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, 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) \( \text{Required and prerequisite} \) 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 Spring 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. Students may also choose to minor in sociology, cultural anthropology, or geography.

**Concentrations**

Sociology majors interested in criminology and criminal justice; social services; or geography may choose one of the following areas of concentration after consultation with a departmental advisor. If a student elects a concentration, then 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 |
| SOC 270 | 3 |
| Two courses from Category A and Two courses from Category B (based on student area of interest) | 12 |

### Category A

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**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  
SOC 210  Introduction to Social Services  3
SOC 312  Social Service Practice  3

Three of the following are required (in addition to the Structural Inequalities course chosen for the Sociology Core):

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 all students in the Social Services Concentration complete a faculty-supervised internship for elective credit in a local social service agency: Sociology 475. Internship 3cr. Assistance with locating a suitable placement is available at the Center for 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. Majors must complete the following:

Sociology Core  18
SOC 296  Introduction to Human Geography  3

Four of the following are required:

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
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, 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:

- 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

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

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