

Rural Sociology - RSOC

Courses

RSOC 2090 FOOD SYSTEMS: POLICY, PRODUCTION, AND PRACTICE (3) LEC. 3. Post farm gate transformation of raw commodities into edible food. Supply chain, policy, and consumption issues as they relate to processing, safety, nutrition, and waste in the U.S.

RSOC 3560 ENVIRONMENT, SOCIETY, AND JUSTICE (3) LEC. 3. The course focuses on micro and macro structures influencing environmental problems, and possible pathways for their resolution. The course introduces Environmental Sociology through an action-oriented approach to environmental problems.

RSOC 3620 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION (3) LEC. 3. Analysis of social organization at the community level. Conceptual framework developed to examine both internal and external forces affecting urban as well as rural communities in the U.S., and to identify strategies to strengthen local capacity to adapt to changing social and economic environments.

RSOC 4910 DIRECTED FIELD EXPERIENCE (3) LEC. 3. Departmental approval. Structured intensive involvement within an agency or organization serving people in communities or rural areas. Supervision is shared between agency personnel and department faculty who plan, consult, discuss, and evaluate student activities and reports.

RSOC 4930 DIRECTED STUDIES (1-3) IND. Departmental approval. Individualized study of topics in rural sociology and community development, natural resources and environmental issues conducted in consultation with a faculty member. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credit hours.

RSOC 4960 SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN RURAL SOCIOLOGY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (1-3) LEC. Departmental approval. Investigation of problems in rural sociology and community development, natural resources and environmental issues conducted in consultation with a faculty member. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credit hours.

RSOC 5190 SOCIOLOGY OF SUSTAINABLE AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS (3) LEC. 3. Key trends in alternative production-consumption systems (e.g., rise of small/very-small production and processing, development and feasibility short and values-based supply chains; and food security, justice, equity, sovereignty, and democracy). May count either RSOC 5190 or RSOC 6190.

RSOC 5410 EXTENSION PROGRAMS AND METHODS (3) LEC. 3. An introduction to the Cooperative Extension System and other forms of educational outreach. Application of techniques used in extension and outreach planning and programming.

RSOC 5510 SOCIAL WELFARE, FAMILY AND POVERTY (3) LEC. 3. Pr. SOCY 1000 or SOCY 1007 or ECON 2020 or ECON 2023 or ECON 2027. Description for Bulletin: Measuring and explaining poverty inequality and their effects on families and society, analysis of anti-poverty programs.

RSOC 5610 RURAL SOCIOLOGY (3) LEC. 3. Theories and conceptual approaches to rurality in international and domestic contexts. Rural-urban differences in demographic composition, occupational structure, attitudes, and values of rural people and regional cultures. Rural services and institutions as determinants of the quality of life.

RSOC 5640 SOCIOLOGY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (3) LEC. 3. Principles of applied social change at the community level in both industrialized and non-industrialized settings; impacts of economic and technological changes on urban and rural communities; citizen participation in community affairs.

RSOC 5650 SOCIOLOGY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT (3) LEC. 3. The social origins of contemporary environmental problems, emergence of environmentalism as a social movement within industrialized nations, and other topical issues.

RSOC 6190 SOCIOLOGY OF SUSTAINABLE AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS (3) LEC. 3. This is an advanced course that will focus on key trends in alternative production-consumption systems (e.g., rise of small/very-small production and processing, development and feasibility short and values-based supply chains; and food security, justice, equity, sovereignty, and democracy).

RSOC 6410 EXTENSION PROGRAMS AND METHODS (3) LEC. 3. An introduction to the Cooperative Extension System and other forms of educational outreach. Application of techniques used in extension and outreach planning and programming.

RSOC 6510 SOCIAL WELFARE, FAMILY AND POVERTY (3) LEC. 3. Description for Bulletin: Measuring and explaining poverty and inequality and their effects on families and society; analysis of anti-poverty programs.

RSOC 6610 RURAL SOCIOLOGY (3) LEC. 3. Theories and conceptual approaches to rurality in international and domestic contexts. Rural-urban differences in demographic composition, occupational structure, attitudes and values of rural people and regional cultures. Rural services and institutions as determinants of the quality of life.

RSOC 6650 SOCIOLOGY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT (3) LEC. 3. The social origins of contemporary environmental problems, emergence of environmentalism as a social movement within industrialized nations, and other topical issues.

RSOC 7620 SOCIOLOGY OF COMMUNITY (3) LEC. 3. Emphasis on theories, conceptual approaches and methods for studying communities and assessing developmental needs with attention to organizational structure, power structure, decision-making and linkage networks to societal units.

RSOC 7630 POLITICAL ECONOMY OF DEVELOPMENT (3) LEC. 3. Theories of societal development applied to contemporary issues associated with change in non-industrialized nations. Exploration of institutional, class, and state interests that guide development processes, as well as alternative participatory development strategies.

RSOC 7700 METHODS OF SOCIAL RESEARCH (3) LEC. 3. Problem identification, hypothesis development and empirical analysis. Quantitative and qualitative procedures for obtaining social data using surveys, direct observation and secondary sources.

RSOC 7960 SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN RURAL SOCIOLOGY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (1-3) LEC. Pr., departmental approval. Investigation of a problem in a particular area of interest involving an in-depth review of the literature, a research project, or an outreach education activity. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credit hours.

RSOC 7970 SPECIAL TOPICS IN RURAL SOCIOLOGY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (3) LEC. 3. Departmental approval. New topic in the area of rural sociology and community development.

RSOC 7990 RESEARCH AND THESIS (1-10) MST. In conjunction with the preparation of a thesis. Course may be repeated with change in topics.