# SUMMER I 2024

**SOCIOLOGY 101.J11: INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY**  
**ONLINE**  
**TBA**  
**Professor Andrea Henderson-Platt**  
May 6 - May 24

In this online class, we will examine some basic ideas in the field of sociology. Students will come to understand the many ways in which people's lives, including their own, are shaped by larger social forces. Students will be introduced to topics covered in more depth in other sociology courses such as social inequalities, family, health, deviance, religion, and education. We will use brief lectures, various media (e.g., videos and podcasts), and short assignments to explore these issues. The knowledge gained in this course will help in a variety of fields and careers – i.e., medicine, law, and business - and encourage the development of critical thinking about important social issues.

**SOCIOLOGY 309.J10: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL INEQUALITY**  
**ONLINE**  
**TBA**  
**Professor Jennifer Augustine**  
May 6-May 24

This is an asynchronous online class on social inequality, with a particular focus on poverty in the United States. As an initial step in the course, we will discuss formal and informal definitions of poverty and approaches to quantitatively measuring it. As part of this introduction, we will also discuss trends in poverty in the U.S. across recent history and various demographic groups, as well as rhetoric, assumptions, and outmoded theories as to why people are poor. Next, we will explore the factors that contribute to the likelihood of being poor, such as one’s family, school, and neighborhood. We will also learn about the consequences of poverty for crime, physical and psychological health, and access to important social relationships. Building on this knowledge, we will explore the actual experience of poverty; for example, how families financially ‘make ends meet,’ problems with housing instability, and challenges of finding work and accessing public services. We will conclude with a discussion of past, current, and proposed future U.S. policy approaches to remediating issues of poverty. Each topic will involve a brief introductory narrative Power Point presentation, a daily reading, an applied activity—such as a film or podcast—and a set of discussion questions where you can engage more deeply with the material. For your final project, you will develop a policy brief that tackles a specific issue related to poverty.

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# SUMMER II 2024

**SOCIOLOGY 101.J10: INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY**  
**ONLINE**  
**TBA**  
**Paola Merchan Tamayo**  
May 28 – June 14

This Carolina Core course is 100% online. It is divided into 14 modules that will give you a broad introduction to the field of sociology. You will learn about topics such as cooperation and social order, happiness and well-being, and marriage and family in each module. These topics will be explored through short video lectures, news articles, chapters from a free online textbook, podcasts, and other videos. In each module, you will complete assessments such as class participation assignments, multiple-choice homework, and a timed quiz.

**SOCIOLOGY 360.J10: SOCIOLOGY OF MEDICINE & HEALTH**  
**ONLINE**  
**TBA**  
**Valerie Barron**  
May 28 – June 14

In this accelerated online course, we will examine how determinants of health – both for individuals and for populations – are not just medical or biological but are shaped in large part by our social environments. The likelihood that we achieve good health and maintain it over the life course varies depending on our socioeconomic status, gender, race-ethnicity, and other social factors. We will describe how
health status is influenced by these factors and why, discussing both theoretical perspectives and empirical research findings. In addition, we will discuss sociological perspectives on the field of medicine and health care delivery, particularly how power and status operate within this area.