

development and globalization. The course encourages students to participate actively to select global or development issues of their concern, and to critically develop their conceptualizations and perspectives.

**SOCI 4017 Management, Organization and Society (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: SOCI 2015 Sociological Theory I: Classical Theory, SOCI 2035 Social Stratification and Mobility or SOCI 3026 Work and Society

This course is designed to facilitate students understanding of current issues in organization studies. By so doing, it enhances the sensitivity of students towards the variety of organizational forms and the dynamics of organizational activity across cultures. The course explores the methodological issues behind selected organizational research and prepares the students to study organizational contradictions in everyday life. The course, by sensitizing students toward different forms of human relatedness, will hopefully equip them to better appreciate the importance of occupational communities and the meaning of “Genuine Management”.

**SOCI 4025 Population of China (3,3,0) (C)**

Prerequisite: CHSS 2016 or SOCI 2016 Modern Chinese Society or SOCI 2025 Population Studies

This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the population of China. Major concerns include basic demographic characteristics of China and the processes producing their changes. The former include size, distribution and composition, and the latter involve mortality, fertility and migration. Finally, major issues related to China’s population policies are examined.

**SOCI 4026 Selected Topics in Contemporary Sociology I (3,3,0) (E)**

**SOCI 4027 Selected Topics in Contemporary Sociology II (3,3,0) (E)**

Prerequisite: SOCI 2015 Sociological Theory I: Classical Theory  
These courses are intentionally designed to be flexible to allow the discussion of a range of contemporary issues in Sociology. It will involve a range of optional courses complementary to those ordinarily offered as an integral part of the major/concentration. Normally, no more than a Selected Topic course will be offered each semester.

**SOCI 4035 Selected Topics in the Sociology of China I (3,3,0) (E)**

**SOCI 4036 Selected Topics in the Sociology of China II (3,3,0) (E)**

Prerequisite: CHSS 2016 or SOCI 2016 Modern Chinese Society or SOCI 2015 Sociological Theory I: Classical Theory

These courses are designed to focus on a selected topic on contemporary issues in the Sociology of China. Different instructors will select different topics as the focus of this course. It works as a range of optional courses complementary to those ordinarily offered as an integral part of the major/concentration. Normally, no more than a Selected Topic course will be offered each semester.

**SOCI 4037 Cultural Sociology (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: CHSS 1005 Understanding Society: An Introduction to Sociology or SOCI 1005 Invitation to Sociology

This course introduces students to the vibrant and expanding field of the sociology of culture. Culture, broadly conceived as the symbolic/mediated/expressive dimension of social life, is investigated in this course using various theoretical prisms and traditions, including sociology, anthropology, and media and cultural studies. The course is divided into three key themes: (1) culture and practice, (2) culture and domination, and (3) culture and media. Some of the questions posed in this course include: What is culture and what does it do? How is culture used to create boundaries between us and them? How are global media

products received by local communities? What is the relationship between culture and social inequality? The course ends with a critique of “culture” as an analytical concept and points to new directions in cultural analysis.

**SOCI 4045 Social Movements (3,3,0) (C)**

Prerequisite: SOCI 1005 Invitation to Sociology or CHSS 1005 Understanding Society: An Introduction to Sociology

Social movements, collective action, and social protests are one of the engines of social change in societies worldwide. This course discusses theories, concepts, research methods, interpretations, and outstanding cases that help gain insight into these phenomena. Through introducing the major schools of thought and debates of social movements, this course will allow students to appreciate the multi-faceted processes of social movement driven social change. The course also aims to sensitizing students to the perspectives, practices, agency, and impacts of social movement participants who are struggling to change society. The course’s readings and multimedia materials should provide student with a solid foundation for further theoretical research in the field as well as for practical understanding of contemporary social conflicts in Hong Kong and China.

**SOCI 4046 Social Networks and Chinese Society (3,3,0) (E)**

Prerequisite: CHSS 2016 or SOCI 2016 Modern Chinese Society or SOCI 2015 Sociological Theory I: Classical Theory

This course introduces students to the approach and methodology of social network analysis, the most prominent form of structural sociology. Furthermore, it aims to provide students with a critical understanding of contemporary Chinese society through the angle of social network analysis. Specifically, it will identify the key social network concepts and examine major areas of empirical research in social network analysis, particularly those related to Chinese societies.

**SOCI 4047 Sociological Issues in Urban and Rural Development (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: CHSS 2016 or SOCI 2016 Modern Chinese Society or SOCI 3015 Modernization and Social Change

This course combines an analysis of theoretical issues relative to urbanization and rural development with a comparative study of these processes in different countries including China. It explores aspects of city size and type. It also examines patterns of urban growth in the capitalist societies of Europe and USA, the Third World and China, and patterns of rural-urban migration. Issues related to the environment and urban planning are considered and special attention is given to the study of patterns of urbanization and rural development in China.

**SOCI 4055 Women in China (3,3,0) (C)**

Prerequisite: CHSS 2016 or SOCI 2016 Modern Chinese Society

This course aims to examine the political, economic, and cultural forces that are shaping the experience and status of women in the People’s Republic of China. Specifically, it will investigate the cultural and structural imperatives of patriarchy in pre-socialist China and discuss how the patriarchal order is redefined, manipulated, and transformed under the socialist rule. It will also review the state policies related to women and evaluate the associated impacts on various aspects of women’s status, such as employment, reproduction, family relations, and health. Further, it will examine the implications of market reforms for Chinese women.

**SOCI 4898-9 Honours Project (3,\*,\*)**

Prerequisite: Year IV BSocSc (Hons) in Sociology students or Year V BSocSc (Hons) in Sociology and BEd (Hons) in Liberal Studies Teaching students

A required project for all BSocSc (Hons) in Sociology or BSocSc (Hons) in Sociology and BEd (Hons) in Liberal Studies Teaching students. Students will pursue in-depth sociological research on