectual and political revolutions, formation of modern national-states, and colonialism and post colonialism.

HIST 2381 African-American History: 3 semester hours.

Introduction to the history of persons of African descent on the North American continent from the settlement of Jamestown to present. Integral to students' exposure to African-American History will be their exposure to basic research methods and writing techniques. Students should be prepared to examine major issues and historical events including, but not limited to: the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, the black presence in Colonial America, the development of chattel slavery, Abolitionism, Emancipation, Jim Crow, the Nadir, the Great Migration, the Harlem Renaissance, the Civil Rights Movement, and Black Power Era.

HIST 2383 History of HBCUs: 3 semester hours.

This course is an in-depth history of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), to include present and future roles, student activism, civil rights, the Black Power Movement, Black Studies, and intellectual and cultural traditions.

HIST 3301 Introduction to Public History: 3 semester hours.

An introduction to the role of historical memory in shaping our understanding of the past through examining the history of museums, archives, and historical research centers. Students will be introduced to the practices, theories and various sectors of public history, and will utilize an interdisciplinary approach in documenting, preserving and curating history.

HIST 3315 Ancient Egypt & the Near East: 3 semester hours.

An advanced survey of the civilizations of ancient Egypt and the Near East(Middle East). Students will read primary sources in translation and analyze the developments and interactions of ancient Assyrian, Babylonian, Egyptian, Hebrew, Hittite, Persian, and Sumerian civilizations.

HIST 3316 Ancient Greece: 3 semester hours.

An advanced survey of ancient Greece, tracing the developments of the cultural, political, intellectual, and artistic achievements of Greek civilization from the Bronze Age through the conquest of Macedonia. Students will read primary sources in translation and analyze important Greek personalities and events, as well as methods and problems of historical interpretation.

HIST 3317 Ancient Rome: 3 semester hours.

An advanced survey of ancient Rome, tracing the developments of the cultural, political, intellectual, and artistic achievements of Roman civilization from the foundation of the City, through Kingdom, Republic, and Empire, to the fifth century A.D. Students will read primary sources in translation and analyze important Roman personalities and events as well as methods and problems of of historical interpretation.

HIST 3318 Medieval Europe: 3 semester hours.

An advanced survey of political, social, economic, and cultural developments of European civilizations from the end of the Roman Empire to the dawn of the fifteenth-century Renaissance. Students will read primary courses in translation and analyze medieval personalities and events, as well as methods and problems of historical interpretation.

HIST 3322 Women in History: 3 semester hours.

A survey of selected issues related to the historical status of women in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas, with emphasis on African-American women in the United States since slavery.

HIST 3330 Introduction to Digital Storytelling: 3 semester hours.

An introduction to the fundamental aspects of narrative in digital environments as well as digital humanities. Students will learn to identify common elements of digital stories and analyze how scholars use digital tools and platforms to develop narratives. Students will also receive hands-on introduction to a range of digital storytelling tools.

Prerequisites: HIST 1301 or HIST 1313 or HIST 1302 or HIST 1323.

HIST 3331 Podcasting Oral Histories: 3 semester hours.

An exploration of the intersection between digital storytelling and oral tradition. Students will curate and contextualize historical narratives using digital audio. Through practical skills development and discussions, they will learn the responsible practice of conducting interviews and producing podcasts. By giving students the tools and knowledge to breathe life into oral histories, this course empowers them to share the diverse voices and stories that shape our collective past with a global audience.

Prerequisites: HIST 1301 or HIST 1302 or HIST 1323 or HIST 1313.

HIST 3332 Contemporary United States: 3 semester hours.

Analysis of the emergence of the United States as a modern nation and examination of the changing United States' social, political, economic, cultural and diplomatic scene with emphasis on the progressive trends, 1900 - Present.

HIST 3350 American Chattel Slavery: 3 semester hours.

This course examines the development of slavery in the making of American society, and particularly the American South, from the early colonial period through Reconstruction. Attention will be given to the following topics: the Atlantic origins of slavery; the emergence of colonial plantation societies; the development of a distinct slave society within the plantation; and the causes and consequences of secession (Civil War and Reconstruction). Finally, we will consider Southern life in the aftermath of emancipation and the establishment of Jim Crow racial segregation in the revival of antebellum racial ideologies.

HIST 3351 Global Black Power: 3 semester hours.

This course examines the history of the Black Power Movement in the 20th century, with special emphasis on the international and transnational exchanges of ideas and strategies to overthrow white supremacy. Students will explore not just the Movement within the United States, but also within African liberation movements, Caribbean revolts, anti-caste agitation in India, and indigenous protests in New Zealand and Australia.

Prerequisites: (HIST 1301 or HIST 1313 and (HIST 1302 or HIST 1323)) or HIST 2301 or HIST 1333 and (HIST 2300 or HIST 2003).

HIST 3353 Civil Rights Movement: 3 semester hours.

This course focuses on America's Second Reconstruction, The Civil Rights Movement that ran throughout the entirety of the twentieth century. Students will engage materials that highlight the impact that the Civil Rights Movement had on the citizenship status of African-Americans. Major historical events and individuals covered include, but are not limited to: The Great Migration, the founding of the NAACP, Charles Hamilton Houston, ASA Philip Randolph, the March on Washington Movement, the Civil Rights Movement, Charles Hamilton Houston, Thurgood Marshall, Bayard Rustin, Martin Luther King, Jr., Linda Brown, Malcolm X, the Murder of Emmett Louis Till, Jackie Robinson, The Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, The Rise of Black Power, Affirmative Action, the rise of the Prison Industrial Complex, and the election of Barack Hussein Obama.

HIST 3360 Atlantic World: 3 semester hours.

This course analyzes the exploration/colonization of the Atlantic Basin, the genesis of slave societies in the Western Hemisphere, and the social, political, and economic legacies of colonial regimes in the Americas and along the western coast of Africa from 1400 to 1900. This course utilizes power, gender, race, and class as categories of analysis to bring light to understanding this region.

HIST 3361 Colonial Latin Amer & Carrib: 3 semester hours.

An advanced survey of Latin American and Caribbean histories and cultures. Special emphasis on colonization, slavery, and emancipation and independence movements particularly in connection to contemporary social, economic, and political issues impacting the region. Utilizing an interdisciplinary approach, the art, music, geography and literature of the regions will also be explored.

HIST 3370 Pre-Colonial Africa: 3 semester hours.

Study of African history before the arrival of the Europeans that examines the growth and evolution of political, social, and economic institutions of various African countries. Special attention will be given to the western portion of Africa (Ghana, Mali, and Songhay) and areas south of the Sahara.

HIST 3371 Post-Colonial African History: 3 semester hours.

Survey of African History since the end of the Second World War (1945); events and issues leading up to independence; efforts at nation-building; problems of political instability and economic development.

HIST 3375 African Diaspora: 3 semester hours.

Introduction to the people of African descent. Students will explore origins on the continent of Africa, the places blacks were dispersed to as a result of the slave trade, emancipation movements across the globe, and the movements for black equality around the world. The course also examines the musical, artistic, literary, and cultural contributions of people of African descent.

HIST 3399 Independent Study: 1-3 semester hour.

Readings, research, and/or field work on selected topics.

HIST 4195 TExES Prep-Hist/Soc Studies: 1 semester hour.

This course is designed to help students prepare to take the Texas Examination of Educator Standards (TExES) in History/Social Studies. This course is typically taken the semester before Student Teaching, or during the senior year for those who are doing alternative certification.

HIST 4305 Early Christianity: 3 semester hours.

An exploration of early Christianity from its emergence within Second-Temple Judaism to its spread and influence within the Roman world to the fourth century AD. Students will read primary sources in translation and analyze the development of the Church as an institution and community, issues of Christian doctrine and discipline, as well as methods and problems of historical interpretation.

HIST 4334 Advanced Topics in Public History: 3 semester hours.

This course explores advanced topics in public history and the professional practice within the field. This course provides students with an opportunity to gain expertise and experience in the applied practice of public history from museum, archival, and private foundation specialists.

Prerequisites: HIST 3301 or HIST 3013.

HIST 4344 Special Topics: 3 semester hours.

This course will focus on specific historical topics that the professor deems appropriate and student's desire. May be repeated for credit when topics vary.

HIST 4381 African-American Hist to 1876: 3 semester hours.

Intensive readings in a broad range of texts that form the foundation of the African-American historical experience. Students will deal with readings that cover an expansive time frame ranging from the colonization of Africa through the ending of the American Reconstruction. This course will provide students an opportunity to read seminal texts by scholars who have written about the African-American experience. Major issues and historical figures covered: the colonization of Africa, the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, American chattel slavery, Black Abolitionism, Frederick Douglass, Nat Turner, Linda Brent, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, the Underground Railroad, Emancipation, and the Reconstruction era.

HIST 4382 African-Amer Hist Since 1876: 3 semester hours.

Intensive readings in a broad range of texts that form the foundation of the African-American historical experience during the modern period. Students will deal with readings covering a period that extends from the Nadir through contemporary America. This course will provide students an opportunity to read seminal texts by scholars who have written about the post-slavery African-American experience. Major issues and historical figures covered include, but are not limited to: the Nadir, Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois, The Great Migration, The Harlem Renaissance, the March on Washington Movement, the Civil Rights Movement, the Murder of Emmett Louis Till, Malcolm X, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, the decline of Urban America, the rise of the Prison Industrial Complex, and the election of Barack Hussein Obama.

HIST 4383 Malcolm X and the Nation of Islam: 3 semester hours.

An advanced survey of the historical events of the life, assignment, and impact of Malcolm X (Omwale) both within The Nation (NOI) and in the nation (USA). This will include his upbringing, family, the rise of Garveyism and the UNIA, the influence of Elijah Muhammad and the growth of the NOI (Nation of Islam), Civil Rights and Black Power Movements.

HIST 4390 Senior Seminar: 3 semester hours.

Advanced training in historical methods and historiography designed to measure student's understanding and mastery of the discipline.

HIST 4394 History and Social Studies Methods: 3 semester hours.

This course focuses on 1) the mastery of historical facts related to US, world, and Texas histories, 2) understanding the various teaching methods used in the social studies classroom, and 3) the development of lesson plans for the EC – 6, and 4-8 Social Studies classrooms. The student will also be introduced to the social studies standards of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for licensure in Texas public schools.

Prerequisites: (HIST 1301 or HIST 1313 and (HIST 1302 or HIST 1323)) or HIST 2301 or HIST 1333 or POSC 2305 or POSC 1113 or POSC 2306 or POSC 1123.

HIST 4399 Independent Study: 3 semester hours.

Readings, research, and/or field work on selected topics.

Philosophy Courses

PHIL 2303 Critical Thinking: 3 semester hours.

Course is designed to develop students' ability to recognize and evaluate arguments. Focus will include: The most frequently encountered fallacies and errors in reasoning; the use/abuse of statistics; and principles of logic applied to daily life.

Prerequisites: ENGL 1123 or ENGL 1301.

PHIL 2306 Ethics: 3 semester hours.

Combines the philosophical study of normative ethics with the study of contemporary applied ethics through examination of a number of tendencies and schools of ethics from various cultures, societies and historical periods. The aim of the course is to enhance the student's awareness and sensitivity to the perplexity of morality and the moral life.

Prerequisites: ENGL 1123 or ENGL 1301.

PHIL 2307 African American Philosophy: 3 semester hours.

This course is a survey of the philosophical writings of some of the most important African American thinkers from the nineteenth to twenty-first century. Its aim is to gain familiarity with the works of influential African American philosophers while also learning to engage critically and responsibly with philosophical texts.

Prerequisites: ENGL 1123 or ENGL 1301.

PHIL 2309 Ethics of Cybersecurity: 3 semester hours.

This course provides a comprehensive examination of ethics as applied to the field of cybersecurity. Students will learn ethical frameworks and principles that they will apply to diverse issues within and related to cybersecurity. Specific topics to which ethical tools will be applied include but are not limited to value conflicts in cybersecurity systems, especially between system administrators and users; privacy, censorship, and filtering; intellectual property rights and digital rights management; special issues concerning the Internet of Things (IoT); accessibility and social justice. Special emphasis will be placed on issues of social justice pertaining to race, gender, ability, and socio-economic variables.

PHIL 3304 Philosophy of Science: 3 semester hours.

This course will introduce and explore conceptual, methodological, and epistemological issues about science: concept formation, explanation, prediction, confirmation, and theory construction; the status of unobservable; metaphysical presuppositions and implications of science; semantics of scientific language; illustrations from special sciences.

Prerequisites: ENGL 1123 or ENGL 1301 and (PHIL 2303).

PHIL 3305 Philosophy of Law: 3 semester hours.

Examination of the main fields of law, including criminal law, torts, constitutional law, contracts, property law, jurisprudence and international law. The focus will be on the underlying philosophical, moral and jurisprudential rationales for these; and classic texts and landmark cases will be read, to illuminate these fields. Students will also acquire legal reasoning and critical thinking skills, to help them distinguish stronger from weaker legal arguments and rulings.

Prerequisites: ENGL 1123 or ENGL 1301 and (PHIL 2023 or PHIL 2306).

PHIL 3306 Bioethics: 3 semester hours.

Provides grounding in basic theories, principles, and historical cases concerning bioethics.

Prerequisites: ENGL 1123 or ENGL 1301 and (PHIL 2023 or PHIL 2306).

PHIL 3307 Environmental Ethics: 3 semester hours.

This course is an interdisciplinary examination and assessment of the leading global thesis on environmental ethics, climate change, and sustainability. The aim of the course is to gain familiarity with contemporary global environmental issues while also learning to engage critically and responsibly with arguments concerning ethical action and environmental policy.

Prerequisites: PHIL 2023 or PHIL 2306.

PHIL 3308 Global Social Justice and Ethics: 3 semester hours.

This course is an interdisciplinary examination and assessment of the leading global theories on human rights, social justice, and ethics. The aim of the course is to gain familiarity with contemporary global challenges while also learning to engage critically and responsibly with arguments concerning ethical action and policy to address them.

Prerequisites: PHIL 2023 or PHIL 2306.

Political Science Courses

POSC 2304 Introduction to Political Science: 3 semester hours.

This is an introductory course in the study of politics, the various sub-fields in the discipline, and the variety of approaches used in the study of Political Science.

Prerequisites: POSC 2305 or POSC 1113 and (POSC 2306 or POSC 1123).

POSC 2305 American Government: 3 semester hours.

Surveys the origin and development of the U.S. Constitution; the structure and powers of the national government including the legislative, executive, and judicial branches; federalism; areas of political participation; the national election process; public policy ; civil liberties and civil rights.

POSC 2306 Texas Government: 3 semester hours.

Surveys the origin and development of the Texas Constitution; the structure and powers of Texas Government, including the legislative, executive, and judicial branches; local government; areas of political participation and public policy in Texas.

POSC 2311 Political Parties and Elections: 3 semester hours.

This course is designed to study the nature, functions, evolution, and organization of the American political parties and elections.

POSC 2312 Public Administration: 3 semester hours.

This course provides an examination of the organization, responsibility, personnel management, fiscal processes, functions, and problems of public administration.

POSC 2314 Legal Studies: 3 semester hours.

This course is designed to be an extensive examination of the structure, functions, and processes of this nation's legal system. By the end of the course, students will have training in a wide variety of topics involving the law and have the skills necessary to succeed on the LSAT or in law school.

POSC 2321 Blacks and the American Political System: 3 semester hours.

This course offers a critical analysis of the position of blacks in the American politico-economic system, both historically and contemporarily.

POSC 2341 Scope and Methods in Political Science: 3 semester hours.

This course introduces majors to the various methods and approaches used in the field of Political Science.

POSC 2342 Data Analysis in Political Science: 3 semester hours.

The course covers the use of software applications and statistical procedures used to analyze data in the study of political science.

Prerequisites: POSC 2304 or POSC 2133.

POSC 2350 Global Issues: 3 semester hours.

Critical evaluation of selected current issues and problems in world politics facing the global community, such as war, terrorism,, the environment , hunger, energy, population, migration, human rights , and trade.

POSC 2353 Latin American and Caribbean Politics: 3 semester hours.

Designed to provide a comprehensive introduction to Latin American and Caribbean politics from a multi-disciplinary perspective. Examines the various dimensions of Latin American and Caribbean politics, including political and governmental structures, political and economic development and social stratification patterns. Analyzes the implications of globalization on Latin American and Caribbean political and socio-economic systems.

POSC 2354 State and Local Government: 3 semester hours.

Analysis of state and local governments in the federal system; encompasses an examination of the state and local politics in the United States with an emphasis on politics and public policy.

POSC 3312 Political Theory: 3 semester hours.

Explores the history of political theory across time and place and provides a vehicle for understanding political concepts such as justice, power, liberty, and equality from a wide range of thinkers.

POSC 3314 Election Law and Voting Rights: 3 semester hours.

A thorough examination of election laws at the federal, state, and local levels and how they guide the conduct of elections by officials and voters alike.

POSC 3321 Public Policy Analysis: 3 semester hours.

The course explores the processes involved in the formulation and implementation of authoritative decisions, with emphasis on alternative models of policy analysis and selected issues pertaining to the federal government and bureaucracy.

POSC 3331 Political Studies Thru Film: 3 semester hours.

This course critically analyzes films that portray concepts and issues that are fundamental to the study of political science, including freedom and equality, power imbalances, revolution and war, and political structures and processes.

Prerequisites: POSC 2305 or POSC 1113 and (POSC 2306 or POSC 1123).

POSC 3341 Gandhi and King: 3 semester hours.

Historical examination of Gandhian and Kingian nonviolent political resistance in the context of the Indian independence movement and the American civil rights movement.

Prerequisites: POSC 2305 or POSC 1113 and (HIST 1302 or HIST 1323).

POSC 3342 Political Resistance and Social Change: 3 semester hours.

Examines instances in which ordinary citizens forge ways to address the political system when "normal" channels are unavailable to them. Investigates social movements and how ordinarily quiescent masses attempt to impact the political process.

POSC 3351 Comparative Politics: 3 semester hours.

Examines contemporary states in the context of current trends, including modernization, democracy, the environment, human rights, terrorism, security and globalization. Compares countries' governing institutions in case study format.

POSC 3353 U.S. Foreign Policy: 3 semester hours.

This is a study of the American foreign policy, including the objectives, capabilities and formulation process.

POSC 3354 International Politics: 3 semester hours.

The basic problems of international politics, focusing on the power competition among states and other transnational institutions, are the major focus of this course.

POSC 3355 African Politics: 3 semester hours.

Explores the political history and development of African states.

POSC 3359 Middle East Politics: 3 semester hours.

This course makes a comprehensive study of the major issues and dilemmas in contemporary Middle Eastern politics, including the clash of religions and nationalisms, security and stability in the Persian Gulf, the Arab-Israeli conflict, efforts at democratization, and the role of women.

POSC 3399 Independent Study: 1-3 semester hour.

Readings, research, and/or field-work on selected topics. Prerequisite: consent of advisor.

POSC 4310 Urban Government and Politics: 3 semester hours.

This course examines the structure and functions of urban government. Considerable attention is given to the politics and current problems of metropolitan areas.

POSC 4311 American Constitutional Law: 3 semester hours.

The principles of the American constitutional system, judicial interpretation and application of these principles, relative to the powers of government and the rights of individuals, are examined in depth.

Prerequisites: POSC 2305 or POSC 1113 and (POSC 2306 or POSC 1123).

POSC 4313 The Presidency: 3 semester hours.

This course traces the evolution of the office of the President of the United States while examining presidential powers in the areas of politics, administration, legislation, war, and foreign affairs.

POSC 4314 The Legislative Process: 3 semester hours.

Provides a detailed study of the nature and extent of the legislative process, with special attention to the organization, procedure, and dynamics of policy-making by American legislatures.

POSC 4319 Special Topics in Political Science: 3 semester hours.

This course will focus on specific topics in political science which the professor deems appropriate and students desire. This course is repeatable for up to 9 semester credit hours when topics vary.

POSC 4320 Judicial Politics: 3 semester hours.

This course makes an extensive analysis of the structure, functions and processes of the U.S. judicial and legal systems on both the federal and the state levels.

POSC 4321 Seminar in Political Science: 3 semester hours.

This course is devoted to intensive reading, writing, research, and discussion focusing on selected topics.

POSC 4324 Race, Gender and Public Policy: 3 semester hours.

Examines how racial and gender groups, broadly defined, both influence and are influenced by, American public policy.

Prerequisites: POSC 2305 or POSC 1113.

POSC 4399 Independent Study: 3 semester hours.

Readings, research, and/or field-work on selected topics. Prerequisite: consent of advisor.

POSC 4615 Internship in Political Science: 1-6 semester hour.

The student will participate in the ongoing work of a government agency, at the local, state, national or international level or a related nongovernment organization that engages in domestic or international political affairs. Administered by the Political Science Program Coordinator in conjunction with on-site intern supervisor.

Sociology Courses

SOCG 1301 General Sociology: 3 semester hours.

Introduction to the discipline. Focus on why and how sociologists study social and cultural phenomena such as inequality, race and ethnicity, gender, populations, family, political behavior, deviance, and social change.

SOCG 1306 Social Problems: 3 semester hours.

Application of sociological principles to major social issues and problems in contemporary and global society with particular emphasis on the United States.

SOCG 2301 Sociology of Marriage and Family: 3 semester hours.

Study of families as social institutions. Focus on social facts and theories of the size, composition, and life cycle of families, family violence, family diversity, family change, and myths about the family.

SOCG 2302 Black Families: 3 semester hours.

Students will be introduced to the diverse institutional, cultural, and historical issues relating to the past and present life circumstances of Black American families. Some comparisons will be made with families in Africa and the Diaspora.

SOCG 2306 Gender and Sexuality: 3 semester hours.

An exploration of how socializing agents such as the family, media, sports, school, work and religion aid in the development of gender roles, gender identity and gender inequality.

SOCG 2319 Sociology of Minorities: 3 semester hours.

Sociological study of traditional minorities (race, ethnicity, and religion) and new minorities (gender, sexual orientation and disability).

SOCG 2326 Social Psychology: 3 semester hours.

Uses major social psychological perspectives to analyze human behavior and the importance of others in determining self-perception, attitudes, motivation, conformity, communication, altruism, and aggression.

SOCG 3300 Social Statistics: 3 semester hours.

Presentation of sociological data and introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics for social science majors. Includes computer applications.

Prerequisites: MATH 1314 or MATH 1332 or MATH 1113 or MATH 1103.

SOCG 3301 Urban and Rural Sociology: 3 semester hours.

Study of human settlement patterns, including the origin and development of cities, types of cities, urban political economy, spatial distribution of lifestyles, urban problems and recent trends in urbanization. Examines globalization and the rise of mega-cities and homelessness.

SOCG 3303 Social Inequality: 3 semester hours.

A consideration of the research findings describing the American class structure. Special attention is given to the various strata, the determinants of membership in these strata, lifestyles and life changes associated with social position and with changes in position.

SOCG 3305 Addiction and Substance Abuse: 3 semester hours.

This course examines the biological, psychological and social forces as causal factors of addiction and examines various types of addictive behavior such as: drugs, alcohol, food, love/sex, gambling and technology.

SOCG 3306 Sociology of Drug Use and Abuse: 3 semester hours.

Historical and contemporary analysis of patterns of use and abuse of legal and non-legal drugs in the U.S. and other parts of the world. Social-psychological impact of abuse, dependence, and addiction. Evaluation of consequences and treatment.

SOCG 3307 Conformity, Deviance, and Identify: 3 semester hours.

Analyzes social conformity, societal sanctions, and social control in relationship to the Sociological study of deviance, and identity. Applies theoretical explanations of deviance and identity to explore the intersection of social control, race/ethnicity, social class, and gender.

SOCG 3310 Sociological Research Methods: 3 semester hours.

Introduction to methods of sociological research including experiments, survey research, secondary analysis, and observation.

SOCG 3315 African American Urban Life: 3 semester hours.

This course examines African Americans as agents in shaping the urban experience in the United States. Examples will be drawn from communities such as Harlem, NY, the Central Avenue districts of Los Angeles, Chicago's south Side and the Auburn Avenue districts of Atlanta, as well as others. Prerequisites: SOCG 1013 or SOCG 1301.

SOCG 3320 Sociological Theory: 3 semester hours.

Critical survey of major sociological theories from classical to contemporary schools of thought.

SOCG 3322 Political Sociology: 3 semester hours.

Comparative analysis of political development and political participation including voting behavior, public opinion, political parties and elites; political power and resource distribution in groups, organizations, institutions, communities, and societies.

SOCG 4301 Religions in the African Diaspora: 3 semester hours.

Examines the historical progression of traditional African spirituality and cultures across various regions beyond Africa; and historical trends that have shaped the repression of African Diasporic religious life within its social context. Topics within the course will include the following: religious syncretism, black theology, black secularism, freedom movements, repatriation and the role of religious institutions in containing civil society.

SOCG 4302 Special Topics in Sociology: 3 semester hours.

Intensive study of specialized topics in sociology and contemporary social issues. May be repeated for credit when topics vary.

SOCG 4303 Introduction to Black Sociology: 3 semester hours.

A survey of theoretical paradigms and social structures and their impact on primarily black people with generalization to broader human behavior.

SOCG 4304 Collective Behavior and Social Change: 3 semester hours.

Examines the spontaneous behavior of impermanent, unstructured collections of people, including crowds, disaster, revolutions and social movements.

SOCG 4307 Global Sociology: 3 semester hours.

Study of the interaction of culture, technology and environment in the evolution of social life from hunting and gathering bands to global society. Explores recent theories of global society in the post-cold war world.

SOCG 4309 Race Relations: 3 semester hours.

Wide range explorations of the dynamics of inter-group relations including historical and sociological factors in race and ethnic relations. An examination of politico-economic and societal development processes that serve to maintain social positions in contemporary society.

SOCG 4310 Sociology of Entrepreneurship: 3 semester hours.

This course takes a sociological approach to explore entrepreneurship and organizations at various from levels of analysis. This course examines concepts of organizational structure, capital including human, cultural, and financial; the navigation of legitimacy, uncertainty and risk; as well as the role of race, class, gender, discrimination, and racism within organizations.

SOCG 4314 Environmental Sociology: 3 semester hours.

Examines the relationship between humans and the natural world from a historical and cultural perspective exploring the issues of human progress and development, cross-cultural comparisons, the relationship between humans, animals, the land and raw materials, and current environmental problems and potential solutions.

SOCG 4315 Clinical and Applied Sociology: 3 semester hours.

Applies sociology concepts, theory, and methods to analyze and engage challenges facing business, government, non-governmental organizations, and groups. Students will apply a sociological approach to research, identify social problems, and propose solutions in hands-on projects to local community organizations and business to propose solutions.

Prerequisites: SOCG 3310.

SOCG 4376 Sociology Internship: 3 semester hours.

Placement in governmental agency, nonprofit organization or business for supervised experience in applied sociology. May require health examination or security clearance.

SOCG 4378 Senior Seminar in Sociology: 3 semester hours.

Final integration of the major works of theory and research in sociology including subfields. Comprehensive exam and major paper required. Restricted to majors and must be taken the semester prior to graduation.

SOCG 4399 Independent Study: 3 semester hours.

Readings, research, and/or field work on selected topics.

SOCG 5312 Social Statistics: 3 semester hours.

This course is designed to enhance students' statistical knowledge of measurement of central tendency, z-test, t-tests, and analysis of variance, correlation techniques and regression analysis.

SOCG 5321 Classical Sociological Theory: 3 semester hours.

Major sociological contributions of the classical theorists including but not limited to Thomas Hobbes, Auguste Comte, Alexis de Tocqueville, Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, Max Weber, Harriet Martineau, W.E.B. DuBois, and Jane Addams, providing the foundation for contemporary theory.

SOCG 5322 Research Methods: 3 semester hours.

Advanced instruction in sociological research requiring a detailed treatment of qualitative and quantitative techniques of data collection and analysis. Written paper based on original research required.

SOCG 5324 Urban Sociology: 3 semester hours.

Examines the social structure of cities and the adjustment people make to urban conditions. Urban neighborhoods, population groupings, social processes, trends and problems are treated in the light of historical, ecological and social factors. A review of selected problems including urban tensions and the persistence of local ties such as family and ethnicity are explored.

SOCG 5326 Sociology of Education: 3 semester hours.

Exploration of knowledge in society and its relationship to the social structure and individual consciousness; how the social attributes of groups as well as individuals affect the production, ordering, and presentation of information as well as the form knowledge takes in a particular society.

SOCG 5328 Aspects Of Poverty: 3 semester hours.

Presentation of several theoretical perspectives on poverty in American society. Past, current, and proposed solutions of poverty are discussed.

SOCG 5333 Crime and Society: 3 semester hours.

A survey of the historical and contemporary explanations of phenomena of crime and criminal behavior from the perspective of contemporary theories and the analysis of evidence supportive of various theoretical positions. Crime measurement and crime statistics are also discussed, as are the techniques for crime analysis.

SOCG 5335 Seminar in Race Relations: 3 semester hours.

Wide range exploration of the dynamics of inter-group relations including historical and sociological factors in race and ethnic relations. An examination of politico-economic and societal development processes that serve to maintain social positions in contemporary society.

SOCG 5341 Contemporary Sociological Theory: 3 semester hours.

Basic ideas of contemporary sociological theory: structuralism, functionalism, conflict, symbolic interaction, exchange; includes but not limited to the works of Parsons, Merton, Mead, Cooley, Goffman, Coser, Dahrendorf, Marcuse and Habermas and their application to current research.

Prerequisites: SOCG 5321 or SOCG 5213.

SOCG 5342 Social Inequality: 3 semester hours.

Analysis of the nature of social stratification and its relation to other aspects of society: distribution of influence and wealth occupational structural, family relations, religious and educational institutions, minority problems, and cultural patterns. Comparison between open class, caste and other arrangements. Sources of mobility and change in stratification systems. Also addresses the impact of different forms of ranking and the consequent inequalities that arise.

SOCG 5344 Social Movements: 3 semester hours.

Examination of theories and research on social movement and social change; historical and contemporary social movements in the United States and elsewhere; collective violence and protest; terrorism and social and political revolutions.

SOCG 5345 Complex Organizations: 3 semester hours.

Introduces students to the critical examination of modern organizations, the nature of bureaucracy and its effect on personality, social relations, group dynamics and social change. Examines bureaucratic arrangements and processes in a variety of organizational context such as corporations, universities, unions, professionals associations, government bureaus and religious institutions. The role of power in bureaucratic settings and exchanges is explored.

SOCG 5346 Special Topics: 3 semester hours.

Seminar on specialized topics in sociology. Subject matter may vary by semester. May be repeated for credit when topics vary.

SOCG 5352 Black Family: 3 semester hours.

This course is designed to explore the Black family from a number of different perspectives. We will research and discuss how institutions affect family structure, relationships, socioeconomic conditions, health and other factors. Different theoretical frameworks will be used to explain the historical and contemporary status and experiences of Black families in the United States.

SOCG 5355 Sociology of Gender and Sex Roles: 3 semester hours.

Analyzes the social significance of gender through the exploration of the theoretical nature of women's oppression and inequalities between women and men. A cross-cultural analysis of the development of gender roles and an examination of contemporary gender inequality in terms of gendered work patterns, labor force participation, and occupational mobility as well as alternatives to conventional division of labor by sex in society.

SOCG 5361 Thesis: 3 semester hours.

A candidate for the Master of Sociology is required to prepare a thesis under the direction of a faculty thesis committee. The thesis must be orally defended and approved by all members of the faculty thesis committee before the degree is conferred. The student must register for thesis each semester until satisfactorily completed.

SOCG 5362 Thesis: 3 semester hours.

A candidate for the Master of Sociology is required to prepare a thesis under the direction of a faculty thesis committee. The thesis must be orally defended and approved by all members of the faculty thesis committee before the degree is conferred. The student must register for thesis each semester until satisfactorily completed.

Prerequisites: SOCG 5321 or SOCG 5213.

SOCG 5372 Black Sociology: 3 semester hours.

Examines the contributions of black sociological theorists, public intellectuals, and methodologists including but not limited to selected topics such as Black Marxism, the Atlanta Laboratory School, Postcolonial Studies, Black Feminism, and Critical Race Theory providing the foundation for contemporary theory.

SOCG 5382 Graduate Capstone: 3 semester hours.

Serves as the culminating experience for non-thesis MA students. This course will allow graduate students to develop writing and presentation skills, and integrate past learning.

SOCG 5383 Media Studies: 3 semester hours.

Explores how various avenues of the media impact human behavior with a focus on theory and themes such as: race, gender, class, culture, technology and globalization.

SOCG 5384 Urban Field Research: 3 semester hours.

The course is designed to provide theoretical foundations for and guided practical experience in conducting field research in urban settings.

SOCG 5399 Independent Study: 3 semester hours.

Readings, research, and/or field work on selected topics.