

**Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Proposed Catalog Changes
Effective Summer 2020**

1. Add the following courses:

CRIM 340 Sex Crimes

3 credits

This course explores various aspects of sexual crimes, offenders, and deviance. Topics may include, but are not limited to, historical and current perspectives of sex offender legislation, victimization issues, theoretical explanations, and processing offenders in the criminal justice system. Special focus will be placed on sexual offenses and sexual deviance in various locations and settings.

Prereq: CRIM 101

Rationale: This course will allow students to have more in depth knowledge on sexual deviance and crimes. In particular, many Criminology students may be working with either sexual assault victims or offenders upon graduation and it would be beneficial to have a greater understanding of the dynamics of the offense and the individuals involved. This course is currently being taught by an existing faculty member as a 404, so no additional faculty resources are needed.

SOC 466 Climate Change and Society

3 credits

This course introduces students to social, economic, political, and cultural dimensions of climate change. It considers the global nature of climate change, its causes and effects, and key issues related to climate change communication, adaptation, and mitigation. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to identify several key sociological issues related to climate change (e.g., human impact on climate change, institutional and political responses, public opinions and skepticism, impact on marginalized communities, challenges to communication, role of emotions in climate change, potential avenues for mitigating negative effects).

Rationale: This course is added to reflect the growth of faculty expertise in the sociological study of climate change.