

Sociology

at Coastal Carolina University

What does a sociology major study?

Sociology involves the study of human social behavior - specifically the origins, organizations, institutions, stratification, and social change in human societies. Sociology also involves the analysis of society as a whole and applies theoretical and practical solutions to modern social problems. Sociologists may study poverty, crime, family relations, aging, medical and mental health issues, demography, environmental sociology, and other societal systems and problems.

Why study sociology at Coastal Carolina?

- Sociology is a broad-based field of study that prepares students for entry-level positions throughout the criminal justice, business, social service, and government worlds or for further study in law, social work, counseling, and other graduate programs.
- Students have the opportunity to participate in internships with various local agencies including those dealing with spousal and child abuse, law enforcement, care of the elderly, community recreation programs, and alcohol and drug programs.
- Sociology majors can present their research and report on their internship experiences at local and regional meetings and conferences.
- Students have the opportunity to earn elective credit for volunteer work in various community organizations.
- The department offers a Gerontology Certification Program, an interdisciplinary program that is designed to provide students with a foundation of knowledge and skills in the study of aging.

What are some career options for sociology majors?

- Social work
- Human resources management
- Researcher
- Criminal justice
- Government agencies
- Social gerontology

What kinds of courses do sociology majors take?

SOC 102	Social Problems
SOC 330 & 331	Theory and Research Methods
SOC 309	Social Inequality
SOC 350, 353 & 450	Criminology, Delinquency & Victimology
SOC 313	Social Welfare and Social Work

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