SOCI 390
Sociology of Star Trek

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Course Description:
Using sociological theory and sociological concepts, students will examine the history, ideology, and impacts of the Star Trek franchise on 20th and 21st century North American societies. Students will become familiar with a number of key sociological concepts, and will use these tools to engage with selected episodes and related materials drawn from the Star Trek canon.

Course Outcomes/Objectives:
The purpose of this course is to provide students with a focused, relevant social phenomenon, in this case the 50+ year history of the Star Trek franchise, that will enable them to develop their skills at applying their sociological imaginations to real-world issues.

Course Pre/Co-requisites:
none

Topics May Include:
Race and critical race theory, gender, social movements and social activism, political sociology, political philosophy

Required Resources May Include:
No textbook, but there will be assigned readings each week consisting of scholarly articles drawn from social science journals

**A more detailed course outline will be distributed to students during the first week of classes**