

Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences
Northwestern University

Approved Distribution Courses - 2023-2024
Area III - Social and Behavioral Sciences
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Be sure to read these important notes:

The information below pertains to students who started at Northwestern Spring 2023 or earlier. Students who started taking classes at Northwestern after Spring 2023 should refer to the Foundational Disciplines pages:

<https://weinberg.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/degree/post-spring-2023-degree/foundational-disciplines/>

Prerequisites. Many approved distribution courses are advanced courses with one or more prerequisites. Prerequisites are listed in the Undergraduate Catalog and in course descriptions available through the Registrar's webpage. Make sure you have the prerequisites for a course before you decide to enroll.

Interdisciplinary courses. Some interdisciplinary courses are approved for inclusion in more than one distribution area. *These courses are listed in bold and italics below*, and all relevant areas are indicated in the "area(s)" column. If you take such a course, you can choose in which eligible area to count it.

When courses are offered. This list includes all courses approved for distribution credit for the indicated academic year. The Registrar's Office maintains lists of distribution courses to be offered each quarter, as well as Yearly Course Planners showing each department's planned course offerings for the year. **Some approved courses may not be offered.**

Lists of approved courses from other years:

www.weinberg.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/degree/distribution-requirements/approved-courses.html

Registrar's Website: www.registrar.northwestern.edu

dept/pgm	number	course title	area(s)
AF ST	360-SA	Culture, Language, and Identity in South Africa	III
ANTHRO	211	Culture & Society	III
ANTHRO	214	<i>Archaeology: Unearthing History</i>	III,IV
ANTHRO	215	The Study of Culture Through Language	III
ANTHRO	221	Social and Health Inequalities; with SOCIOL 221	III
ANTHRO	235	Language in Asian America; with ASIAN AM 235	III
ANTHRO	240	Anthropology of Money	III
ANTHRO	242	Porous Borders? Geography, Power and Techniques of Movement	III
ANTHRO	307	Anthropology of Peace	III
ANTHRO	313	Evolutionary Medicine	III
ANTHRO	320	Peoples of Africa	III
ANTHRO	322	Introduction to Archaeology Research Design & Methods	III
ANTHRO	326	Archaeologies of Sustainability and Collapse (with ENVR POL 385)	III
ANTHRO	330	Peoples of the World	III
ANTHRO	332	The Anthropology of Reproduction	III
ANTHRO	334	The Anthropology of HIV/AIDS	III

ANTHRO	339	Material Culture	III
ANTHRO	341	Economic Anthropology	III
ANTHRO	343	Anthropology of Race	III
ANTHRO	353	Shady Business: Informal Economies in Contemporary Capitalism	III
ANTHRO	354	Gender & Anthropology	III
ANTHRO	355	Sexualities	III
ANTHRO	357	Biocultural Perspectives on Water Insecurity	III
ANTHRO	358	Primate Behavior and Ecology	III
ANTHRO	360	Language & Culture	III
ANTHRO	361	Talk as Social Action	III
ANTHRO	365	Language, Race, and Ethnicity in the U.S.; with ASIAN AM 365	III
ANTHRO	368	<i>Latina and Latino Ethnography</i>	III,V
ANTHRO	369	Contemporary Immigration to the US	III
ANTHRO	373	Power & Culture in American Cities	III
ANTHRO	377	Psychological Anthropology	III
ANTHRO	378	Law & Culture	III
ANTHRO	382	Political Ecology (with ENVR POL 384)	III
ANTHRO	383	Environmental Anthropology	III
ANTHRO	384	Traveling While Muslim: Islam, Mobility, and Security after 9/11	III
ANTHRO	389	Ethnographic Methods and Analysis	III
ASIAN AM	203	Topics in Asian American Social and Cultural Analysis	III
ASIAN AM	210	Introduction to Asian American Studies	III
ASIAN AM	218	<i>Asian-Black Historical Relations in the U.S.; with BLK ST 218</i>	III,IV
ASIAN AM	225	Contemporary Issues in Asian American Communities	III
ASIAN AM	235	Language in Asian America; with ANTHRO 235	III
ASIAN AM	251	Introduction to Critical Mixed Race Studies; with BLK ST 251	III
ASIAN AM	303	Advanced Topics in Social and Cultural Analysis	III
ASIAN AM	350	<i>Asian American Religions</i>	III,V
ASIAN AM	360	Studies in Race, Gender, and Sexuality	III
ASIAN AM	365	Language, Race, and Ethnicity in the U.S.; with ANTHRO 365	III
ASIAN AM	370	Studies in Diaspora	III
BLK_ST	214	<i>Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies</i>	III,IV
BLK_ST	215	<i>Introduction to Black Social & Political Life</i>	III,IV,V
BLK_ST	218	<i>Asian-Black Historical Relations in the U.S.; with ASIAN AM 218</i>	III,IV
BLK_ST	236	<i>Introduction to African American Studies</i>	III,VI
BLK_ST	250	Race, Class, & Gender	III
BLK_ST	251	Introduction to Critical Mixed Race Studies; with ASIAN AM 251	III
BLK_ST	319	<i>Race, Ethnicity, & the American Constitution</i>	III,V
BLK_ST	317	Black Political Thought	III
BLK_ST	320	The Social Meaning of Race	III
BLK_ST	325	Education for Black Liberation	III
BLK_ST	327	<i>Politics of Black Popular Culture</i>	III,VI
BLK_ST	330	<i>Black Women in 20th Century US</i>	III,IV
BLK_ST	334	Gender & Black Masculinity	III

BLK_ST	339	<i>Unsettling Whiteness</i>	III,IV
BLK_ST	342	<i>Comparative Slavery</i>	III,IV,V
BLK_ST	355	Diaspora Studies	III
BLK_ST	365	Black Chicago	III
BUS INST	303	Leadership in Organizations	III
CFS	387	Field Studies in Environment, Science, and Sustainability (variable-credit course; 1 unit can count toward distribution requirements)	III
CFS	391	Field Studies in Social Justice (variable-credit course; 1 unit can count toward distribution requirements)	III
CFS	392	Field Studies in Public Health (variable-credit course; 1 unit can count toward distribution requirements)	III
CFS	393	<i>Field Studies in the Modern Workplace (4-unit course; 1 unit can count toward distribution requirements)</i>	III,IV
CFS	394	Legal Field Studies (4-unit course; 1 unit can count toward distribution requirements)	III
CFS	395	Business Field Studies (4-unit course; 1 unit can count toward distribution requirements)	III
CFS	397	Field Studies in Civic Engagement (variable-credit course; 1 unit can count toward distribution requirements)	III
CLASSICS	360	<i>Origins of Greek Democracy</i>	III,IV
COG SCI	110	Introduction to Cognitive Science	III
COG SCI	202	<i>Evaluating Evidence; with POLI SCI 212</i>	II,III
COG SCI	207	<i>Introduction to Cognitive Modeling</i>	II,III
COG SCI	211	Learning, Representation, & Reasoning	III
COG SCI	345	Presenting Ideas and Data (with PSYCH 345); prior to Fall 2022 this was COG SCI 245	III
COMM_ST	381	Media, Movements, & Social Change	III
COMP_SCI	101	Computer Science: Concepts, Philosophy, and Connections	III
CSD	303	<i>Brain and Cognition ; with PSYCH 327</i>	I,III
CSD	305	<i>Phonetics</i>	I,III
CSD	306	Psychoacoustics	III
CSD	309	Culture, Language, and Learning	III
CSD	334	Delivery Systems in Speech and Language Pathology	III
CSD	342	Language and Cognition in Atypical Development	III
CSD	373	Introduction to Learning Disabilities	III
CSD	376	Diagnostic & Remedial Approaches for Children with Learning	III
CSD	392	Language Development and Usage	III
ECON	201	Introduction to Macroeconomics	III
ECON	202	Introduction to Microeconomics	III
ECON	310-1	Microeconomics, I	III
ECON	311	Macroeconomics	III
ENVR POL	211	Food and Society: An Introduction; with SOCIOL 211	III
ENVR POL	212	Environment and Society; with SOCIOL 212	III
ENVR POL	311	Food, Politics, and Society; with SOCIOL 311	III
ENVR POL	312	Social Change and the Environment; with SOCIOL 312	III
ENVR POL	336	The Climate Crisis, Policies, and Society; with SOCIOL 336	III
ENVR POL	337	Hazard, Disaster and Society	III

ENVR POL	338	Environmental Justice	III
ENVR POL	339	Silent but Loud (with GBL HLTH 339)	III
ENVR POL	340	Global Environments and World History	III,IV
ENVR POL	360	Animal Law (with LEGAL ST 360)	III
ENVR POL	383	Environmental Anthropology	III
ENVR POL	384	Political Ecology (with ANTHRO 382)	III
ENVR POL	385	Archaeologies of Sustainability and Collapse (with ANTHRO 326)	III
GBL HLTH	201	Introduction to Global Health	III
GBL HLTH	221	Beyond Porn: Sexuality, Health and Pleasure (with GNDR_ST 221-0)	III
GBL HLTH	222	Social Determinants of Health (formerly GBL HLTH 322)	III
GBL HLTH	303	(Re)mixing Qualitative Methods	III
GBL HLTH	306	Biomedicine and Culture	III
GBL HLTH	307	International Perspectives on Mental Health	III
GBL HLTH	309	Biomedicine and World History; with HISTORY 379	III,IV
GBL HLTH	315-SA	Public Health in South Africa	III
GBL HLTH	316-SA	Development Perspectives on Health in South Africa through Community Engagement	III
GBL HLTH	318	Community-based Participatory Research Course	III
GBL HLTH	319	Trauma and its Afterlives	III
GBL HLTH	320	Qualitative Research Methods in Global Health	III
GBL HLTH	321	War and Public Health	III,V
GBL HLTH	323	Global Health from Policy to Practice	III
GBL HLTH	332-SA	Public Health in China	III
GBL HLTH	333-SA	Traditional Chinese Medicine	III
GBL HLTH	337	Hazard, Disaster and Society	III
GBL HLTH	338	Environmental Justice	III
GBL HLTH	339	Silent but Loud (with ENVR_POL 339)	III
GBL HLTH	340	Mental Health and the Arts	III
GBL HLTH	357	Biocultural Perspectives on Water Insecurity	III
GEN LA	280-3	Residence-Linked Seminar - III	III
GEOG	240	Economic Geography	III
GEOG	312	Geography of Chicago and Its Region	III
GEOG	313	North America	III
GEOG	328	The Human Use of The Earth	III
GERMAN	213	Politics, History, and Culture in 21st Century Germany	III
GNDR ST	220	Sexual Subjects: Introduction to Sexuality Studies	III,IV
GNDR ST	221	Beyond Porn: Sexuality, Health and Pleasure (with GBL_HLTH 221-0)	III
GNDR ST	232	Sexuality and Society; with SOCIOL 232	III
GNDR ST	234	Language and Gender; with LING 223	III
GNDR ST	235	Beyond the Binary: Transgender and Race	III
GNDR ST	250	Gender Issues in Science and Health	III
GNDR ST	331	Sociology of Gender and Sexuality	III
GNDR ST	332	Gender, Sexuality, and Health	III
GNDR ST	340	Gender, Sexuality, and the Law (with LEGAL ST 340)	III,IV

GNDR ST	341	Transnational Perspectives on Gender and Sexuality	III
GNDR ST	350-3	Research Seminar in Gender and Sexuality Studies	III
GNDR ST	351	Gender, Sexuality, and Public Policy	III
GNDR ST	352	Gender, Sexuality, and Political Theory	III
GNDR ST	353	Gender and Citizenship	III
GNDR ST	371	Gender, Sexuality, and Popular Culture	III
HISTORY	249	<i>The End of Citizenship</i>	III,IV
HISTORY	260-2	<i>History of Modern Latin America</i>	III,IV
HISTORY	353	<i>History of Capitalism</i>	III,IV
HISTORY	354	<i>History of Socialism</i>	III,IV
HISTORY	367	<i>History of Mexico</i>	III,IV
HISTORY	370	<i>Music and Nation in Latin America</i>	III,IV
HISTORY	379	<i>Biomedicine and World History (with GBL HLTH 309)</i>	III,IV
HISTORY	386-3	<i>Southeast Asia: Decolonization & Independence</i>	III,IV
HUM	220	<i>Health, Biomedicine, Culture, and Society ; with SOCIOL 220</i>	III,V
HUM	310-3	Global Humanities Lab	III
HUM	325-3	Humanites in the Digital Age	III
HUM	370-3	Special Topics in the Humanities	III
INTL ST	290	Introductory Topics in International Studies	III
INTL ST	393-0	Development in the Global Context: Participation, Power, and Social Change (variable credit course; 1 unit can count toward distribution requirements)	III
INTL ST	393-SA	Development in the Global Context: Participation, Power, and Social Change (variable credit course; 1 unit can count toward distribution requirements)	III
IEMS	365	Analytics for Social Good	III
ISEN	210	Introduction to Sustainability: Challenges and Solutions	III
LATINO	201	<i>Introduction to Latina and Latino Studies</i>	III,IV
LATINO	203	<i>Introduction to Latina and Latino Cultural Studies</i>	III,VI
LATINO	222	Latina and Latino Youth in U.S. Cities	III
LATINO	342	<i>Latina and Latino Social Movements</i>	III,V
LATINO	392	<i>Topics in Latina and Latino Social and Political Issues</i>	III,V
LEGAL ST	206	Law and Society; with SOCIOL 206	III
LEGAL ST	207	Legal Studies Research Methods; with SOCIOL 227	III
LEGAL ST	308	<i>Sociology of Law; with SOCIOL 318</i>	III,V
LEGAL ST	315	Corporation in US Law and Culture	III
LEGAL ST	330	U.S. Refugee Policy & Localities	III
LEGAL ST	332	Constitutional Law I; with POLI SCI 332	III
LEGAL ST	333	Constitutional Law II; with POLI SCI 333	III
LEGAL ST	340	<i>Gender, Sexuality, and the Law (with GNDR ST 340)</i>	III,IV
LEGAL ST	342	International Organizations; with POLI SCI 342	III
LEGAL ST	348	Race, Politics, and the Law; with SOCIOL 348	III
LEGAL ST	350	<i>Psychology and the Law; with PSYCH 340</i>	III,V
LEGAL ST	356	Constitutional Challenges in Comparative Perspective (with POLI SCI 356)	III
LEGAL ST	360	Animal Law (with ENVR POL 360)	III
LEGAL ST	380	Refugee Crises and Human Rights	III
LEGAL ST	381	Children and the Law; with PSYCH 381	III

LEGAL ST	383	Gender, Sexuality and the Carceral State	III
LING	220	Language and Society	III
LING	223	Language and Gender; with GNDR ST 234	III
LING	312	Experimental Sociolinguistics	III
LING	315	Experimental Approaches to Word Form Processing	III
LING	316	Experimental Syntax	III
LING	317	Experimental Pragmatics	III
LING	320	Sociolinguistics	III
LING	321	Bilingualism	III
LING	330	Research Methods in Linguistics	II,III
LING	363	Making a Dictionary: The Northwestern Project; with SLAVIC 322	III
LING	373	Implicature	III
MENA	290-3	Introductory Topics in Middle East and North African Studies	III
MENA	390-3	Advanced Topics in Middle East and North African Studies	III
MMSS	211-1	Social Science Theories & Methods: First Year 1	III
MMSS	211-3	Social Science Theories & Methods: First Year 3	III
PHIL	225	Minds and Machines	III
PHIL	253	Introduction to the Philosophy of Language	III
POLI SCI	201	Introduction to Political Theory	III,V
POLI SCI	211	Introduction to Interpretive Methods in Political Science	III
POLI SCI	212	Evaluating Evidence; with COG SCI 202	II,III
POLI SCI	220	American Government and Politics	III
POLI SCI	230	Introduction to Law in the Political Arena	III
POLI SCI	240	Introduction to International Relations	III
POLI SCI	250	Introduction to Comparative Politics	III
POLI SCI	306	American Political Thought	III,IV
POLI SCI	320	The American Presidency	III
POLI SCI	321	Urban Politics	III
POLI SCI	323	Public Opinion and Voting Behavior	III
POLI SCI	324	Political Parties and Elections	III
POLI SCI	325	Congress and the Legislative Process	III
POLI SCI	326	Race and Public Policy	III
POLI SCI	327	African American Politics	III
POLI SCI	328	Public Policy	III
POLI SCI	329	U.S. Environmental Politics (taught with ENVR POL 329)	III
POLI SCI	332	Constitutional Law I; with LEGAL ST 332	III
POLI SCI	333	Constitutional Law II; with LEGAL ST 333	III
POLI SCI	334	Latino Politics	III
POLI SCI	335	Political Psychology	III
POLI SCI	336	Immigration Politics and Policy	III
POLI SCI	337	Gender and Politics	III
POLI SCI	341	International Political Economy	III
POLI SCI	342	International Organizations; with LEGAL ST 342	III
POLI SCI	343	Politics of International Law	III
POLI SCI	344	U.S. Foreign Policy	III
POLI SCI	345	National Security	III
POLI SCI	348	Globalization	III
POLI SCI	350	Social Movements	III

POLI SCI	351	Politics of the Middle East	III
POLI SCI	352	Global Development (co-listed with SOCIOL 317)	III
POLI SCI	353	Politics of Latin America	III
POLI SCI	354	Politics of Southeast Asia	III
POLI SCI	355	Politics of China	III
POLI SCI	356	Constitutional Challenges in Comparative Perspective (with LEGAL ST 356)	III
POLI SCI	358-SA	Contemporary South Africa: A Political Economy/Policy Perspective	III
POLI SCI	359	Politics in Africa	III
POLI SCI	361	Democracy and Autocracy	III
POLI SCI	362	Politics of Europe	III
POLI SCI	364-SA	France: Politics, Culture & Society	III
POLI SCI	368	Political Economy of Development	III
POLI SCI	369	The Politics of Post-Soviet Russia	III
POLI SCI	373	Chinese Foreign Policy	III
POLI SCI	374	Politics of Capitalism	III
POLI SCI	376	Civil Wars	III
POLI SCI	377	Drugs and Politics	III
POLI SCI	378	America and the World	III
POLI SCI	379-SA	China in Transition: Ideology, Political Economy, Law, and Relations with the United States	III
POLI SCI	381-SA	Political Economy of Contemporary China	III
POLI SCI	382	<i>Politics of Religious Diversity</i>	III,V
POLI SCI	383	War and Change in International Politics	III
POLI SCI	384	International Responses to Mass Atrocities	III
POLI SCI	388	Institutions and Society; with SOCIOL 288	III
POLI SCI	389	Understanding Genocide; with SOCIOL 379	III
PSYCH	110	Introduction to Psychology	III
PSYCH	213	Social Psychology	III
PSYCH	215	Psychology of Personality	III
PSYCH	221	<i>Introduction to Neuroscience</i>	I,III
PSYCH	228	Cognitive Psychology	III
PSYCH	244	Developmental Psychology	III
PSYCH	248	Health Psychology	III
PSYCH	249	<i>Buddhist Psychology</i>	III,V
PSYCH	303	Psychopathology	III
PSYCH	306	Introduction to Clinical Psychology	III
PSYCH	308	Cognitive Behavior Therapy	III
PSYCH	311	Psychology of Attitudes	III
PSYCH	313	Relationship Science	III
PSYCH	317	The Holocaust: Psychological Themes & Perspectives	III
PSYCH	324	<i>Perception</i>	I,III
PSYCH	327	<i>Brain and Cognition; with CSD 303</i>	I,III
PSYCH	328	<i>Brain Damage & the Mind</i>	I,III
PSYCH	333	<i>Psychology of Thinking</i>	II,III
PSYCH	336	<i>Consciousness</i>	I,III
PSYCH	340	<i>Psychology and Law; with LEGAL ST 350</i>	III,V

PSYCH	341	Positive Psychology: The Science of Well-Being	III
PSYCH	342	Evolutionary Psychology	III
PSYCH	343	Psychology of Beauty	III
PSYCH	344	Cultural Psychology	III
PSYCH	345	Presenting Ideas and Data (with COG SCI 345); prior to Fall 2022 this was PSYCH 245	III
PSYCH	348	Psychology of Sex and Gender Differences	III
PSYCH	360	Personality Research	III
PSYCH	364	Social & Personality Development	III
PSYCH	366	Stereotyping and Prejudice	III
PSYCH	367	Child Psychopathology	III
PSYCH	369	Psychological Tests and Measures	III
PSYCH	370	Cognitive Development	III
PSYCH	372	Language & Cognition	III
PSYCH	373	Decision Making	III
PSYCH	374	Human Memory	I,III
PSYCH	378	Images of Cognition	I,III
PSYCH	381	Children and the Law; with LEGAL ST 381	III
PSYCH	383	Psychology and Food	III
PSYCH	387	Consumer Psychology and Marketing Research	III
SLAVIC	322	Making a Dictionary: The Northwestern Project; with LING 363	III
SOCIOL	110	Introduction to Sociology	III
SOCIOL	201	Social Inequality: Race, Class, and Power	III
SOCIOL	202	Social Problems	III
SOCIOL	206	Law & Society (with LEGAL ST 206)	III
SOCIOL	207	Cities in Society	III
SOCIOL	208	Race and Society	III
SOCIOL	210	Families and Societies	III
SOCIOL	211	Food and Society: An Introduction; with ENVR POL 211	III
SOCIOL	212	Environment and Society; with ENVR POL 212	III
SOCIOL	215	Economy and Society	III
SOCIOL	216	Gender and Society	III
SOCIOL	217	Global Perspectives on Education	III
SOCIOL	218	Education and Inequality: Focus on Chicago	III
SOCIOL	220	Health, Biomedicine, Culture, and Society; with HUM 220	III,V
SOCIOL	223	Masculinities and Society	III
SOCIOL	227	Legal Studies Research Methods; with LEGAL ST 207	III
SOCIOL	232	Sexuality and Society; with GNDR ST 232	III
SOCIOL	235	Critical Thought on Race and Ethnicity	III
SOCIOL	276	Introductory Topics in Sociology	III
SOCIOL	277	Native Society: Past and Present	III, IV
SOCIOL	288	Institutions and Society; with POLI SCI 388	III
SOCIOL	301	The City: Urbanization and Urbanism	III
SOCIOL	302	Sociology of Organizations	III
SOCIOL	304	The Politics of Racial Knowledge	III
SOCIOL	305	Population Dynamics	III
SOCIOL	307	School and Society	III
SOCIOL	308	Crime, Politics, and Society	III

SOCIOL	309	Political Sociology	III
SOCIOL	310	Sociology of the Family	III
SOCIOL	311	Food, Politics, and Society; with ENVR POL 311	III
SOCIOL	312	Social Change and the Environment; with ENVR POL 312	III
SOCIOL	314	Sociology of Religion	III
SOCIOL	316	Economic Sociology	III
SOCIOL	317	Global Development (co-listed with POLI SCI 352)	III
SOCIOL	318	<i>Sociology of Law; taught with LEGAL ST 308</i>	III,V
SOCIOL	319	Sociology of Science	III
SOCIOL	320	Gender, Health and Medicine	III
SOCIOL	321	<i>Numbers, Identity, and Modernity</i>	III,V
SOCIOL	322	Sociology of Immigration	III
SOCIOL	323	American Subcultures and Ethnic Groups	III
SOCIOL	324	<i>Global Capitalism</i>	III,IV
SOCIOL	325	Global and Local Inequalities	III
SOCIOL	327	Youth and Society	III
SOCIOL	328	Inequality and American Society	III
SOCIOL	330	Law, Markets, and Globalization	III
SOCIOL	331	Markets, Hierarchies, and Democracies	III
SOCIOL	332	Capitalism, Labor, and Gender	III
SOCIOL	334	Social Protest and Social Change Around the World	III
SOCIOL	335	Sociology of Rational Decision Making	III
SOCIOL	336	The Climate Crisis, Policies, and Society; with ENVR POL 336	III
SOCIOL	343	Social Networks	III
SOCIOL	345	Class and Culture	III
SOCIOL	348	Race, Politics, and the Law; with LEGAL ST 348	III
SOCIOL	350	Sociology of the Arts	III
SOCIOL	355	Medical Sociology	III
SOCIOL	356	Sociology of Gender	III
SOCIOL	376	Topics in Sociological Analysis	III
SOCIOL	379	Understanding Genocide; with POLI SCI 389	III
SOCIOL	392	Seminars	III
SPANISH	363	<i>Topics in US Latina/o Literary and Cultural Studies (Spanish prereq)</i>	III,VI