



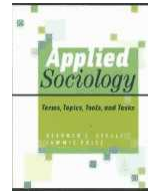
## See what's NEW in Sociology!

Last month the newsletter focused on the changes that had been made in the Sociology curriculum. This month it will focus on our new offerings for spring and give you information on some of the 'old favorites' that you can take as well. Check it all out as you begin to think about planning your schedule for Spring 2007.

### SOC 280: Applied Sociology

MW 2-3:20pm L. Brown

Have you ever wondered "What can I do with this stuff?" when it comes to sociology? In most sociology classes you learn about theory and research that explains how and why things in our society work or don't work. But how do we solve problems in our neighborhoods as they change economically and racially? How do we deal with changes in the business world that are good for business but also good for the community and the



workers? How can we use sociology to improve our relationships with our family or friends? This course uses the theories to apply to real-world problems to find real-world solutions. The class will be involved in activities on and off campus with assignments that



apply sociology to community, personal and business problems.



### SOC 420: Gender & Society

TTH 2-3:20pm C. Cokely

What does sex have to do with gender? What does gender have to do with social systems? This course explores these questions by looking at the ways in which sociologists have theorized and written about gender. Students will explore what it means to understand gender as a social and cultural construct as well as the impact that these constructions have on the lived experiences of individuals in society. Additionally the course will examine the com-



plex ways in which gender intersects and interacts with other facets of our social identities including race, class and sexual orientation. Students in this course will read a variety of primary texts and engage in dialogue around these complex issues in attempt to understand the role gender plays in their own lives as well as in the world in which they live.

#### Upcoming Events

Pre-registration begins	November 8
Campus Dialogue on Diversity—Call Me Malcolm	October 18 6pm Kresge
ACA Week Events	November 5-11

#### Quote of the Month:

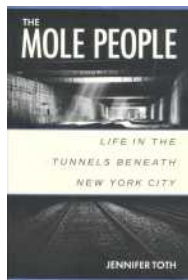
"He was a sociologist; he had got into an intellectual muddle early on in life and never managed to get out."

Iris Murdoch

# SOC 440 Selected Topics in Sociology—Deviance

This course is designed to introduce students to contemporary perspectives and readings related to a faculty member's area of interest and expertise. As different topics are offered the number of the course will change so that students can enroll multiple times in the course.

This semester Jennifer Ashlock will teach the course and the topic will be deviance. The course will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-1:50pm.



The syllabus includes readings about corporate, governmental, and sexual deviance, and a book entitled, *The Mole People*. It is a firsthand account of a subculture of people who lived in New York's abandoned subway tunnels and sewage lines in the early 1990s. We will also view and discuss the film *A Dirty Shame*, which won the Golden Trailer Award in 2005 for Trashiest film. If you are interested in this course and want to learn more email Jennifer Ashlock directly at ashlock@meredith.edu.

## Old Favorites

**SOC 230: Principles of Sociology**—Harry Potter Style  
MWF 12-12:50pm L. Brown



It's back for another semester — the sociology course that uses Harry Potter to understand sociological concepts and ideas.

**SOC 260: Cultural Anthropology**  
TTH 3:30-4:50pm Staff

Understanding the power of culture in shaping our lives depends on knowing the ways of life displayed all around the world. This course introduces students to the discoveries of anthropologists and their signature methodologies.

**SOC 337 Corrections**

TTH 9:30-10:50am J. Ashlock  
Learn about the criminal justice system, police, attorneys, courts, judges, jails, prisons, and parole in this course. Yes, this is the course with the fieldtrips to jails and prisons!



**SOC 273: Education & Family in Mexico**  
F 8-8:50am L. Brown  
1 credit — linked with 3 credit EDU 232  
A and students must enroll in both courses

Learn more about our neighbors to the south as you examine how education as an institution is interrelated with the family and culture of a society. Analyze Mexico and its unique educational system and family structure along with the history and traditions of this nation and their impact on education.



**SOC/POL 374 Social Research Principles**

MWF 11-11:50am C. Cokely  
This course is designed to teach those in sociology, politics and other disciplines within the social sciences about the research process as well as research methodologies that are used by those in the discipline. The course combines, lecture, discussion and hands on activities to allow students to practice research design and implementation.

**SOC 496 Seminar in Public Sociology**

MWF 12-12:50pm C. Cokely  
This course is designed for students who are in the Sociology major. Students will work to examine a social issue chosen by the faculty in Sociology. They will find and read current academic research on the issue, examine statistics, may engage in service work, interviewing or web-based research, and propose a solution to the selected problem. The topic for this year's seminar is Housing and Homelessness.



Not sure what to take? Consult with a member of the sociology faculty to see what courses are right for you:

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Remember a SOC minor is only 18 credits and major is only 36 credits!