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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 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

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

Additional requirements for the degree (6 credits)
Global Studies is the interdisciplinary study of the interconnections among cultural, political, economic, and ecological dimensions of social life in an age of globalization. The program allows students the opportunity to understand these processes by exploring and integrating subjects usually taught in disciplinary isolation. The curriculum provides rigorous theoretical and methodological training in social science appropriate to the changing global workforce of the 21st century. Students enrolling in Global Studies select one of the following majors: Anthropology, Geography, Sociology, or Interdisciplinary and Area Studies. The Anthropology, Geography, and Sociology majors offer strong disciplinary training in a comparative global context. The Interdisciplinary and Area Studies major follows the Global Studies curriculum while drawing from courses offered by the other departments in the Green School of International and Public Affairs to develop additional expertise in specific social science themes and world areas.

**Lower Division Preparation**

Students admitted to the university are directly admitted to their chosen major. Students are expected to make adequate progress based on critical indicators such as GPA in specific courses or credits earned. In cases where students are not making adequate progress, a change of major may be required. Advisors will redirect students to more appropriate majors when critical indicators are not actualized.

**Minimum of 48 upper division credits (3000- or 4000-level) required**

**Major in Anthropology**

**Major Requirements: 30 hours**

- 3 hours Introduction to Major
- 9 hours Program Core Courses
- 3 hours Theory
- 6 hours Methods
- 6 hours Disciplinary Upper Division Electives
- 3 hours Other Upper Division Electives

**Course Requirements**

- **Intro to Major (3 credit hours)**
  - IDS 3315 Gaining Global Perspectives – GL 3

- **Core Courses (9 credit hours)**
  - ANT 3212 World Ethnographies – GL 3
  - GEO 3001 Geography of Global Change – GL 3
  - SYP 3456 Societies in the World – GL 3

- **Theory (3 credit hours)**
  - ANT 3034 Anthropological Theories 3

- **Methods (6 credit hours)**
  - SYA 3300 Research Methods 3
  - ANT 3497 Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods 3

- **Disciplinary Upper Division Electives (6 credit hours)**
  - Two additional upper-division anthropology courses (ANT)

- **Other Upper Division Electives (3 credit hours)**
  - One additional upper-division geography (GEA/GEO) course; or one additional upper division sociology course (SYA/SYD/SYG/SYO/SYP)

**Major in Geography**

**Major Requirements: 30 hours**

- 3 hours Introduction to Major
- 9 hours Program Core Courses
- 3 hours Theory
- 6 hours Methods
- 6 hours Disciplinary Upper Division Electives
Major Requirements: 30 hours

3 hours Introduction to Major
9 hours Program Core Courses
3 hours Theory
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3 hours Other Upper Division Electives

Course Requirements
Intro to Major (3 credit hours)
IDS 3315 Gaining Global Perspectives – GL 3

Core Courses (9 credit hours)
ANT 3212 World Ethnographies – GL 3
GEO 3001 Geography of Global Change – GL 3
SYP 3456 Societies in the World – GL 3

Theory (3 credit hours)
(one of the following)
GEO 3421 Cultural Geography 3
GEO 3471 Political Geography 3
GEO 3502 Economic Geography 3

Methods (6 credit hours)
SYA 3300 Research Methods 3
GIS 3048 Applications of Geographic Information Systems 3

Disciplinary Upper Division Electives (6 credit hours)
Two additional upper-division geography courses (GEA/GEO)

Other Upper Division Electives (3 credit hours)
One additional upper-division anthropology (ANT) course; or one additional upper-division sociology course (SYA/SYD/SYG/SYO/SYP)

Major in Sociology

Main Requirements: 30 hours

3 hours Introduction to Major
9 hours Program Core Courses
3 hours Theory
6 hours Methods
6 hours Disciplinary Upper Division Electives
3 hours Other Upper Division Electives

Course Requirements
Intro to Major (3 credit hours)
IDS 3315 Gaining Global Perspectives – GL 3

Core Courses (9 credit hours)
ANT 3212 World Ethnographies – GL 3
GEO 3001 Geography of Global Change – GL 3
SYP 3456 Societies in the World – GL 3

Theory (3 credit hours)
SYA 4010 Sociological Theories 3

Methods (6 credit hours)
SYA 3300 Research Methods 3
GIS 3048 Applications of Geographic Information Systems 3

Disciplinary Upper Division Electives (6 credit hours)
Two additional upper-division sociology courses (SYA/SYD/SYG/SYO/SYP)

Other Upper Division Electives (3 credit hours)
One additional upper-division anthropology (ANT) course; or one additional upper-division geography course (GEA/GEO)

Major in Interdisciplinary and Area Studies

Main Requirements: 33 hours

3 hours Introduction to Major
6 hours Core Courses
AMH 3310  Social Movements in Modern United States History – GL  3
CJE 4174  Comparative Criminal Justice Systems – GL  3
EUH 3576  The Russian Revolution and the Soviet Union  3
EUH 4033  Nazism and the Holocaust  3
GEO 3602  Urban Geography  3
GEO 4477  Critical Geo Politics  3
HIS 3308  War and Society – GL  3
HIS 4264  Global Imperial Indigenous Encounters 1500 to the Present – GL  3
ISS 3130  Fundamentals of National Security  3
ISS 4930  Topics in Globalization: Global Cyber Threats & Policy Implications  3
LBS 3001  Labor and Globalization – GL  3
LBS 3468  Introduction to Mediation – GL  3
LBS 3480  Introduction to Conflict Resolution – GL  3
LBS 4154  Workers and Diversity – GL  3
LBS 4610  Cross Cultural Dimensions of Latin American Labor Relations – GL  3
LAH 3718  History of US-Latin American Relations  3
LAH 4750  Law and Society in Latin America  3
LAH 4483  Cuba Since 1959  3
PAD 3800  Managing Global Cities – GL  3
PAD 3802  Introduction to Urban and Regional Studies – GL  3
PHM 4362  Global Justice – GL  3
SYP 3300  Social Movements  3
WOH 3244  World War II: A Global History – GL  3

Global Health and Environment*
ANT 3403  Cultural Ecology  3
ANT 3462  Medical Anthropology  3
ANT 4480  Anthropological Approaches to Global Health  3
AMH 3314  Public Health and Medicine in United States History – GL  3
EVR 4595  South Florida Environmental Conflicts  3
IDS 3214  Our Coastal Environment from the Bay of the World  3
GEO 4373  Geography of the Global Conservation System  3
GEO 4391  Marine Geography  3
GEO 4476  Political Ecology  3
GEO 4607  Urban Environmental Geography  3
HIS 4492  A History of United States Policy  3
LAH 4722  Health, Medicine, and Disease in Latin American Social History – GL  3
SYD 4604  Cities and Sustainability: Latin America, Africa, and Asia in a Globalizing World  3
SYO 3400  Medical Sociology  3
SYO 3401  Sociology of Health Behavior  3
SYO 4410  Sociology of Mental Illness  3
SYO 4420  Comparative Sociology of Health Care Systems  3
SYP 3750  Sociology of Life Course  3
SYP 4013  The Body in Society  3
SYP 4562  Domestic Violence  3
WOH 4206  Global History of Domestic Violence – GL  3

Global Markets, Resources and Development*
ECO 4713  International Macroeconomics – GL  3
ECS 3021  Women, Culture, and Economic Logistics – GL  3
IDS 3163  Global Supply Chains  3
SYP 4441  Sociology of World Development  3
WOH 4223  History of the Global Economy  3
*Or any other GSS-advised-approved thematic course offered by the Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies or in another department.

Upper Division Area Studies Electives (9 hours)
(Three courses substantially grounded in a world area, exemplifying the transnational issues explored in the chosen theme)
The world areas are:
Africa
Asia
Latin America and the Caribbean
Middle East and Central Asia
Europe and Eurasia

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

¹Acceptable substitutes: ANTX410

Courses which form part of the statewide articulation between the State University System and the Florida College System will fulfill the Lower Division Common Prerequisites.

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Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/Anthropology – Anthropology Major

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

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 (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
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

Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies

FLU Course(s) Equivalent Course(s)
SYG 2000 SYGX000¹ and ANTX000

¹Acceptable substitutes: ANTX410

Courses which form part of the statewide articulation between the State University System and the Florida College System will fulfill the Lower Division Common Prerequisites.

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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
or
SYA 4010 Sociological Theories 3
or
SYA 4011 Social Theory 3

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

Combined BA Sociology & Anthropology/M.P.H in Health Policy and Management Degree Pathway

Admission Requirements
Students who meet the following requirements will be able to apply for admission to the Master of Public Health program:
• Current enrollment in the bachelor’s degree program in Sociology/Anthropology at FIU.
• Current G.P.A. of 3.25 or higher.
• Three letters of recommendation from undergraduate faculty familiar with the student’s work.
• Approval of the Health Policy and Management admissions committee.
• Approval of the University Graduate School.

Degree Requirements
Students must meet the requirements of both the B.A. in Sociology/Anthropology with majors in either anthropology or sociology and the M.P.H. in Health Policy and Management.

Up to four courses (12 credits) may be used to satisfy the requirements for a B.A. in Sociology/Anthropology and the M.P.H. degree requirements. Students will take the following MPH courses as electives during their final year in the BA program. The electives will be counted as part of the hours students must take outside the majors of anthropology or sociology.

PHC 6000 Introduction to Public Health Epidemiology 3
PHC 6102 Introduction to Public Health Policy and Management 3
PHC 6410 Health Behavior and Public Health 3
PHC 6430 Population Health Management I 3

Course Descriptions
Definition of Prefixes
ANG Anthropology Graduate; ANT-Anthropology; EVR-Environmental Studies; GEO-Geography; Regional Areas; GEO-Geography: Systemic; GIS-Geography: Information Science; IDS-Interdisciplinary Studies; SYA-Sociological Analysis; SYD-Sociology of Demography and Area Studies; SYG-Sociology: General; SYO-Social
ORG 5257 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 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 Sex, Gender, & Culture (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 3401 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 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 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 and 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 (G) (T2, T3) (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 – GL (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 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 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 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 Caribbean Cultures (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 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 4473 Culture and Globalization (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 4476 Indigenous Peoples Today in Global Perspective (3). Examines contemporary Indigenous peoples in various parts of the world highlighting commonalities shaping Indigenous communities and people’s lives in response to globalization.

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 4485 Psychedelics and Culture (3). Multidisciplinary survey of role of psychedelics in shamanism and world religions, and in research on addiction, depression, creativity and spirituality.

ANT 4852 Visual Methods in Social Sciences Research (3). Provides conceptual and methodological tools for incorporating visual techniques, particularly documentary film, photographs, and the PhotoVoice approach, into interdisciplinary research. Prerequisite: SYA 3300

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.

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 People, Place, and Environment 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 People, Place, and Environment of the Caribbean (G) (3). Explores dynamic entanglements between local peoples & environments in Caribbean region; emphasis on situating these within wider global social/economic/political/cultural changes, colonial era-present.

GEA 3400 People, Place, and Environment 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 People, Place, and Environment 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 People, Place, and Environment 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.

GEA 3600 People, Place, and Environment of Africa (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.).
GEA 3635 People, Place, and Environment 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.

GEA 3704 People, Place, and Environment of East Asia – GL (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.

GEA 4202 People, Places, and Environments of 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.

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

GEA 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 Geographies of Global Change – GL (G) (3). Explores uneven geographies of development & urbanization, colonial era to present day. Emphasizes interconnected & contested nature of social, environmental, political, economic, & cultural change.

GEO 3110 Research Methods in Geography (3). Introduces students to the relationship between social theory and research in geography. Investigates geography’s 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 Local Cultures/Global Nature (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 – GL (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 4424 Local Culture/Global Climate (3). A cultural geographic approach to understanding the interactions of local cultures with global climate, including climate interactions with indigenous cultures.

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 (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 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: GEO 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 Cartography & 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 2040 Introduction to Applied Skills in GIS (3). Introduction to the different GIS skills and software programs such as ArcMap, ESRI certifications, and other open source platforms online. Prerequisite: GIS 2000.

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 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 (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.

ISS 3234 Heavy Metal in Latin America (3). Explores the emergence and current status of heavy metal music in Latin America and examines how the music has reflected the region’s social and political context.

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, AN 3034 or SYA 4010 or SYA 4011 and permission of the department required.

SYA 4010 Sociological Theories (3). Compares/contrasts propositions of key sociological theorists on origins/characteristics/transformations of societies. Explores application of theories for understanding & addressing social problems. (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 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). Examines approaches to the study of communities, addressing their problems at the levels of cities, regions, and the world.

SYD 3620 Miami: A Sociological Perspective (3). Explores the history, society, cultures, economy, politics, and ecology of transnational Miami.

SYD 3804 Sociology of Gender (3). An examination of women’s and men’s roles, status, and life opportunities in society. Consideration of current theories of gender inequality.

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

SYD 4237 Immigration and Refugees (3). Examines causes and consequences of immigration and the forcible displacement of people. Investigates the experiences of immigrants and refugees.

SYD 4410 Urban Sociology (3). Focus on urbanization & cities. Topics may include political power & subordination/socio-spatial inequalities/neighborhoods & communities/local & global economic changes/ecological degradation/policy.

SYD 4412 Cities in Asia (3). Explores social life in cities of Northeast and Southeast Asia, focusing on major
subtopics in urban studies including gentrification, inequality, globalization, and social movements.

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, sometimes taking a transnational or comparative approach.

SYD 4604 Globalization & Sustainability in the Developing World (3). Examines environmental sustainability of poor cities in a globalizing world. Methodological analysis of problems and potential solutions. Prerequisites: SYG2000 or ANT2000 or EVR1017 or permission of the instructor.

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 Contemporary Chinese Society (3). Addresses changes in, and interrelationships among, contemporary Chinese politics, society, economy, and culture, including their nexus with worldwide transformations.

SYD 4700 Racial and Ethnic Relations (3). Discusses the social construction of racial and ethnic relations. Investigates ideologies, inequalities, identities, conflicts, movements, and change.

SYD 4704 Seminar in Racial & Ethnic Relations (3). Explores special topics concerning the social construction of racial and ethnic relations. Prerequisites: SYD 4700 or permission of the instructor.

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

SYD 4802 Societies and 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 Men and Masculinity (3). Examines the social construction of male gender 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.

SYG 2010 Social Problems – GL (3). Examines social problems in critical and global perspectives. Considers 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 Deviance in Society (3). Examines loca/glob cultural patterns in the social construction of deviance & social control. Topics may include deviant identities/sexualities/mental health/disability/crime & justice/cyber-deviance.

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.

SYO 3120 Families and Social Change (3). Explores the diversity, characteristics, and challenges of families and households as embedded in changing patterns of society, economy, culture, and politics.

SYO 3400 Health & Medicine in Society (3). Presents an overview of the social facets of health/illness, healthcare approaches, and healthcare policies in local and global perspective.

SYO 3401 Health Behavior (3). A sociological investigation of health behavior, with topics including the social construction of health; personal/familial/social/cultural determinants of health behavior; and health care delivery.


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 4420 Comparative Health Systems (3). Compares and contrasts health care policies, organization, and systems across the globe, utilizing a sociological perspective.

SYO 4530 Social Inequalities (3). Explores origins, patterns, and consequences of multiple inequalities. Topics may include: power/subordination, individual/intersecting inequalities, problems & soc. Movements re: inequalities.

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 and Collective Action (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). Investigates societies in comparative, historical, & global perspective. Possible topics: social class, gender, race-ethnicity, culture, politics, economy, globalization, migration, & environment.


SYP 3530 Youth, Crime, and Society (3). Explores the social construction of crime among youth, including theoretical and policy perspectives on juvenile crime, police-youth relations, and juvenile justice in social and political context.

SYP 3750 Sociology of Life Course (3). Examines the interplay between the development of human lives and changing social structures across the entire life span.

SYG 3951 Beyond the MCAT: Social Science for Pre-Med Students (3). Interdisciplinary social science course that explores concepts and theories from psychology, sociology, and anthropology that are relevant for the MCAT exam preparation.

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 Conflict in Society (3). Examines conflict in society and social relationships. Investigates causes and resolutions, with emphasis on methods of resolution and their influence on social change.

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 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 Aging in Society (3). Examines interplay betw. aging individuals/groups & culture/social structures. Explores major sociological theories of aging in light of current research.

SYP 4740 Sociology of Death (3). An exploration of 'death' as social and structural, as well as personal phenomenon. Examines death & dying through the sociological and other critical social science perspectives.

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