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Bachelor of Arts in Geography

Degree Program Hours: 120

Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies

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¹Two introductory courses in Geography with GEO prefix.

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Common Prerequisites: (6)
Two 2000-level GEO courses

Lower-Division Requirement: (3)
GEA 2000 World Regional Geography – GL

Upper Division Program: (60)

Upper Division Required Courses: (12 hours)
GEO 3421 Cultural Geography
or
GEO 3471 Political Geography
or
GEO 3502 Economic Geography – GL
GIS 3048 Applications of Geographic Information Systems
SYA 3300 Research Methods
SYA 4011 Social Theory

Department Electives: (18)
Six additional upper division courses as follows:
Three upper division GEO courses (at least one 4000-level)
One upper division GEA course
One upper division anthropology course
One upper division sociology course

Additional Upper Division Electives: (30)
Additional geography courses are recommended where feasible. A minimum of 9 credits must be taken outside the major, 6 of which must be taken outside the GSS department.

Bachelor of Arts in Geography: Social Studies Education Major

This program prepares students interested in the social sciences for teaching Social Studies at the secondary level. The major incorporates current results from education research, effective curriculum materials, use of technology, and a global perspective in collaborative learning. Program requirements include field experiences and an internship. Interested students are encouraged to contact the department for additional details and information on teacher support programs.

To qualify for admission to the program, undergraduate candidates must have met all the lower division requirements including: 60 credit hours of lower-division courses, all general education requirements, lower division GPA of 2.5 or higher, and achieve the competencies of the FTCE General Knowledge Exam (GK).

All students must pass the GK Exam by the time they reach 72 credit hours in their program of study. All stated admission requirements are to be considered minimum.

A student who meets these minimum requirements is not automatically assured admission. Program admission requirements are subject to change. It is the responsibility...
of the student to assure that he/she has met the requirements.

**Lower Division: (6 hours)**
(SUS Common Prerequisites)
Two GEO 2000-level courses 6

**Additional requirements for the degree (6 credits)**
- GEA 2000 World Regional Geography – GL 3
- POS 2041 American Government 3

**Upper Division (30 credits total)**
- GEO 3421 Cultural Geography
  or GEO 3471 Political Geography
  or GEO 3502 Economic Geography – GL 3
- GIS 3048 Applications of Geographic Information Systems 3
- SYA 3300 Research Methods 3
- SYA 4011 Social Theory 3

**Department Electives: (18)**
Six additional upper division courses as follows:
- Three upper division GEO courses (at least one 4000-level) 9
- One upper division GEA courses 3
- One upper division anthropology course 3
- One upper division sociology course 3

**AND (30 Credits)**
- EDP 3004 Educational Psychology 3
- SSE 4383 Perspectives in Social Science Education 3
- SSE 3346 Social Science Content and Pedagogy 3
- SSE 4380 Developing a Global Perspective – GL 3
- SSE 4384 Special Teaching Lab 3
- SSE 4942 Student Teaching 9
- RED 4325 Subject Area Reading 3
- TSL 4324 TESOL Issues and Strategies for Content Area Teachers – GL 3

**Minor in Geography**
A student majoring in another academic discipline earns a Minor in Geography by successfully completing approved coursework of 15 semester hours with a grade of ‘C’ or better.

**Required Courses**

**Lower Division**
- GEO 2000 Introduction to Geography 3
- GEA 2000 World Regional Geography – GL 3

**Upper Division**
Three upper division geography courses, at least one with a GEA prefix and one with a GEO prefix
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) courses offered in any department also qualify.

**Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/Anthropology**

**Degree Program Hours: 120**

**Lower-Division Required Courses**

Students seeking to obtain a degree in Sociology/Anthropology are required to declare either the Anthropology major or the Sociology major and to fulfill the requirements of the declared major. A grade of “C” or higher is required in each major course. It is recommended that Anthropology and Sociology majors take SYA 3300 (Research Methods) no later than the first semester of their junior year.

A minimum of 9 credit hours of upper division courses must be taken outside the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/Anthropology.

**Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies**

**FIU Course(s) Equivalent Course(s)**
- ANT 2000 SYGX000¹ and ANTX000
  *Acceptable substitutes: ANTX410*

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**Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/Anthropology – Anthropology Major**

**Common Prerequisite (3 hours)**
- ANT 2000 Introduction to Anthropology – GL 3

**Upper Division Required Core Courses: (15 hours)**
- ANT 3212 World Ethnographies – GL 3
- ANT 3034 Anthropological Theories 3
- SYA 4011 Social Theory 3
- SYA 3300 Research Methods 3
- One of the following additional research methods courses:
  - ANT 3497 Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods 3
  - SYA 3400 Introduction to Quantitative Social Research 3
  - GIS 3048 Applications of Geographic Information Systems 3
  - SYA 4352 GIS and Social Research 3
- Or any other adviser-approved research methods course in the Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies or in another department. 3

**Upper Division Department Electives: (12 hours): 3000 level or higher**
Two additional Anthropology (ANT) courses 6
One Geography (GEA/GEO) course. (GEO 3510 Earth Resources, taught in the Department of Earth and Environment, is a natural sciences course that does not fulfill this requirement 3
One Sociology (SYA/SYD/SYG/SYO/SYP) course 3

**Other Electives: (30 hours)**
A minimum of 9 hours must be taken outside the Sociology/Anthropology degree program. A minimum of 18 hours must be upper division (3000 level or higher).
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/Anthropology – Sociology Major

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**Common Prerequisite (3 hours)**

SYG 2000 Introduction to Sociology – GL

**Upper Division Required Core Courses: (15 hours)**

- SYP 3456 Societies in the World 3
- SYA 4010 Sociological Theories 3
- SYA 4011 Social Theory 3
- SYA 3300 Research Methods 3
- SYA 3400 Introduction to Quantitative Social Research 3

**Upper Division Department Electives: (12 hours: 3000 level or higher)**

- Two additional Sociology (SYA/SYD/SYG/SYO/SYP) courses 6
- One Anthropology (ANT) course 3
- One Geography (GEO/GEO) course. (GEO 3510 Earth Resources, taught in the Department of Earth and Environment, is a natural sciences course that does not fulfill this requirement.) 3

**Minor in Sociology and Anthropology**

Students who minor in Sociology/Anthropology do not declare a disciplinary track. Students are not required, but are recommended, to take either ANT 2000 or SYG 2000, or both. The minor in Sociology/Anthropology requires completion of the following courses with a grade of “C” or better:

**Upper Division (15 credits)**

**Theory**

- **One of the following courses:**
  - ANT 3034 Anthropological Theories 3
  - SYA 4010 Sociological Theories 3
  - SYA 4011 Social Theory 3

**General**

- Four additional upper division anthropology or sociology courses (3000-level or higher) 9

**Course Descriptions**

**ANG Anthropology Graduate; ANT-Anthropology; EVR-Environmental Studies; GEA-Geography; Regional Areas; GEO-Geography: Systemic; GIS-Geography: Information Science; IDS-Interdisciplinary Studies; SYA-Sociological Studies; SYG-Sociology: General; SYO-Social Organization; SYP-Social Processes**

**Definition of Prefixes**

- F-Fall semester offering; S-Spring semester offering; SS-Summer semester offering.

**ANG 5267 Environmental Anthropology (3).** Theories of human adaptation, including environmental determinism, possibilism, cultural ecology, materialism, and evolutionary ecology. Credit for both ANT 3403 and ANT 5548 will not be granted. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor. (SS)

**ANG 5396 Representations of Africa and Africans in Films (3).** Analyzes representations of Sub-Saharan Africa and Africans in various cinematic traditions (including documentaries) and examines these representations in socioeconomic and political contexts. Prerequisite: Permission of Instructor.

**ANG 5397 Advanced African Diaspora Cultures and Performativity (3).** Examines different approaches adopted by African diaspora studies scholars in social and cultural anthropology, and recent theoretical texts and debates in Performance Studies. Prerequisite: Permission of Instructor.

**ANG 5905 Directed Individual Study (VAR).** Supervised readings and/or field research and training. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

**ANG 5906 Directed Individual Studies (3).** Supervised readings and/or field research and training.

**ANG 5915 Directed Field Research (VAR).** Permission of the instructor required.

**ANT 2000 Introduction to Anthropology – GL (3).** This course surveys the four subfields of anthropology, including physical anthropology and human evolution, archaeology, cultural anthropology, and linguistics. Introduces basic anthropological theories and concepts.

**ANT 2410 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3).** Provides an overview of cultural anthropology, emphasizing the processes by which humans constitute themselves culturally through interplays of individual and society around the world.

**ANT 3034 Anthropological Theories (3).** This course examines the process of theory building and explanation in the social sciences, and outlines the historical and philosophical foundations of anthropological thought. Theorists and schools of thought reviewed include Darwin and evolution; Boas and historical particularism; Freud and culture and personality; and Malinowski and functionalism.

**ANT 3212 World Ethnographies – GL (3).** Introduces students to ethnography, which is the art of writing culture. Teaches students to compare and contrast cultures through ethnographic reading, writing, and critiques.
ANT 3241 Myth, Ritual, and Mysticism – GL (3).
Anthropological approaches to the study of myth, ritual, and mysticism, as religious and symbolic systems. The social and psychological functions of myth and ritual in small-scale and complex societies will be compared.

ANT 3302 Anthropology of Sex and Gender (3). Cross-cultural ethnographic data will be utilized to examine the enculturation of sex roles, attitudes, and behavior; cultural definitions of maleness and femaleness; and varieties of human sexual awareness and response.

ANT 3304 Voices of Third World Women (3). Deals with the literature in the social sciences and humanities written by women of the Third World or others who have recorded their testimony.

ANT 3403 Cultural Ecology (3). Examines systems of interaction between humans and their environment; the roles of social, cultural, and psychological factors in the maintenance and disruption of ecosystems; and interrelations of technological and environmental changes.

ANT 3409 Anthropology of Contemporary American Society (3). The application of classical anthropological methods and concepts to the analysis of contemporary American culture. Investigation of a unique cultural scene will involve the student in field work and the preparation of an ethnographic report.

ANT 3442 Urban Anthropology (3). Anthropological study of urbanization and urban life styles, with particular emphasis on rural-urban migration and its impact on kinship groups, voluntary associations, and cultural values.

ANT 3451 Anthropology of Race and Ethnicity (3). Considers ethnicity and concepts of race in cross-cultural perspectives with emphasis on the historical and cultural construction of identity, intercultural relationships, and social stratification.

ANT 3462 Medical Anthropology (3). Anthropological approaches to the study of health and disease. Emphasis on cultural systems approach to the study of illness and health care. (S)

ANT 3467 Food and Culture (3). Introduction to the anthropology of food: European conquest of the New World, theories of famine, the industrial food system, food and nationalism, the organic food movement.

ANT 3497 Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods (3). Introduction to qualitative data collection, analysis, and documentation. Fieldwork experiences include observation, interviewing, and utilizing non-obtrusive measures. Prerequisites: SYA 3300 (Research Methods) or another introductory research methods course (such as CCJ 4700 or PSY 3213), and departmental approval.

ANT 3610 Language and Culture (3). Examines the relationship between language and culture, with emphasis on the linguistic structuring of perception and culture; speech styles and their relationship to the identities and inequalities associated with gender, class and ethnicity; and the politics of bilingualism and multilingual nations.

ANT 3780 Anthropology of Brazil (3). Anthropological perspective on Brazilian society and culture. Covers classic and contemporary studies of Brazil including such topics as race, ethnicity, national identity, regionalism, and social organization.

ANT 4164 Inca Civilization (3). A survey of Andean culture history with emphasis on Inca and pre-Inca civilizations. Includes discussion of peopling of South America, habitats, and the transition from foraging to village settlements, and the rise of indigenous empires.

ANT 4273 Law and Culture (3). A cross-cultural examination of the practical and theoretical relationships between the legal system and other aspects of culture and society.

ANT 4305 Coastal Cultures (3). Introduces students to the anthropological study of coastal and maritime societies, their folklore, and particular cultural adaptations by examining ethnographic examples from around the world.

ANT 4306 The Third World (3). An interdisciplinary, cross-cultural survey of the factors contributing to the emergence of the Third World. Significant political, economic, pan-national and pan-ethnic coalitions are analyzed.

ANT 4312 American Indian Ethnology (3). Examination of the socio-cultural patterns of selected American Indian groups from pre-history to the present with an emphasis in political, social, economic, artistic and religious life.

ANT 4324 Mexico (3). An interdisciplinary examination of the major social, cultural, economic, and political factors contributing to the transformation from the Aztec empire to colonial society to modern Mexico. (F)

ANT 4328 Maya Civilization (3). A survey of the culture and intellectual achievements of the ancient Maya civilization of Mesoamerica. Course includes: history and social-political structure, archaeology, agriculture and city planning, mathematics, hiero-glyphics, astronomy, and calendars.

ANT 4330 Contemporary Maya Cultures (3). Studies the Maya cultures of Mexico and Central America from the Conquest to the present. Investigates the political, social, economic, religious, and cultural life of contemporary Maya peoples.

ANT 4332 Latin America (3). Examines cultures and societies of the Latin American region. Topics may include indigenous and peasant cultures, social movements, urban and global transformations, and class, gender and ethnicity.

ANT 4334 Contemporary Latin American Women (3). The lives of 20th century Latin American women and gender analysis along class and ethnic dimensions. Discussion of religion, family, gender roles, machismo, and women’s roles in socio-political change.

ANT 4340 Cultures of the Caribbean (3). Provides an overview of cultures and societies of the Caribbean and Circum-Caribbean region with a focus on local cultures and their historical transformations, transnationalism and globalization, and class, gender and ethnicity.
ANT 4343 Cuban Culture and Society (3). Examines the culture of contemporary Cuba, with emphasis on the Cuban Republic, the transformations associated with the 1959 revolution, the impact of international relations, and transnational Cuban communities.

ANT 4352 African Peoples and Cultures (3). This course includes a survey of the cultures and civilizations of Sub-Saharan Africa. It includes discussions of history, geography, sociopolitical structures, religion, art, music, and oral literature.

ANT 4360 - 4477 Area Studies (3). Surveys selected world areas with an emphasis on ethnicity, social stratification, and processes of social change and globalization. Areas to be studied may include: (1) North America; (2) South or Latin America; (3) the Caribbean; (4) Africa; and (5) Asia. Specific topics may vary. May be repeated for credit with change of topic.

ANT 4390 Explorations in Visual Anthropology (3). An examination of the use of film in anthropology, both as a method of ethnographic documentation and as a research technique for analyzing non-verbal modes of communication. Documentary films and cross-cultural data on paralanguage, kinesics, proxemics, and choreometrics will be reviewed and discussed.

ANT 4391 Anthropology Through Film (3). Explores key issues in anthropology through using visual media, including film and web-based materials. Cross-cultural comparisons highlight this medium's influence on local, national, and global cultures.

ANT 4396 Africa and Africans in Film (3). Analyzes representations of Sub-Saharan Africa and Africans in various cinematic traditions (including documentaries), and examines these representations in socioeconomic and political contexts. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

ANT 4397 African Diaspora Cultures and Performativity (3). Examines different approaches adopted by African diaspora studies scholars in social and cultural anthropology, and recent theoretical texts and debates in Performance Studies. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

ANT 4406 Anthropology of War and Violence (3). The purpose of this course is to introduce the scientific study of human aggression and warfare from an evolutionary and cross-cultural perspective in order to gain a better understanding of the causes and consequences of such behavior, and to evaluate proposed options for the control of warfare.

ANT 4422 Kinship and Social Organization (3). Comparative study of kinship systems and the social organization in tribal, peasant, and industrial societies. Emphasis on the ethnographic record in anthropology. Prerequisites: ANT 2000 or permission of the instructor.

ANT 4461 Hallucinogens and Culture (3). Cross-cultural examination of the political, religious, and socio-cultural factors related to altered states of consciousness, including dreams and images. Applications to contemporary psychology are explored.

ANT 4473 Anthropology of Globalization – GL (3). Cross-cultural examination of globalization and of socioeconomic, environmental and political controversies surrounding this mega-trend, including the greening of the global economy.

ANT 4480 Anthropological Approaches to Global Health (3). Provides a survey of how medical anthropologists engage with the growing field of global health, drawing on anthropological case studies such as HIV/AIDS, reproductive health, and political ecology.

ANT 4723 Education and Culture (3). A cross-cultural examination of educational and socialization processes, their functions in the larger society, and the value systems they transmit.

ANT 4905 Directed Individual Study (1-2). Supervised readings and/or field research and training. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

ANT 4915 Directed Field Research (1-2). Permission of the instructor required.

ANT 4930 Topics in Anthropology (3). Special courses dealing with advanced topics in the major anthropological subdisciplines: (1) social and cultural anthropology, (2) applied anthropology, (3) physical anthropology, (4) linguistics, and (5) archaeology. Instruction by staff or visiting specialists. Topics to be announced. Instructor's permission required. May be repeated.

ANT 4941 Holocaust Documentation Internship (3). History and significance of the Holocaust; issues in oral history; interviewing Holocaust survivors; transcribing and archiving interview data.

EVR 4595 South Florida Environmental Conflicts (3). Research on environmental conflicts in South Florida. Theories of environmental conflicts, research design, semi-structured interview and survey methods, group research projects.

GEA 2000 World Regional Geography – GL (3). A systematic survey of the major regions and countries of the world, with regard to their physical, cultural, and political characteristics. Emphasis upon climate, natural resources, economic development, and population patterns.

GEA 3212 Geography of North America (G) (3). Geography of the countries of North America with emphasis on physical aspects, human migration and development, population, economic resources and culture.

GEA 3320 Population and Geography of the Caribbean (G) (3). Physical, cultural and political geography of the Caribbean; emphasis on population patterns, growth and ethnicity.

GEA 3400 Population and Geography of Latin America (G) (3). Introduction to the physical, cultural, and political geography of Latin America. Emphasis on population patterns and problems of population growth, systems of land use and tenure, economic development, natural resources, and agriculture.

GEA 3500 Population and Geography of Europe (G) (3). Introduction to the physical, cultural, and political geography of Europe emphasizing the evolution of the
states and the geographical factors facilitating the integration movement.

GEA 3554 Geography of Russia and Central Eurasia (G) (3). A geographical analysis of the countries of the former Soviet Union. Emphasis on resources, population, union urbanization, and economic development.

GEO 3600 Population and Geography of Africa – GL (G) (3). The course explores the key development theories and approaches deployed on the continent over the last 150 year through the lens of resources (water, bodies, land, oil and diamonds, etc.).

GEO 3635 Population and Geography of the Middle East (G) (3). Introduction to the physical, cultural, and political geography of the Middle East. Emphasis on population patterns, natural resources, and economic development.

GEO 3704 Geography of East Asia (3). Provides an overview of East Asia from a critical geographic perspective. Students will explore various historical and contemporary issues on the region with geographic lenses and themes.

GEO 3705 Geography of Central Asia and the Caucasus (G) (3). Geography of the countries of the former Soviet Union in the Caucasus and the Central Asian regions. Emphasis on natural resources, environmental problems, ethnicity and population change, urbanization, and economic development.

GEO 4202 Geography of the Borderlands (G) (3). Examines the role of borders in human society. Comparative analysis of specific border zones. In-depth exploration of one borderland: society, culture, economics, and political processes.

GEO 4905 Independent Study (1-6). Directed independent research in regional geography. Requires prior approval by instructor.

GEO 4930 Topics in Geography (G) (3). Varies according to the instructor and semester. May be repeated with departmental permission.

GEO 2000 Introduction to Geography (3). Leading concepts of human and environmental geography. Physical, cultural, economic and political factors in the spatial patterns of natural and human systems.

GEO 3001 Geography of Global Change – GL (G) (3). Explores the geography of change in contemporary world economy, politics, culture, and environment. Mapping and spatial analysis aid in understanding global change and effects on specific places.

GEO 3110 Research Methods (3). Introduces students to the relationship between theory and social research and to methods for collecting and analyzing empirical data.

GEO 3421 Cultural Geography (G) (T1, T2) (3). The study of spatial variations among cultural groups and the special functioning of society. Focuses on describing and analyzing geographic differences in language, religion, economy, and government.

GEO 3471 Political Geography (G) (T2) (3). Examines the uneven spatial distribution of power in the world. Emphasis is on the nation-state, sovereignty, territoriality, but also on challenges to hegemonic space, e.g. from social movements.

GEO 3502 Economic Geography – GL (G, IPE) (T1,T2) (3). Explores spatial facets of the economy at the international level, including trade, development, manufacturing, and technology.

GEO 3602 Urban Geography (G) (T1) (3). The study of spatial organization within and among urban settlements. Analysis of both the empirical and theoretical aspects of urbanism are covered, with an emphasis on current urban problems.

GEO 4354 Geography of the Global Food System – GL (G) (T2,T3) (3). Analyzes the spatial organization of the global food system and its importance to world economic development. Explores food security, trade, and environment.

GEO 4373 Geography of the Global Conservation System (3). Traces origin and growth of global-scale system of conservation areas in context of global political-economic trends and posits system as key force in sociocultural and political life worldwide.

GEO 4391 Marine Geography (3). Examination of the human and physical components of marine geography, including marine processes, coastal development, and the issues of managing marine resources.

GEO 4412 Geography and Gender (3). Examines the connections between space, place and gender across the scales of the body, home, workplace, nation, colony, postcolony and transnational.

GEO 4476 Political Ecology (G) (T1,T3) (3). Principles of human geography and political economy structure analyses and explanation of ecological problems. Emphasizes spatial aspects of society and environment interactions.

GEO 4477 Critical Geopolitics (G) (T2) (3). Explains to students new methods of critical geopolitical analysis and how they impact human political affairs across landscapes and territories. Allows students to develop analytical work and research in the field.

GEO 4607 Urban Environmental Geography (3). Ecology, sociology, and geography of metropolitan areas in the context of energy, matter, and sustainability, including the importance of humans in the urban environment. Prerequisite: Upper division standing.

GEO 4905 Independent Study (1-6). Directed independent research in systematic geography. Requires prior approval by instructor. (F,S,SS)

GEO 4930 Senior Geography Capstone Seminar (3). Synthesizes and builds upon the geography curriculum's components of inquiry, literacy, and in-depth study. Students write a research paper and present it orally to a department forum. Prerequisites: GEO 3502 or GEO 3421 or GEO 3471 and SYA 3300.

GEO 4940 Internship in Geography (G) (T1,T2,T3) (3). Introduces Geography majors and minors to real-world experience through internship in local, national, and overseas government, NGO, and private sector enterprises. Prerequisites: Declared GSS majors and 3.0 GPA and SYA 3300.
GEO 5415 Topics in Social Geography (G, IP) (3). Topics discussed include geographic aspects of population and ethnicity, with emphasis on sources and analysis of data and pertinent concepts. Prerequisites: GEA 2000 or permission of the instructor. (S)

GEO 5479 Advanced Political Ecology (3). People are often engaged in conflict over nature and the landscapes where they would live, work, and recreate. Seminar illuminates roles of geography, history, and power in these conflicts. Prerequisite: Graduate status.

GEO 5557 Globalization (3). Examines the transformation of the world economy and of global finance, the changing significance of sovereignty and territoriality, the effects of space-time compression on everyday life, and associated shifts in culture and identity.

GEO 5906 Directed Individual Studies (3). Supervised readings and/or field research and training.

GIS 2000 Mapping in Geography (3). Introduction to the history of cartography and map production. Descriptions of map errors, maps as science and as art. Also more technical map creation with aerial photography and satellite images.

GIS 3048 Applications of Geographic Information Systems (G) (3). Introduction to geographic spatial analysis using a variety of data.

GIS 5038 Remote Sensing (3). Satellite image and aerial photo interpretation and analysis fundamentals.

GIS 5620 Surveillance, Intelligence, and International Relations (3). This seminar focuses on the role of advanced technology in obtaining information via orbital or land-based surveillance systems on issues of international relations such as warfare and globalization. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.

GIS 5935 Topics in Geographic Information Systems (3). Geographic concepts are studied in a computer-based mapping environment. Both social and physical data are used. Students receive a background in spatial analysis and basic cartography.

IDS 3163 Global Supply Chains & Logistics – GL (3). Global supply chains and their interactions with all facets of business and society. Design issues and operation issues are investigated using simulation models and case studies.

IDS 3214 Our Coastal Environment from the Bay of the World – GL (3). Natural science principles applied to the world’s coastal and marine environments, with emphasis on human use of and interaction with those environments, using cases from Florida and around the globe.

IDS 3315 Gaining Global Perspectives – GL (3). Students learn to socially locate themselves vis-à-vis others and how their perspectives affect perceiving and understanding others. Students acquire and apply new perspectives to see as others do.

SYA 3300 Research Methods (3). Topics include the formulation of research problems; research design; data collection methods; hypothesis testing; and analysis, interpretation, and reporting results. Departmental permission required. (F,S)

SYA 3400 Introduction to Quantitative Social Research (3). Introduction to quantitative methods used in the analysis of sociological data, as well as data in other areas of social research.

SYA 3949 Internship (0-3). Working in an organization for the semester to acquire relevant professional experience related to the major. May be repeated. Prerequisites: Admission to majors with 3.0 GPA, SYA 3300, ANT 3034 or SYA 4010 or SYA 4011 and permission of the department required.

SYA 4010 Sociological Theories (3). Examines the emergence of sociology as the study of social relations. Compares and contrasts the work of selected theorists, with respect to their methodologies, treatment of the emergence and consequences of modern society, political sociology, conception of social class, and analysis of the role of religion in society. The student is expected to gain in-depth knowledge of opposing theories, as well as an appreciation of the contingent nature of sociological theories. (F,S)

SYA 4011 Social Theory (3). Focuses on one or more theoretical perspectives from the standpoint of a particular empirical research issue or set of issues. Topics may vary by instructor and by semester. Prerequisites: Either ANT 2000, GEA 2000, or SYG 2000, or instructor’s permission.

SYA 4352 GIS and Social Research (3). Applications of GIS in social research. Includes the relevance of critical perspectives on space, place, and cartography to GIS social research.

SYA 4353 GIS and Latin American Societies (3). Introduces geographic information systems (GIS) in the context of Latin American socio-spatial and environmental problems and transformations.

SYA 4450 Advanced Research Methods (3). Advanced topics in sociological research are explored. Focus will be on measurement and analysis issues, although topics related to sampling and data collection are also addressed. Prerequisites: SYA 3300 (Research Methods) and SYA 4010 (Sociological Theories).

SYA 4905 Directed Individual Study (VAR). Supervised readings and/or field research and training. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

SYA 5135 Sociology of Knowledge (3). The study of the theoretical basis of knowledge and the inter-relatedness of knowledge and social factors, particularly as knowledge relates to institutional forms of behavior. (S)

SYA 5357 Graduate GIS and Latin American Societies (3). Introduces geographic information systems (GIS) in the context of Latin American socio-spatial and environmental problems and transformations.

SYA 5909 Directed Individual Study (VAR). Supervised readings and/or field research and training. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. (F,S,SS)

SYA 5941 Directed Field Research (VAR). Permission of the instructor required.

SYD 3600 Community and Society (3). The social group known as the community is identified and analyzed for its distinctive qualities. By distinguishing it from other social
groups, its dominating force on the behavior of its members is isolated. Attention is given to the interaction of individuals and groups as they exist within the community.

SYD 3620 Sociology of Miami (3). Study of Miami and Dade County using sociological and anthropological techniques and theory, fieldwork assignments, readings and guest speakers.

SYD 3650 Sociology of Gender and Power in Asia (3). Examines cultural ideologies and systems of power in gender relations in contemporary Asia.


SYD 3811 Feminist Theories in Sociology (3). Examines traditions of feminist theorizing in sociology.

SYD 4237 Immigration and Refugees (3). Examines the causes and consequences of immigration and refugee flows. Focuses on sociological and anthropological issues.

SYD 4410 Urban Sociology (3). Study of the urban community, with particular attention to the problems associated with urban life. The development of urban societies is reviewed historically, and factors associated with this development are identified.

SYD 4451 Japanese Society in Global Perspective – GL (3). This course is an introduction to contemporary Japanese society from a global perspective. We examine Japan’s position in global society’s, sometimes taking a transnational or comparative approach.

SYD 4604 Cities and Sustainability: Latin America, Africa, and Asia in a Globalizing World (3). Focuses on challenges of environmental sustainability of poor cities in a globalizing world. Emphasizes methodological frameworks to analyze the roots of the problems and potential solutions. Prerequisites: SYG 2000 or ANT 2000 or EVR 1017 or permission of the instructor.

SYD 4606 World Jewish Communities (3). An overview of Jewish communities throughout the world. Analyze their origins, migrations, demographic and social characteristics. Covers Ashkenazi, Sephardi, and Oriental communities.

SYD 4610 Topics in Sociology (3). Special courses on the social structures and related problems of specific geographical and cultural areas. Topics may vary. May be repeated for credit with change of topics. Can be taken for credit no more than twice with any given instructor.

SYD 4621 Cubans in the U.S. (3). An overview of Cuban migration to the U.S. and the establishment of Cuban communities in this country. Emphasis on the development and dynamics of the enclave in Miami.

SYD 4630 Latin American and Caribbean Societies (3). Exploration of the types of social structures, statuses, and roles, and the resulting distributions of power and authority in the hemisphere.

SYD 4654 State and Society in China (3). Provides an introduction to contemporary Chinese state and society to enrich understanding of structures and dynamics of modern societies in general.

SYD 4700 Sociology of Minorities/Race and Ethnic Relations (3). The study of social groups identified by racial or ethnic characteristics. Particular emphasis is given to the role of minorities in society, and the interactive process resulting from their contact with the majority. Social behaviors of minorities are reviewed and related to institutional structures and their accepted norms.

SYD 4702 Race, Gender, Sexuality: Entanglements Across Time and Space (3). Examines the transnational, interrelated history of race and gender from the 16th century to the present. Prerequisites: SYG 2000 or ANT 2000.

SYD 4703 Depiction of Jews in Films (3). A comparison of films about Jewish communities from different parts of the world to analyze how Jewish communities interact with different societies.

SYD 4704 Seminar in Ethnicity (3). An upper-level seminar, stressing a comparative sociological approach to the study of two or more racial-ethnic groups. Emphasis on the interrelations of ethnic communities within the same society and the socio-political effects of these interrelations. Prerequisites: SYD 4700 or permission of the instructor.

SYD 4800 Sociological Theories of Gender (3). Examines theories of gender in classical and contemporary sociological theory. Prerequisites: SYA 4010 or permission of the instructor.

SYD 4802 Sociology of Sexual Minorities (3). Social construction and development of sexual and gender identities in Western societies and cross-culturally. Topics include various contemporary social issues regarding sexuality and minority status.

SYD 4820 Sociology of Men (3). Examines the nature of the social construction of male gender identity in American society.

SYD 5045 Population and Society (3). The study of the processes that determine the size and composition of human populations. Emphasis on demographic transition theory and the antecedents and consequences of differential growth rates throughout the world.

SYD 5607 Advanced World Jewish Communities (3). Overview of Jewish communities throughout the world. Analyzes their origins, migrations, demographic and social characteristics. Covers Ashkenazi, Sephardi, and Oriental communities. Prerequisite: Graduate Standing.

SYD 5656 Global Japan (3). An examination of the dynamics of contemporary social issues in Japan and Japan's role in a globalized society.

SYD 5708 Advanced Race, Gender, Sexuality: Entanglements Across Time and Space (3). Examines the transnational, interrelated history of race and gender from the 16th century to the present.

SYG 2000 Introduction to Sociology – GL (3). Introduces sociological perspectives and methods, and the sociological study of issues such as socialization, gender, race/ethnicity, social class, and global inequality.

social problems in terms of global issues such as inequality, poverty, politics, crime/justice, violence, genocide, and war.

SYG 3002 Basic Ideas of Sociology (3). The course introduces the student to the ideas of community, authority, status, alienation, and the sacred, as used in sociological literature.

SYG 3325 Social Deviancy (Deviant Behavior) (3). The study of behavior that counters the culturally accepted norms or regularities. The social implications of deviancy are reviewed, and theoretical formulations regarding deviant behavior are analyzed.

SYG 4060 Sociology of Sexuality (3). Applies sociological perspectives to sexual attitudes and behavior, examining various world cultures. Topics include premarital and extramarital sex, sexual orientation, and prostitution.

SYG 4972 Senior Capstone Seminar (3). Synthesizes and builds upon the major curriculum's components of inquiry, literacy, and in-depth study. Students write a research paper and present it orally to a departmental forum. Satisfies SACS requirements in oral and computer competency. Prerequisites: SYA 3300 and ANT 3034 or SYA 4010.

SYO 3120 Marriage and the Family (3). Considers marriage and kinship, and their relationships with political, economic, cultural and social factors. Emphasizes the distinction between family and other social units, and the changing social arrangements and exceptions associated with family and gender roles.

SYO 3250 School and Society (3). A specialized course dealing with the place of schools (particularly public) in society, the import of social criteria for school personnel, and the influence of such criteria on educational processes within the school system (institution).

SYO 3400 Medical Sociology (3). An introductory overview of the social facets of health, disease, illness, and the organization/delivery of medical care and health care.

SYO 3401 Sociology of Health Behavior (3). Provides a sociological perspective on health behavior. Topics include health as a social construct; personal, familial, and social/cultural determinants of health behavior; and health care delivery.

SYO 3546 Sociology of Groups and Organizations (3). Introduction to the study of groups and organizations from a sociological perspective.

SYO 4300 Political Sociology (3). The underlying social conditions of political order, political process, and political behavior are explored. Examples are drawn from empirical and theoretical studies of power, elites, social class and socialization.

SYO 4370 Work and Society (3). Provides an overview of the relationships among labor, economic and social systems, and political economy. Topics include changing patterns of employment and unemployment, social class, industrial and service economies, and processes of globalization.

SYO 4410 Sociology of Mental Illness (3). Contemporary issues in mental health and illness from a sociological perspective. Includes differential prevalence, health, and illness behaviors, organization of care, social policy, and social control.

SYO 4420 Comparative Sociology of Health Care Systems (3). Health care policies, organization, and systems from a cross-national perspective, focusing on issues such as access, insurance, corporation, and spiraling costs.

SYO 4530 Social Inequality (3). Examines various forms of social stratification and political and economic systems. Topics may include the identities and inequalities associated with class, ethnicity and gender; the relationships among social structure, ideology and the state; and social justice movements.

SYO 4550 Comparative Sociology (3). A cross-cultural and cross-national survey of sociological studies, with particular emphasis on theoretical and methodological issues. Examples will be drawn from studies on culture patterns, social structures, sexual mores, power relationships and the ethical implications of cross-national research.

SYO 4571 Organizations and Society (3). The course deals with the micro-sociological problems of the internal organization of bureaucracies; the relation between bureaucracy and personality; the macro-sociological problems of the emergence of the bureaucratic form; bureaucratization and contemporary life; general problems of affluence; meaningless activity; ways to beat the bureaucracy; and bureaucracy and atrocity.

SYP 3000 The Individual in Society (3). Introduction to the study of the individual as a social being, with emphasis on theoretical conceptions of the relationship between the individual and society, and structural and cultural constraints versus individual agency.

SYP 3300 Social Movements (3). An introduction to the study of social movements, with emphasis on their relationship with social inequalities, identities, political and cultural conflict, and state authority as organized at the national, subnational, and transnational levels. Topics may include a comparison of historical and contemporary social movements, local, national and transnational movements; and the relationship between mass media, public attitudes, and social action.

SYP 3456 Societies in the World – GL (3). An introduction to the study of local societies in worldwide perspective. Addresses local-global issues such as gender, social class, economy, politics, migration, and environmental destruction.

SYP 3520 Criminology (3). An introduction to the study of criminal behavior, its evidence in society, society’s reaction to the subjects involved, and the current state of theoretical thought on causality and treatment.

SYP 3530 Delinquency (3). An analysis of behavior which is extralegal, with major concentration on its appearance among young people (juveniles) and society’s response. Particular emphasis is given to the dynamic thrusts being made in establishing juvenile rights as a distinct part of human or civil rights.
SYP 3750 Sociology of Life Course (3). Introduction to the study of the life course from a sociological perspective. Life stages (birth to death) are examined as social constructions.

SYP 4013 The Body in Society (3). Examines the human body as a sociocultural construction that varies across time and space, including the influence of forces such as gender, sexuality, race/ethnicity, social class and age.

SYP 4410 Social Conflict (3). The study of conflict in society and its place in social relationships. A study of causes and resolutions, with particular emphasis on methods of resolution and their influence on social change.

SYP 4421 Science, Technology and Society (3). An introduction to the social, cultural, and political changes associated with the development of science and technology. Topics may include structural inequalities associated with differences in access to science and technology; ethical debates related to scientific and technological advances; and the relationship between technology and changing forms of communication, community, and social action.

SYP 4441 Sociology of World Development (3). An examination of the various theories concerning what is happening in the ‘under-developed world.’ The political, social, and economic events of these societies are subjected to sociological analysis.

SYP 4454 Globalization and Society (3). Examines the economic, political and social dimensions of globalization and the theories used to describe and account for globalization. Course material may focus on particular world regions and comparisons between or among world regions. Prerequisites: ANT 2000 or SYG 2000.

SYP 4464 Sociology of Disasters (3). Study of human response to disaster events, including political and economic factors influencing vulnerability. Examines how individuals and institutions make decisions at all levels of disaster response.

SYP 4562 Domestic Violence (3). Applies sociological perspectives to the topic of domestic violence. Analyzes cultural roots and social structures that promote and reinforce violence in intimate relationships. Prerequisites: SYG 2000 or ANT 2000.

SYP 4631 Sociology through Film (3). Popular and documentary films as data for the analysis of various sociological problems.

SYP 4730 Sociology of Aging (3). The social impact of aging on individual and group interaction patterns, particularly in the areas of retirement, family relations, community participation, and social services. Explores the major sociological theories of aging in light of current research.

SYP 4740 Sociology of Death (3). An introduction to ‘death’ as social phenomenon. Attention given to various approaches which systematically study death, with primary emphasis given to the sociological approach. Major attention is given to an exploration of attitudes toward death, and an assessment of the implications for the respective groups involved.

SYP 5447 Development and Post-Development (3). Examines theories and case studies concerning development and post-development in global perspective.