

MCAT 2015 Sociology Topics Listed by UD Course Number

SOC 101	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Culture<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Assimilation○ Multiculturalism○ Subcultures• Socialization<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Definition of socialization○ Norms○ Agents of socialization (e.g., the family, mass media, peers, workplace)○ Stigma and deviance• Formation of Identity<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Influence of culture and socialization on identity formation• Prejudice and Bias<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Definition of prejudice○ Stereotypes○ Ethnocentrism<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ In-group and out-group▪ Ethnocentrism vs. cultural relativism• Elements of Social Interaction<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Statuses○ Roles○ Groups○ Networks○ Organizations• Discrimination<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Individual vs. institutional discrimination○ The relationship between prejudice and discrimination○ How power, prestige, and class facilitate discrimination• Theoretical Approaches<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Functionalism○ Conflict theory○ Symbolic interactionism○ Social constructionism• Social Institutions<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Education○ Family○ Religion○ Government and economy○ Health and medicine• Culture<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Material culture○ Symbolic culture<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Values and beliefs
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Norms and rituals ○ Culture and social groups • Demographic Structure of Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Age ○ Gender ○ Race and ethnicity • Demographic Shifts and Social Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Demographic transition ○ Fertility, migration, and mortality ○ Globalization • Spatial Inequality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Global inequalities • Social Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aspects of social stratification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Class, status, and power ▪ Cultural capital and social capital ▪ Social reproduction ▪ Privilege and prestige ▪ Intersections with race, gender and age ○ Patterns of social mobility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Intergenerational and intragenerational mobility ▪ Downward and upward mobility ▪ Meritocracy ○ Poverty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Relative and absolute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social exclusion (segregation and isolation)
SOC 303	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theoretical Approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Functionalism ○ Conflict theory ○ Symbolic interactionism ○ Social constructionism
SOC 322	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-presentation and Interacting with Others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gender shapes expression • Demographic Structure of Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sexual orientation
SOC 325	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socialization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stigma and deviance ○ Conformity and obedience
SOC 328	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prejudice and Bias <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Processes that contribute to prejudice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Power, prestige, and class • Demographic Structure of Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Race and ethnicity

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SOC 330	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographic Structure of Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Age
SOC 331	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Institutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family
SOC 332	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-presentation and Interacting with Others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gender shapes expression • Demographic Structure of Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gender
SOC 333	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographic Structure of Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sexual orientation
SOC 334	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Institutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Religion
SOC 337	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Institutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Government and economy
SOC 339	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prejudice and Bias <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Processes that contribute to prejudice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Power, prestige, and class • Discrimination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individual vs. institutional discrimination ○ The relationship between prejudice and discrimination ○ How power, prestige, and class facilitate discrimination • Social Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aspects of social stratification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Class, status, and power ▪ Cultural capital and social capital ▪ Social reproduction ▪ Privilege and prestige ▪ Intersections with race, gender and age ○ Patterns of social mobility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Intergenerational and intragenerational mobility ▪ Downward and upward mobility ▪ Meritocracy ○ Poverty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Relative and absolute ▪ Social exclusion (segregation and isolation)
SOC 340	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the Presence of Others Affects Individual Behavior <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Social facilitation ○ Deindividuation ○ Bystander effect ○ Social loafing ○ Peer pressure • Group Processes

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group polarization ○ Groupthink ● Socialization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conformity and obedience ● Self-Concept and Identity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Definitions of self-concept, identity, and social identity ● Formation of Identity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stages of identity development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Theories of developmental stages (e.g., Erikson, Vygotsky, Kohlberg, Freud) ○ Influence of social factors on identity formation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Influence of individuals (e.g., imitation, role-taking) ▪ Influence of group (e.g., reference group) ○ Influence of culture and socialization on identity formation ● Elements of Social Interaction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Statuses ○ Roles ○ Groups ○ Networks ○ Organizations ● Self-presentation and Interacting with Others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expressing and detecting emotion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gender shapes expression ▪ Culture shapes expression ○ Impression management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Front stage vs. back stage self (Dramaturgical approach) ○ Verbal and nonverbal communication ○ Animal signals and communication ● Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Symbolic culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Language and symbols
SOC 341	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Self-Concept and Identity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Definitions of self-concept, identity, and social identity ○ Different types of identities (e.g., race/ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, class) ● Formation of Identity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Influence of social factors on identity formation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Influence of individuals (e.g., imitation, role-taking) ▪ Influence of group (e.g., reference group) ● Self-presentation and Interacting with Others

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Impression management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Front stage vs. back stage self (Dramaturgical approach)
SOC 342	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographic Shifts and Social Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Social movements
SOC 351	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographic Shifts and Social Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Urbanization • Spatial Inequality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Racial segregation(neighborhoods)
SOC 368	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographic Structure of Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Immigration status
SOC 435	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographic Shifts and Social Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Globalization • Spatial Inequality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Global inequalities
SWK 335	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Inequality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Environmental justice (location and exposure to health risks)
ANT 150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assimilation ○ Multiculturalism ○ Subcultures • Prejudice and Bias <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ethnocentrism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In-group and out-group ○ Ethnocentrism vs. cultural relativism • Self-presentation and Interacting with Others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Culture shapes expression • Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Material culture ○ Symbolic culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Values and beliefs ▪ Norms and rituals ○ Culture and social groups
ANT 300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evolution and human culture
ANT 315	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-presentation and Interacting with Others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Verbal and nonverbal communication • Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Symbolic culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Language and symbols