

RURAL SOCIOLOGY (RSOC)

RSOC 11: Introductory Rural Sociology

3 Credits

Basic sociological concepts applied to rural societal institutions and rural communities; causes and consequences of rural social change. R SOC 011 Introductory Rural Sociology (3) (GS;US)(BA) This course meets the Bachelor of Arts degree requirements. The objectives of the course are (1) to acquaint students with the fundamental concepts, principles and research methods of rural sociology; and (2) to assist students in applying these concepts and principles to gain an understanding of rural societal institutions and the forces leading to social change in rural America and globally. Lectures and readings are designed to encourage students to examine their assumptions and understanding of the structure and functioning of rural communities, the forces leading to rural social change, and the likely course of these changes in the future. A major objective is to challenge students to critically analyze rural society and rural social institutions from a sociological perspective. Understanding the changing nature of rural society in an increasingly urbanizing and integrated world is a key consideration. The course meets requirements in the Agricultural Business Management and Environmental and Renewable Resource Economics Majors, as well as one General Education requirement.

Bachelor of Arts: Social and Behavioral Sciences
 United States Cultures (US)
 General Education: Social and Behavioral Scien (GS)

RSOC 496: Independent Studies

1-18 Credits/Maximum of 18

Creative projects, including research and design, which are supervised on an individual basis and which fall outside the scope of formal courses.

RSOC 497: Special Topics

1-9 Credits/Maximum of 9

Formal courses given infrequently to explore, in depth, a comparatively narrow subject which may be topical or of special interest.