

SOCIOLOGY

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Programs Offered

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Minor in Sociology

Sociological research attempts to improve the human condition within the context of a strong tradition of social justice and human equality. Society shapes attitudes, goals, hopes and aspirations, and personal preferences. Society affects individuals, groups, and entire nations. Yet at the same time that society is shaping the individual, the individual is shaping society. In order to understand oneself and others, to understand the world, to understand the future, one has to understand society. Sociology is the discipline that studies groups and societies—what they are, how they got that way, and what impact they have.

Sociology is a field with diverse areas of study. These range from the behavior of the individual as a social actor to the structure of entire societies. Key topics include social psychology, socialization, deviant behavior, group behavior, organizations and institutions, power, inequality, and social change. Major social institutions, including the family, education, religion, social welfare, medicine, work, politics, leisure, and the media, are also explored in detail. To develop skills for studying society, students are introduced to valuable techniques such as survey research, sampling, observational methods, content analysis, experimentation, interviewing, and computer applications in research.

Because sociology is a core subject for any liberal arts education, the department offers a variety of courses of interest to non-majors. These concern such current social issues as the problems of aging, drugs and society, social inequities, media, education, globalization, and the information revolution.

The major has been designed to allow each student, in consultation with an advisor, to develop an individualized program of study. The required courses ensure a solid grounding in sociological concepts, theories, and research methods.

By the time students graduate, they will:

- Create clear, succinct analysis in writing and speaking;
- Understand the structure and logic of the full range of the discipline;
- Formulate critical and analytic questions about society and be able to investigate them through original research;
- Demonstrate competence in handling databases and in using appropriate technical tools; and
- Apply theory and methods in sustained independent inquiry.

Careers in Sociology

Sociology provides an excellent preparation for a wide range of careers. A bachelor's degree in sociology qualifies one for opportunities in national, state, and local government, including research, public administration, personnel, and planning. The major can lead to positions in human services and social advocacy, including alcohol and drug rehabilitation, health agency administration, counseling, recreation, senior services, social welfare, vocational, and rehabilitation counseling. Applications of sociology in business include organizational management, human relations, union organization, industrial relations, communication consulting, public relations, and marketing. Sociology constitutes valuable course work in preparation for graduate study in law, business, and a variety of human services professions, as well as doctoral programs in sociology and related academic fields. Before graduation, sociology majors can establish internships that lead to valuable professional contacts and provide practical experience in pursuing these and additional career paths.

The department has a chapter of the national sociology honor society, Alpha Kappa Delta, and it awards a C. Wright Mills Award for Sociological Imagination on an annual basis for the best original research paper produced by a student in the department.

Every year the Joseph J. Byrne Memorial Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student majoring in sociology.

The department also awards the Robert Holzapfel Scholarship to a student majoring in sociology or counseling.

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Degree Requirements	Units
General education	51
Sociology courses	40
General electives	29
Total units needed for graduation	120

Major Requirements

This requirement list and advising guide is designed for students entering the Sociology major beginning in Fall 2006. Students who entered the major in earlier semesters may follow the requirements listed in this worksheet or they may complete their requirements using the earlier advising guide (which contained a slightly different placement of courses in areas but the same core requirements and units).

SOCl 201 Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCl 300 Sociological Research Methods	4
SOCl 375 Classical Sociological Theory	4
Methods Seminar (see below)	4
SOCl 498 Senior Seminar	4
Total units	19

A student must take Sociology 201 before proceeding to any other required sociology course and take Sociology 300 before taking a methods seminar. Sociology 300, a methods seminar, Sociology 375, and a total of 20 upper-division units of sociology are required before a student will be allowed to enroll in Sociology 498. (Note: Sociology 300, the methods seminar, and Sociology 375 are included as part of the 20 upper-division sociology units.) Sociology 498 is a restricted class, and students will need evidence that they have met the prerequisites for it before the instructor will authorize enrollment.

Students must earn a minimum grade in each of the five required courses. See a faculty advisor in the department for details on these minimum grade requirements.

Methods Seminar

The Methods Seminar furthers students' methodological skills in a wide choice of substantive areas. Students must take one of the following seminars or another course designated as a methods seminar.

SOCl 414 Methods Seminar: Social Interaction
SOCl 418 Methods Seminar: Social Development of Self
SOCl 425 Methods Seminar: Urban Sociology
SOCl 436 Methods Seminar: Investigative Sociology
SOCl 441 Methods Seminar: U.S. by the Numbers
SOCl 452 Methods Seminar: Health Care and Illness
SOCl 463 Methods Seminar: Bureaucracies and Institutions
SOCl 470 Methods Seminar: Culture and Identity
SOCl 480 Methods Seminar: Sociology of Work
SOCl 484 Methods Seminar: Sociology of Genocide

Additional Major Requirements

Substantive areas courses	8-12
Upper-division sociology electives (chosen in consultation with a department advisor)	9-13
Total Units in the Major	40

Substantive Areas of Sociology

Majors must take a minimum of one upper-division course in three of the five substantive areas below. Additional area courses may be offered in a given semester. Consult with an advisor.

Microsociology

This area assumes human agency and social action as fundamental to social life and takes into account both thinking and feeling in defining situations and in constructing actions. Microsociology focuses on reciprocal relationships between self and society with emphasis on:

- The social shaping of self, identity, and role;
- The interaction between self and others; and
- The development, maintenance, and change of subjective and social meanings. Applying microsociological approaches to status variables such as gender and age reveals how they are constructed, given meaning, and played out in individual lives.

SOCl 314 Deviant Behavior (cross-listed with CCJS)
SOCl 315 Socialization
SOCl 317 Emotions and Adult Life (cross-listed with GERN)
SOCl 319 Aging and Society (cross-listed with GERN)
SOCl 326 Social Psychology (cross-listed with PSYCH)
SOCl 350 City and Community Life
SOCl 414 Methods Seminar: Social Interaction
SOCl 417 Sociology of Mental Illness
SOCl 418 Methods Seminar: Social Development of the Self

Organizations, Occupations, and Work

This area addresses both organizational dynamics and their relation to broader societal processes. These include organizational cultures, structures, processes, and outcomes. Knowledge of these matters is relevant to students interested in human services, business, non-profit agencies, education, and criminal justice administration.

SOCl 306 Career Planning
SOCl 365 Human Services Administration
SOCl 366 Juvenile Justice (cross-listed with CCJS)
SOCl 432 Group Work with Older Adults (cross-listed with GERN and PSYCH)
SOCl 450 Punishments and Corrections (cross-listed with CCJS)
SOCl 451 Sociology of Education
SOCl 461 Social Work and Social Welfare
SOCl 463 Methods Seminar: Bureaucracies and Institutions
SOCl 480 Methods Seminar: Sociology of Work
SOCl 485 Organizations and Everyday Life

Macrosociology

Courses in this area investigate large social structures, institutions, networks, and processes that define and shape individual and organizational behavior, and that contribute to social and public policy. This area provides a conceptual overview of diverse social institutions. Macrosociology gives the student new insight into American society and its problems and possibilities from both the personal and professional perspectives.

- SOCI 301 Statistics for Sociologists
- SOCI 335 American Society
- SOCI 340 Drugs and Society (cross-listed with CCJS)
- SOCI 343 Women and Social Policy
- SOCI 345 Sociology of Families
- SOCI 347 American Class Structure
- SOCI 363 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
- SOCI 377 Contemporary Sociological Theory
- SOCI 383 Social Change
- SOCI 384 Sociology of Consumption
- SOCI 425 Methods Seminar: Urban Sociology
- SOCI 440 Sociology of Reproduction (cross-listed with WGS)
- SOCI 441 Methods Seminar: U.S. by the Numbers
- SOCI 445 Sociology of Childhood and Adolescence
- SOCI 452 Methods Seminar: Health Care and Illness

Culture

Courses in the sociology of culture introduce students to central social forms that generate, transmit, and/or critique values, ideas, ideologies, lifestyles, and popular culture. Topics include the ways in which culture can act as a socializing agent reaffirming the existing social order or providing impetus to change, helping integrate societies or contributing to dissension. Students considering careers in the media, education, human services, and recreation are among those who will find these classes of special value.

- SOCI 312 Sociology of Gender
- SOCI 330 Sociology of Media
- SOCI 331 Mass Communications Theory and Research (cross-listed with COMS)
- SOCI 332 Death and American Culture
- SOCI 360 Sociology of Sexualities
- SOCI 385 Sociology of Culture
- SOCI 430 Sociology of Leisure
- SOCI 431 Sociology of Religion
- SOCI 434 Cinema and Society
- SOCI 435 Media Censorship
- SOCI 436 Methods Seminar: Investigative Sociology
- SOCI 470 Methods Seminar: Culture and Identity

Transnational Sociology

Transnational sociology provides a comparative perspective on societies throughout the world. Economic, political, and social institutions and dynamics are examined and compared. Among specific topics are comparative ideologies, roles, world elites, and local communities. Courses in transnational sociology explore these consequences and their long-term implications. Students interested in a historical and comparative examination of international issues would be well served to take courses in this area.

- SOCI 305 Perspectives on the Holocaust and Genocide
- SOCI 380 Political Sociology
- SOCI 381 Population and Society
- SOCI 382 Social Movements and Collective Behavior
- SOCI 449 Sociology of Power
- SOCI 482 Sociology of the Environment
- SOCI 484 Methods Seminar: Sociology of Genocide

Sample Four-year Program for Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

The following is a sample study plan only. The sequence and specific courses given are suggestive; please see an advisor each semester to plan your personal program.

FRESHMAN YEAR:: 31 Units

Fall Semester (16 Units)	Spring Semester (15 Units)
ENGL 101 (3)	PHIL 101 (3)
GE Mathematics (3)	GE Physical Science (3)
GE BIOL 115 (3)	GE World History (3)
UNIV 102 First Year Experience (3)	SOCI 201 (3)
Electives (4)	CIS 101 (3)

SOPHOMORE YEAR:: 30 Units

Fall Semester (15 Units)	Spring Semester (15 Units)
HUM 200 (3)	GE Social Sciences (6)
GE History/Political Science (6)	History of the Fine Arts (3)
GE Comparative Perspectives & Foreign Languages (3)	GE World Literature (3)
Electives (3)	Electives (3)

JUNIOR YEAR:: 30 Units

Fall Semester (15 Units)	Spring Semester (15 Units)
SOCI 300 (4)	SOCI 375 (4)
Sociology Organizations Area (4)	Sociology Microsociology Area (4)
Sociology UD Electives (4)	UD GE Integrated Person (3)
UD GE Philosophy and Values (3)	Electives (4)

SENIOR YEAR:: 29 Units

Fall Semester (16 Units)	Spring Semester (13 Units)
Sociology Methods Seminar (4)	SOCI 498 (4)
Sociology Transnational Area (4)	SOCI 499 (4)
UD GE Contemporary International Perspectives (3)	Electives (5)
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TOTAL UNITS:: 120

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SOCI 201 Introduction to Sociology	3
Upper-division courses in sociology chosen in consultation with an advisor	17
Total units in the minor	20