economic integration, analysing its impacts on alleviating poverty and income inequality on a global scale, as well as challenges and hardships it imposes on people from different parts of the world. The third part will target on global economic integration and the state. In particular, it will examine whether globalization has led to the eclipse of the developmental and welfare state, and whether the new consciousness of "global citizenship" has emerged. The last point will be explored through case studies of various "global" social movements.

SOCI   3015   Modernization and Social Change   (3,3,0)
Prerequisite: (1) Non-Year I standing and (2) SOCI 1005 Invitation to Sociology or CHSS 1005 Understanding Society: An Introduction to Sociology

This course introduces contemporary theories concerned with social change, structural differentiation and development. The course examines the economic, political and social processes involved in societal change and considers *inter alia* the significance of capitalist and socialist modes of production. It explores the tension between treating development as a matter of economic growth and the need to see development as involved with environmental issues and an improvement in the quality of life. Students are at different points in the semester invited to consider the relationship between social position, political power and policy making. Detailed studies are made of selected Southeast Asian societies (China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand).

SOCI   3016   Political Sociology   (3,3,0) (C)
Prerequisite: (1) Year II standing and (2) SOCI 1005 Invitation to Sociology or CHSS 1005 Understanding Society: An Introduction to Sociology

This course is to introduce to students the complex relationships between politics and society. The course studies the characteristics of modern states and their reciprocal relationships with social institutions, with special emphasis on political organizations and social mobilization. Finally, the course concerns itself with the role of politics in social change by focusing upon social movements, democratization, and globalization.

SOCI   3017   Sociology of Health and Illness   (3,3,0) (E)
Prerequisite: SOCI 1005 Invitation to Sociology or CHSS 1005 Understanding Society: An Introduction to Sociology

Medical teaching has traditionally relied heavily upon a biological model of illness, whereas this course places the promotion of health and the prevention and management of disease in a social context, with emphasis upon Chinese communities. The course aims to develop a critical approach to medical care and to give students the ability to assess competing explanations of sickness and well-being. It demonstrates how clinical and social aspects of the medical task are closely interrelated and how they influence patient care and clinical and medical outcomes. It also equips students with conceptual tools that can be applied in a variety of clinical and health service contexts.

SOCI   3025   The Internet and Society   (3,3,0) (E)
Prerequisite: SOCI 1005 Invitation to Sociology or CHSS 1005 Understanding Society: An Introduction to Sociology

The Internet is known in public discourses in Hong Kong as a major media form, a key platform of mass entertainment, and a main basis of the knowledge industry. This course will focus on a relatively neglected side of the internet: its social dynamics and implications. The Internet is in fact one of the most important drivers of social, political, and cultural change in the contemporary world. This course will introduce students to major theories, research subfields, and concepts in critical social studies of the Internet and information and communications technology (ICT). Equipped with these theoretical tools, student will also learn to interpret the intriguing social implications of ICT for themselves and society.

SOCI   3026   Work and Society   (3,3,0)
Prerequisite: (1) Year II standing and (2) SOCI 1005 Invitation to Sociology or CHSS 1005 Understanding Society: An Introduction to Sociology

This course provides an introduction to sociological studies of work. It will examine how work is culturally understood and socially organized as a human activity, with special focus on employment as a social relationship. It seeks to sensitize students to the changing significance of work as a central human activity, the political-economic conditions of social forms of work and the implications of varying institutional arrangements of work, with special emphasis on conditions of work and workers in Hong Kong and mainland China.

SOCI   3027   Careers and Life Courses   (3,3,0) (C)
Prerequisite: SOCI 2015 Sociological Theory I: Classical Theory

This course introduces students to the multi-disciplinary studies of careers and life courses. It reviews research traditions engaged in the studies of life histories and life courses, identifies their basic premises and key concepts, and examines how studies of careers and life courses can inform our understanding of social life. The implications of careers and life courses as imaginative frameworks will be discussed through an examination of the implications of the life course approach in the studies of aging, family changes, work careers, and social stratification and mobility.

SOCI   3035   Sex, Gender and Society   (3,3,0) (E)
Prerequisite: SOCI 1005 Invitation to Sociology or CHSS 1005 Understanding Society: An Introduction to Sociology

This course examines the concepts of sex and gender as they are interpreted through and acted upon within the social and cross-cultural contexts of contemporary social life. Exploring first the foundations of biological and cultural beliefs about sex and gender, the course proceeds to examine theories of gender formation, the social context of genderization, the concepts of masculine and feminine, and the culturally variable context of sexuality. It continues with feminism and its possibilities, the relationship of sexuality and power, and with some of the current issues in the study of sex and gender, such as the representation of gender and sexuality in new media, the advent of globalization and the place of sex in the postmodern world.

SOCI   3036   Sociology of Media   (3,3,0)
Prerequisite: CHSS 1005 Understanding Society: An Introduction to Sociology or SOCI 1005 Invitation to Sociology

"The media do not simply add a new element to the story, they transform it." (Livingstone 2009)

This course highlights the significance of media in contemporary life, shaping social processes and at the same time shaped by the cultures in which media are used and produced. Reviewing both macro-level social theory of media (i.e. Adorno, Baudrillard, Habermas) and micro-level ethnographic case studies of media production and consumption (i.e. Madianou, Miller, Skeggs), this course provides students with different perspectives in the analysis of mediation and media power. Some of the questions asked in the course include: How does television create symbolic spaces of inclusion and exclusion? How are today's moral panics about the Internet similar to historical concerns about the telephone or the comic book? How have new communications technologies redefined meanings and expectations of friend, family and lover? In asking these questions, the course foregrounds not only the great new possibilities that modern media afford, but also the social inequalities and ethical problems that media contribute to and complicate.

SOCI   4006   Chinese Family and Kinship   (3,3,0) (E)
Prerequisite: SOCI 2015 Sociological Theory I: Classical Theory or SOCI 2036 Sociology of Marriage and the Family

This course focuses on the family and wider kinship in traditional and contemporary China, emphasizing their characteristics and

how these have changed. Topics include: the nature of the kinship system and the structure of the family in China, changes in the family institution from the pre-Communist period to the present, and the consequences and attendant problems of changes in the family and kinship systems.

SOCI 4007 Chinese Social Thought (3,3,0)
China has a rich tradition of theoretical thinking on the origins, functions, and problems of politics, government, and society. From the *Book of Change* to Confucian, Taoist, Legalist, Buddhist, neo-Confucian classics to writings of the modern Reformers and Revolutionaries, we find detailed discussions of Chinese social problems, social change and ideas of the ideal society, discussions of which are not any less insightful than prominent theorists in the Western sociological tradition. In today's globalized context, examination of this tradition is valuable to the development of the sociological discipline, as well as to the understanding of continuities and changes in contemporary Chinese societies. This course introduces students to this Chinese intellectual tradition.

SOCI 4015 East Asia: Economic Miracles (3,3,0) (E)
and Social Change
Prerequisite: Non-first year standing
This course intends to examine major theories of development through the lens of the experiences of various East Asian societies. The course has three major parts. The first focuses on the making of the so-called economic miracles. It will introduce the modernization perspective, world-system perspective, and theories on the developmental state by examining the empirical cases of Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Hong Kong, and China. The second part of the course focuses on the socioeconomic ramifications of the "economic miracles". It will examine whether the East Asia societies are exemplary cases of "growth with equity", mechanisms making for the domination and control of workers, varying capabilities of East Asian workers to engage in organized resistance, and the alleged emergence of the middle class. The third part focuses on the political dimension of East Asian development. It will evaluate the relative merit of competing theories for the transitions to democracy as well as examine factors underlying resilience of authoritarian rule in some cases.

SOCI 4016 Globalization and Development (3,3,0)
Studies
Prerequisite: SOCI 1005 Invitation to Sociology or CHSS 1005 Understanding Society: An Introduction to Sociology
The course is designed to critically reflect on the economic, political, social and cultural dimensions of development and globalization as projects to transform social life, and social movements as responses and alternatives to globalization-from-above. Emphasis is on how different social groups, especially those located in the low-income regions of the world, i.e. Global South, encounter global forces and development interventions. Furthermore, this course will lead the students to critically reflect on alternative perspectives and action programmes in rethinking 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 (3,3,0)
and Society
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)
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 (3,3,0) (E)
Sociology I
SOCI 4027 Selected Topics in Contemporary (3,3,0) (E)
Sociology II
Prerequisite: SOCI 2015 Sociology Theory I: Classical Theory
These courses are intentionally designed to be flexible to allow the discussion of a range of contemporary issues in Sociology. They 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 (3,3,0) (E)
of China I
SOCI 4036 Selected Topics in the Sociology (3,3,0) (C)
of China II
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) (E)
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,