

# Sociology

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**A**lmost everything we do, including our own private reflections and fantasies, is done either directly or indirectly, through and with others—groups both large and small. The kinds of groups we belong to help shape the person we become. Sociology is the systematic study of these groups we create and the social arrangements that exist within a society.

**Goals and Objectives** To assist students in learning to “think sociologically” and to “think scientifically” in the process of defining, analyzing and understanding human behavior. In doing this the department contributes to the complete education of the student, educates the student for world citizenship, provides education for a productive life and educates for a love of learning.

**Program and/or Curriculum** The department offers the major in sociology and minors in sociology, anthropology, and criminal justice. A student may major in sociology and minor in anthropology or criminal justice as well.

**Faculty** The sociology faculty consists of seven full-time professors who teach within the academic program. All faculty are actively engaged in advising students and teaching in various areas of interest.

**Why Major in Sociology?** The study of sociology offers us a different way of thinking which better enables us to understand and solve the problems of our world. It provides a shift in thinking that is possible because the domain of sociology is the study of why people relate to one another as they do. It involves the study of our rules for living together. It studies how these rules are created, organized, and perpetuated; how they are broken or changed; and the meaning we give to them.

For those majoring in sociology, sociology will provide five important benefits:

- we learn more about ourselves and our motivations.
- we learn how other people affect us.
- it helps us understand our culture and how to cope with an often difficult society.
- it helps us become multicultural and global in our understanding and our own relationships.
- we can learn how to get through each day successfully by developing a sociological imagination which allows us to see, understand and deal with the forces affecting us.

**What Do Sociology Majors Do?** Students majoring in sociology generally follow one of three career orientations relating to their eventual career:

1. Professional Orientation: for those seeking a sociology major as preparation for attending professional graduate schools in such fields as law, medicine, architecture, business, clergy, or public administration.
2. Graduate Sociology Orientation: for students planning to pursue graduate study in sociology as preparation for a career in teaching, pure or applied research, or clinical practice in sociology.
3. Immediate Career Orientation: for those expecting to seek employment immediately upon graduation. Several career paths are available:
  - criminal justice with jobs in probation and parole, police and corrections, FBI, private investigations, IRS; security, etc.;
  - international/cross cultural with jobs in the Peace Corps, international relations or foreign affairs, international assistance organizations or international business, etc.;
  - sociological practice/human services with jobs in vocational counseling, rehabilitation, recreation, health services, etc.;
  - business/industry with jobs in management, human resources, personnel, marketing, etc.;
  - social action/social change with jobs in community organization, religious work, political advocacy, etc.



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## Bachelor of Science Degree. Academic Advising Plan.

### Semester 1 (Fall)

SOCI 100	Introduction to Sociology	
or ANTH 100	Introduction to Anthropology	3
ENGL 111	Academic Reading and Writing	3
P ED 108	Health and Fitness for Life	1
	General education fine arts course	3
	General education science or math course	3
	General education social/behavioral science course	3
	Total semester credits	16

### Semester 2 (Spring)

SOCI 200	Sociological Inquiry	3
ENGL 112	Persuasive Reading and Writing	3
	General education science or math course	3
	General education social/behavioral science course	3
	General education other course	3
	Physical education activity course	.5
	Total semester credits	15.5

### Semester 3 (Fall)

SOCI 208	Sociology of Diversity	
or ANTH/SOCI 225	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	
or sociology elective course		3
	English sophomore literature course	3
	General education liberal arts course	3
	General education science or math course	3
	Physical education activity course	.5
	Course in minor	3
	Total semester credits	15.5

### Semester 4 (Spring)

SOCI 208	Sociology of Diversity	
or ANTH/SOCI 225	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	
or sociology elective course		3
	Sociology elective course	3

SOCI 250	Introduction to Social Statistics	
or liberal arts course		3
SCTA 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
	Course in minor	3
	Total semester credits	15

### Semester 5 (Fall)

SOCI 250	Introduction to Social Statistics	
or liberal arts course		3
SOCI 300	Research Methods	3
	(take only if statistics course has been previously taken; if not, take a sociology elective course)	
	Sociology elective course	3
	Courses in minor (two)	6
	Total semester credits	15

### Semester 6 (Spring)

SOCI 300	Research Methods	
or sociology elective course		3
SOCI 400	Social and Cultural Theories	
or sociology elective		3
	Sociology elective course	3
	Liberal arts course	3
	Course in minor	3
	Total semester credits	15

### Semester 7 (Fall)

	Sociology elective course	3
SOCI 400	Social and Cultural Theories	
or SOCI 480	Senior Seminar (SOCI 400 is prerequisite)	3
	Interdisciplinary capstone course	2
	Courses in minor (two)	6
	Total semester credits	14

### Semester 8 (Spring)

SOCI 480	Senior Seminar	
or sociology elective		3
	Liberal arts course	3
	Elective courses (two)	5
	Course in minor	3
	Total semester credits	14

## Summary of Degree Requirements

General Education	39 cr.
Core Requirements	18 cr.
Directed Electives	21 cr.
Credits to Degree	120 cr.

Electives may be chosen from any Sociology, Anthropology or Criminal Justice course listed in the current course catalog.