Sociology
College of Arts and Sciences

Degree Options
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Minors
Sociology
Workplace Diversity
At-Risk Youth

Certificate
Sustainable Organizational Leadership

Program Strengths
• In sociology course work, students focus on developing analytic and writing skills, data analysis, and the ability to understand issues from different points of view.
• Developing the sociological imagination so students understand their lives and other’s lives are affected not only by their personal psychology, but by their place in the social world.
• Opportunities to investigate a range of issues from inequality to human ecology, from deviance to the family, from medicine to politics, and a wide variety of others. Few fields offer students opportunities of such breadth.
• In today’s changing job market, the skills developed by sociology majors are important. Students focus on developing skills in analyzing problems, understanding diverse peoples, and assessing how changes in the broader social structure shape individuals’ daily lives. Sociology also provides training in social science research methods and statistics, communication, and critical thinking.

Career Options
Business management and human resources
Public relations, consumer research, and marketing
Community planning and development
Non-profit and community based agencies
Program support and recruiting
Human and social services
Counseling and advocacy
Education administration, advising, development, and teaching
Criminal justice professions
Local, state, and federal government agencies
Case management, rehabilitation, and social work
Public policy and administration
Financial and statistical analysis
Social science research

Admission to the Major Requirements
Students may be admitted as Sociology majors upon declaring their intent to the department.

Student Clubs
Sociology Club
Alpha Kappa Delta national honor society

Suggested Classes for Freshmen
SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology
SOC 102: Social Problems
SOC 103: Social Psychology of Communication
UCORE courses

Suggested Classes for Transfer Students
Upper level courses in sociology

Math Requirement
Any UCORE [QUAN] Quantitative Reasoning
Recommending:
MATH 105: Exploring Mathematics
MATH 205: Statistical Thinking
STATS 205: Statistical Thinking

Core Courses
The Bachelor of Arts in Sociology requires a minimum of 31 credit hours of sociology coursework, as well as 24 credit hours in a concentration track (work and family, crime deviance and social control, or sustainable societies) or related field courses. Core required courses include 16 credit hours:
SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology
SOC 310: Development of Social Theory
SOC 317: Research Methods in Sociology
SOC 321: Quantitative Techniques in Sociology
SOC 495 or 497 Capstone

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