

Sociology

Description of the major:

Sociology involves the study of human social behavior – specifically 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.

The student experience:

- 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.



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√ Major

√ Minors:

Criminology
Social Justice
Sociology

√ Concentrations:

Criminology
Health and Medicine
Social Justice

- Sociology majors may pursue a general course of study or opt for more concentrated study in one of three sociological tracks: criminology, health and aging, or social justice.
- The department offers a gerontology certification program, an interdisciplinary program designed to provide students with a foundation of knowledge and skills in the study of aging.

Beyond the classroom:

Students majoring in sociology are involved in many professions including: social work; human resources management; research; criminal justice; government agencies; and social gerontology.

Areas of study:

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| SOC 102 | Social Problems |
| SOC 330 and 331 | Theory and Research Methods |
| SOC 309 | Social Inequality |
| SOC 350, 353 and 450 | Juvenile Delinquency, Criminology and Victimology |
| SOC 308 | Community Development and Social Change |

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