

**Memo for Sociology UUPC Submissions
November 2023**

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sociology Department has experienced declining enrollment. To counteract the problem, we formed committees to assess the structure of our curriculum, optimize our scheduling, implement new courses on high-demand topics and important public issues, and review the titles and descriptions of our course offerings. These proposals below are associated with the latter two efforts. The vast majority of the proposals are simply updates to our catalog descriptions to more clearly and accurately capture the content of our courses.

The various proposals are summarized below:

- (1) We are proposing two new courses to expand our elective portfolio and offer instruction on topics that are of significant public concern and keen interest to our students:
 - a. SYP 3011 – Sociology of Emotions
 - b. SYD 4422 – Sociology of Housing

- (2) We would like to change the titles and catalog descriptions of the following courses to convey their content more clearly and ensure they are easily understood by students:
 - a. SYP 4063 – The Social Construction of Sexuality (change title to "Constructing Sexuality")
 - b. SYP 4610 – Cultural Sociology (change title to "Sociology of Culture")
 - c. SYD 3602 – The Urban Community (change title to "Cities and Society")
 - d. SYP 3112 – Microsociology (change title to "Sociology of Everyday Life")
 - e. SYP 4453 – Global Social Change (change title to "Globalization and Inequality")

- (3) Several years ago, the Sociology Department implemented program changes that moved most 4000-level courses to the 3000-level. The remaining 4000-level courses were assigned higher prerequisites and converted into senior-level capstone seminars that required original research projects. At the time, no faculty members were teaching the two courses listed below, so we did not change their course levels. Now that we have faculty members interested in teaching them, we are proposing level changes so that they will properly fit into our curriculum:
 - a. SYA 4120 – Contemporary Sociological Theory (level change to 3000)
 - SYO 4570 – Organizational Sociology (level change to 3000)

- (4) We would like to change the level of the course below for the same reason and change the title to more clearly convey its content:
 - a. SYO 4353 – Sociology of the Marketplace (also change title to "Economy and Society")

- (5) We are proposing updated course catalog descriptions for the courses listed below. The existing catalog descriptions were created many years ago. Many were developed by faculty members who no longer teach in our department. The proposed changes will update our catalog to correspond

with the content currently being instructed in the courses and more clearly convey the core topics the courses address:

- a. SYA 3010 – Sociological Theory
- b. SYO 3372 – Sociology of Work
- c. SYP 3774 – Youth Subcultures
- d. SYA 3300 – Survey of Research Methods
- e. SYD 3510 – Environmental Sociology
- f. SYD 3700 – Race and Ethnic Relations
- g. SYD 3792 – Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality
- h. SYD 3800 – Gender and Society
- i. SYG 1000 – Sociological Perspectives
- j. SYG 2010 – Social Problems
- k. SYG 3244 – Sociology of Food
- l. SYO 3100 – Family and Society
- m. SYO 3200 – Sociology of Religion
- n. SYO 3250 – Sociology of Education
- o. SYO 3370 – Gender and Work
- p. SYO 3400 - Sociology of Health, Illness, and Medicine
- q. SYO 3410 – Sociology of Mental Health
- r. SYO 3448 – Animals and Society
- s. SYP 3060 – Human Sexuality and Social Change
- t. SYP 3110 – Self and Society
- u. SYP 3400 – Social Change
- v. SYP 3420 – Sociology of Consumption
- w. SYP 3550 – Drugs and Society
- x. SYP 3714 – Sociology of Youth
- y. SYP 3570 – Social Control and Deviance
- z. SYP 3630 – Sociology of Popular Culture
- aa. SYP 3650 – Sociology of Sport
- bb. SYP 3740 – Sociology of Aging and Dying