

Sociology 379N Conference Course

Brief Description:

This is a special course that has no regular class meetings, but provides the student with the opportunity to pursue a sociological topic or research interest in depth. In typical cases, the student will generate a topic or interest from a regularly-scheduled course and will approach the professor with a request to enroll in 379N to explore the topic with additional readings and research. If the supervising professor grants the request, together the student and professor draw up a contract for the course that outlines the course goals, requirements, readings, assignments, meeting schedule and evaluation criteria. This contract is submitted to the Sociology Undergraduate Faculty Advisor for approval. Upon approval, the student must register for the course in the Undergraduate Advising Office, BUR 230.

SOC 379N may not duplicate course content of a regular course offered in the same semester as the conference course.

Prerequisites:

SOC 302 plus 9 hours of completed upper division coursework in Sociology or related fields. Also requires upper division standing (60+ hours of completed coursework) and a cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Objectives:

To provide the student with the opportunity to explore a specific topic and/or engage in sociological research.

Selection of a faculty supervisor:

This is arranged by the student. Faculty members are not obliged to grant student requests for supervising 379N. Most professors require a student to receive an A in a regularly-scheduled sociology course that they teach before they will sponsor a conference course.

Course Requirements:

The exact details of the requirements are determined by the supervising faculty member and listed on a contract which must be submitted to and approved by the Undergraduate Faculty Advisor.

The following requirements are mandatory for all students enrolled in this course:

1. Satisfactory completion of readings and/or research assignments, involving approximately nine hours per week;
2. At least two meetings with the faculty supervisor during the semester to monitor progress, and one final meeting between the supervisor and student in which the student summarizes the conclusions reached during the semester;
3. A substantial term paper that summarizes the conclusions reached during the semester.

Sociology 379N Conference Course Approval Form

Semester and unique number: _____ Student EID _____

Student's Name: _____

Local Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Prerequisites:

Students must be eligible for upper division coursework (completion of 60 hours of total course credit).

Sociology courses

(required: SOC 302 plus 9 hours of completed upper division coursework in SOC or related fields):

Course	Semester	Grade	UT course?	
SOC 302	_____	_____	Yes	No
_____	_____	_____	Yes	No
_____	_____	_____	Yes	No
_____	_____	_____	Yes	No

Total credit hours completed: _____ UT hours completed: _____ UT GPA (3.0 required): _____

Course contract (on the reverse of this form) must be completed prior to approval.

Upon approval, it is the student's responsibility to add this course in person in the Undergraduate Advising Office, Burdine 230.

THIS COURSE CANNOT BE USED FOR SUBSTANTIAL WRITING COMPONENT CREDIT.

Student's Signature

Supervising Professor's Signature

Sociology Faculty Undergraduate Advisor

Date approved

Course Contract

Topic of Course: _____

Supervising Professor: _____

Course goals/purpose:

Reading/Research Requirements (Include reading list if available):

Written Assignments (number and length of papers, exams and other written work):

Student/supervisor meeting schedule:

Grading (details of grading criteria must be clearly stated by supervising professor):