Sociology

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Chair of the Department

Sociology, the scientific study of human social behavior, examines the processes and patterns of social interaction; forms of social organization; and the influences of social groups, institutions, and social structure upon human behavior.

The goals of the department are to develop the sociological imagination, including a familiarity with sociological concepts, theories, methods, and research findings; to foster knowledge of and respect for diverse social systems and cultures; and to promote global awareness, community service, and social justice.

The department prepares students for careers in social service, law, business administration, government and civil service, social scientific research and data analytics, criminology and criminal justice, urban planning, anthropology, immigration services, teaching, human resource management, graduate/professional school. Internships are available for students to apply knowledge in field experiences and explore career interests.

Major

Requirements for a Major in Sociology

All majors must complete 33 credits, including the following:

Sociology Core (taken upon declaration of major/minor/concentration; taken incoming semester for transfer students)

- SOC 220 Social Problems (Fall) 3
- Structural Inequalities Distribution (one of the following courses taken Sophomore year) 3
  - SOC 290 Codes of Gender (Fall)
  - SOC 295 Capitalism (Fall)
  - SOC 296 Introduction to Human Geography (Spring)
  - SOC 302 Race and Resistance (Spring)
  - SOC 304 Social Inequalities (Spring)
- SOC 307 Research Methods (taken Junior/Senior year in the Fall) 3
- SOC 324 Sociological Theories (taken Junior year in the Fall) 3

Advanced Research Methods Distribution (one of the following courses taken Senior year)

Prerequisite: SOC 307; Recommended course: PSYC 214 Statistics and Research Methods I

- SOC 225 Telling Stories with Maps (Spring) 3
- SOC 350 Advanced Topics in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) (Fall)
- SOC 352 Advanced Qualitative Methods (Spring)
- SOC 253 Crime Mapping (Spring)
- SOC 354 Introduction to Social Network Analysis (Spring)
SOC 416 Seminar in Sociology (taken Senior year in the Spring) 3
Prerequisites: SOC 307, SOC 324, and Structural Inequalities Distribution

Fifteen additional credits from Sociology 15

Total Credits 33

A minimum grade of C is required for all courses in the major.

Sociology majors with more specific interests in the field may focus their study by electing a concentration in Social Services or Geography. Students may also choose to minor in Sociology, Cultural Anthropology, or Geography.

Concentrations

Sociology majors interested in Criminology, Social Services or Geography may choose one of the following areas of concentration after consultation with a departmental advisor.

Criminology

Recommended for students with career interests in criminal justice, law, community activism, and human rights advocacy. Majors must complete the following:

Sociology Core
SOC 270 Criminology 3

Two Courses from Category A and Two Courses from Category B

Category A-Select 2 courses based on student interest
SOC 273 Mass Incarceration and Collateral Consequences 3
SOC 275 Issues in Contemporary Policing 3
SOC 308 Juvenile Justice 3
SOC 361 Criminal Justice Administration 3
SOC 362 Modern American Gangs 3
SOC 366 White Collar Crime 3
SOC 369 Current Issues in Criminal Justice 3

Category B-Select 2 courses based on student interest
SOC 294 Gender, Crime & Justice 3
SOC 302 Race and Resistance 3
SOC 310 Sociology of Deviance 3
SOC 313 Family Law
SOC 317 Anthropology of Drugs
SOC 364 Law and Society

Total Credits 33

Social Services

Recommended for students interested in social-service related careers. Students must complete the following:

Sociology Core 18
SOC 210 Introduction to Social Services (Fall) 3
SOC 312  Social Service Practice (Spring)  3

Social Services Electives (select three courses)  9

- PSYC 257  Forensic Psychology
- SOC 290  Codes of Gender (in addition to the Structural Inequalities course chosen for the Sociology Core-Fall)
- SOC 302  Race and Resistance (in addition to the Structural Inequalities course chosen for the Sociology Core-Spring)
- SOC 306  The Family
- SOC 310  Sociology of Deviance
- SOC 317  Anthropology of Drugs (Spring)
- SOC 319  Activism, Advocacy, and Empowerment
- SOC 335  Culture, Health, and Illness (Spring)

Total Credits  33

The Department strongly recommends that all students in the Social Services Concentration complete a faculty-supervised internship for elective credit in a local social service agency: Sociology 475. Internship (3 credits). Assistance with locating a suitable placement is available with the Department Chair Dr. Roksana Badruddoja (https://manhattan.edu/campus-directory/roksana.badrudodoja/) or at the Center for Career Development (https://inside.manhattan.edu/student-life/career-pathways/career-development/).

**Geography**

Recommended for students seeking a greater understanding of how humans interact with built and natural environments as well as those interested in developing mapping, geographic information systems, and other spatial analytical skills. Students must complete the following:

**Sociology Core**  18

- SOC 296  Introduction to Human Geography (Spring)  3

**Geography Electives (select four courses)**  12

- SOC 212  Migration, Globalization, and Culture (Spring)
- SOC 262  Contemporary Latin American Development (Fall)
- SOC 295  Capitalism (in addition to the Structural Inequalities course chosen for the Sociology Core-Fall)
- SOC 327  Power and Conflict
- SOC 334  Sustainable Development
- SOC 353  Political Ecology

Total Credits  33

**Minors**

**Sociology**

Minors in Sociology must take 15 credits chosen in consultation with a departmental advisor. Students are required to take: *Social Problems (SOC 220)*;
One Structural Inequalities Distribution course: Codes of Gender (SOC 290), Capitalism (SOC 295), Race and Resistance (SOC 302), or Social Inequalities (SOC 304); and any three additional Sociology courses.

SOC 150 Roots: Sociology, SOC 375 Internship, and SOC 416 Seminar in Sociology do not fulfill minor requirements.

A minimum grade of C is required for all courses in the minor.

**Cultural Anthropology**

Recommended for students who wish to supplement any major with the comparative and social scientific insights offered by Cultural Anthropology. Minors must take 15 credits of the following:

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**Geography**

Recommended for students interested in GIS and other spatial analysis skills, cartography/mapping, data mining, and spatial data visualization. Minors must take 15 credits of the following:

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