

Master of Arts in Sociology
Program code: 137010

INTRODUCTION

The Department of Sociology and Social Work in the College of Social Sciences offers a Master's program in **Sociology**. The program is designed to prepare, qualifying, and enabling national cadre to understand and recognize local, regional and global social environments, and the socio-cultural ideas and changes which churns out in today's world, and thus their ability to contribute to the assessment and analysis of varied social issues effecting society every now and then. The program offers both thesis and non-thesis options.

According to the University Council decision dated 4/2/2007, Thesis students admitted with effect from September 2007 are exempted from the comprehensive examination.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS(non-thesis option in parenthesis)**36 TOTAL COURSE CREDITS****6 COMPULSORY COURSES (3 credits each)**

- 1371-501 Modern Social Theories
 1371-504 Sociological Research Design

21 ELECTIVE COURSES (3 credits each)

- 1371-510 City and Society
 1371-511 Women and Gender
 1371-513 Studies in Gulf Societies
 1371-516 Social Movements
 1371-517 Qualitative Social Methods
 1371-518 Authority and Society
 1371-519 Contemporary Social Problems
 1371-520 Society and Environment
 1371-521 Sociology of Pandemic and Crisis
 1371-522 Technology, Social Media and Society
 1371-523 Sociology of Future
 1371-524 Sociology of Religion
 1371-525 Statistics and Social Research
 1371-526 Sociology of Minorities and Social Group
 1371-527 Sociology of Violence and Terrorism

9 COMPULSORY COURSES

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| 1371-597 | Thesis (0) |
| 1371-598 | Thesis (0) |
| 2000-599 | Thesis (9) |

COURSE DESCRIPTION**1371-501: MODERN SOCIAL THEORIES
CR: 3**

Analyze conditions and intellectual development of the contemporary theorizing process in sociology at the macro and micro levels.

**1371-504: SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH
DESIGN
CR: 3 PR: 1370-502/1370-503**

A capstone course. Learn formulating research problem methodology (objectives, queries, hypotheses), and means to apply social research design process and its relation to the selection of appropriate statistical models.

**1371-510: CITY AND SOCIETY
CR: 3**

Deal with the nature and characteristics of urbanization and the variables responsible for the emergence of cities, and the impact of various urbanization processes on the nature of population growth, and types and problems of contemporary cities.

**1371-511: WOMEN AND GENDER
CR: 3**

Study the status of women in various communities to illustrate the impact of cultural factors in determining the nature of the position and status of women in society.

**1371-513: STUDIES IN GULF SOCIETIES
CR: 3**

Conduct comparative studies among Gulf societies to draw conclusions which will help to understand the nature and specificity of these communities, and disclose the most important obstacles that would affect the developmental processes that thwart these communities.

**1371-516: SOCIAL MOVEMENTS
CR: 3**

Define social movements and identify the theoretical approaches that analyze their emergence and their organizational and intellectual structure. Emphasis will be given to the analysis of the religious movement in the Arab world.

**1371-517: Qualitative Social Methods
CR: 3**

A review of qualitative research methods such, the ethnographic, methods interview, historical and comparative, methods and case studies, content analysis, and participant observation, and the ethics of research.

**1371-518: Authority and Society
CR: 3**

Power and its concept in the sociological thought the function and role of political organizations and institutions. In the society, and how its shape people attitudes and expectation expectations.

**1371-519: Contemporary Social Problems
CR: 3**

The concept of social problem in sociology, cross-border social problem such as immigration organized crime, conflict of identities and ethnicity (example of Kuwait society's problem). Example of strategies to address the problem.

**1371-520: Society and Environment
CR: 3**

It study the impact of environment and on social problems. Environment in the sociological perspective. The impact of economic and political projects on environment. Climate change and its effects on people and society. Justice and sustainability versus human encroachment on environment.

1371-521: Sociology of Pandemic and Crisis
CR: 3

The phenomenon of global chaos, the rise of problems that threatening humanity such as nuclear radiation, pollution, spread of viruses and pandemic, financial crises, armed conflicts, cases of crises management at the global level.

1371-522: Technology, Social Media and Society
CR: 3

The development of modern communication technology, its impact on the contemporary societies. The social, cultural and political transformations brought about by the new social media introduced in our societies, , the future of the network society. Communication technology and society as presented by Manuel Castells and David Holmes and others.

1371-523: Sociology of Future
CR: 3

Awareness of the future in the social thought, study of the cycle of transformations that occur in human society, the extraordinary developments brought about by the development of nanotechnology, and its impacts on social, cultural, economic and political settings. How to build and design the projections of future transformations and ways to prepare for them.

1371-524: Sociology of Religion
CR: 3

The study of religious beliefs, rituals, and institutions. The impact effects of religion on social, cultural and political structures. Theoretical contributions of the Marxist, functional and Frankfort schools, the contributions of Habermas and Malik Ibn Nibi and others. The relationship of religion and society in the Arab region.

1371-525: Statistics and Social Research
CR: 3

Addressing the most important methods and tools used in quantitative research, methods such as collecting and analyzing the statistical techniques and The of the uses of the field work data and statistics in the social sciences.

1371-526: Sociology of Minorities and Social Group
CR: 3

Strata and classes in the sociological perspective. ethnicity and class structure in modern societies. Factors and variables affecting the issue of justice and inequality in the modern societies. Groups conflict, and ethnic and identity problems in modern societies.

1371-527: Sociology of Violence and Terrorism
CR: 3

Introducing the nature and characteristics of violence, its causes and the development of its forms in contemporary societies. Violence in the sociological perspective. Terrorism and its nature, characteristics and forms. Terrorism as a global problem, its causes and ways and strategies of addressing it.

1371-597: THESIS
CR: 0

1371-598: THESIS
CR: 0

2000-599: THESIS
CR: 9