

Sociology

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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, administration in government or business, social research and data analysis, criminal justice, urban planning, immigration services, and related fields. Internships are available for students to explore career interests and apply knowledge in field experiences.

Major

Requirements for a Major in Sociology

All majors must complete 33 credits, including the following:

Sociology Core:

SOC 220	Social Problems (taken first or second year, incoming semester for transfer students)	Required and prerequisite	3
Structural Inequalities Distribution (One of the following courses taken sophomore or junior year)			3
SOC 290	Codes of Gender		
SOC 295	Capitalism		
SOC 302	Race And Resistance		
SOC 304	Social Inequalities		
SOC 307	Research Methods (taken junior year)		3
SOC 324	Sociological Theories (taken junior year)		3
Advanced Methods Distribution (One of the following courses taken Fall senior year)			3
SOC 350	Advanced Topics in Geographic Information Systems (GIS)		
SOC 352	Advanced Qualitative Methods		
SOC 354	Introduction to Social Network Analysis		
SOC 416	Seminar in Sociology (taken senior year)		3
Fifteen additional credits from Sociology			15
Total Credits			33

The department also recommends that students take a course in statistics, preferably PSYC 214 Statistics and Research Methods I.

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

General study in the field of sociology helps to prepare students for graduate school and/or a wide array of future careers in research, teaching, human resource management, civil service, and others. Sociology majors with more specific interests in the field may focus their study by electing a concentration. An additional option consists of completing a minor in cultural anthropology.

Concentrations

Sociology majors interested in social services; immigration and global sociology; or crime, law, and social justice may choose one of these as their area of concentration but only after consultation with a departmental advisor. If a student elects a concentration, they must meet the following course requirements:

Criminology and Criminal Justice

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

Sociology Core		18
Four courses from Category A or Category B based on student area of interest		12
Category A		
SOC 273	Mass Incarceration and Collateral Consequences (SOC 273 Corrections and Mass Incarceration)	
SOC 275	Police & Society	
SOC 308	Juvenile Justice	
SOC 361	Criminal Justice Administration	
SOC 362	Modern American Gangs	
SOC 366	White Collar Crime	
SOC 369	Current Issues in Criminal Justice	
Category B		
SOC 270	Criminology	
SOC 294	Gender, Crime & Justice	
SOC 302	Race And Resistance	
SOC 310	Sociology of Deviance	
SOC 313	Family Law	
SOC 317	Anthropology of Drugs	
SOC 364	Law and Society	
Elective Courses		3
Total Credits		33

Students are encouraged to take additional courses outside their area of concentration.

Social Services

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

Sociology Core		18
SOC 210	Introduction to Social Services	3
SOC 312	Social Service Practice	3
Three of the following are required:		9
SOC 220	Social Problems	
SOC 290	Codes of Gender	
SOC 302	Race And Resistance	
SOC 305	Urban Sociology	
SOC 306	The Family	
SOC 310	Sociology of Deviance	
SOC 317	Anthropology of Drugs	
SOC 319	Practicing Empowerment	
SOC 335	Culture, Health, and Illness	
Total Credits		33

The Department strongly recommends that students complete an internship. Students are encouraged to take additional courses outside their area of concentration.

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. Majors must complete the following:

Sociology Core		18
Required Course:		3
SOC 296	Introduction to Human Geography	
Four of the following Geographic Theory Elective Courses:		12
SOC 209	Identities of New York City	
SOC 212	Migration, Globalization, and Culture	
SOC 262	Contemporary Latin American Development	
SOC 295	Capitalism	
SOC 327	Power and Conflict	
SOC 329	Political Economy of Global Migration	
SOC 334	Sustainable Development	
SOC 336	Anatomy of a US City	
SOC 353	Political Ecology	
Total Credits		33

Students are encouraged to take additional courses outside their area of concentration.

Minor

Sociology

Minors in Sociology must take 15 credits chosen in consultation with a departmental advisor. Students are required to take Social Problems (SOC 220); 1 course dealing with social differentiation: Codes of Gender (SOC 290), Capitalism (SOC 295), Race and Resistance (SOC 302), or Social Inequalities (SOC 304); and 3 additional Sociology courses. SOC 150 Roots: Sociology, SOC 375 Internship, or 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, including the following:

SOC 202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
Four of the following courses:		12
SOC 204	Urban Anthropology	
SOC 209	Identities of New York City	
SOC 217	Visual Anthropology	
SOC 317	Anthropology of Drugs	
SOC 328	Societies and Cultures of Latin America	
SOC 331	Workers and the Workplace	
SOC 335	Culture, Health, and Illness	
SOC 466	Research in Anthropology	
Total Credits		15

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

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:

Two Required Courses:		6
SOC 250	Introduction to GIS	
Or		
SOC 225	Telling Stories with Maps	
And		
SOC 350	Advanced Topics in Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	
Three (or more) of the following Geographic Theory Electives Courses:		9

SOC 209	Identities of New York City
SOC 212	Migration, Globalization, and Culture
SOC 262	Contemporary Latin American Development
SOC 295	Capitalism
SOC 296	Introduction to Human Geography
SOC 327	Power and Conflict
SOC 329	Political Economy of Global Migration
SOC 334	Sustainable Development
SOC 336	Anatomy of a US City
SOC 353	Political Ecology

Total Credits**15**

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