

SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

The sociology curriculum focuses on applying theory and sophisticated empirical research methods to address complex real-world issues. It asks students to critically examine continuing and urgent issues of inequality and social marginalization. The sociology curriculum provides students with qualitative and quantitative skills to analyze social structure, history, and culture, and their effects on people's lives. With special strengths in the study of inequality, the curriculum features analysis of social problems and social change, institutions and social relationships, and the contribution of social science to social change and policy formulation and implementation. The courses at the 100-level introduce students to the basic concepts and analytical tools used in sociology. Intermediate (200-level) courses provide more detailed coverage and analysis of distinct institutions, social processes, or substantive areas. Advanced seminars and tutorials (300- or 400-level) are intensive courses, typically limited to sociology majors or students participating in interdisciplinary programs or the concentrations housed in the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies. There is sufficient variation in perspective across the sociology curriculum to offer students both knowledge of sociological theory and methods and a foundation for using a sociological imagination.

The sociology major provides quantitative and qualitative research skills to allow students to critically engage with pressing social issues. Majors enter a wide variety of occupations well prepared with sharp analytical skills and as knowledgeable and engaged citizens. Sociology majors often pursue careers and graduate education in business, education, medicine and nursing, public health, social services, and law.

Requirements

The major consists of a minimum of 10 courses.

Code Title

Required Courses

SOCL 101	The Sociological Perspective
SOCL 223	Logics of Inquiry
SOCL 226	Social Statistics
SOCL 241	Development of Social Theory

One advanced 300 or 400-level seminar, tutorial, or research practicum.

SOCL 313	Freedoms & Unfreedoms
SOCL 350	(Precarious) Work
SOCL 365	Illness Narratives
SOCL 370	Sociology of Trouble
SOCL 375	End of Life
SOCL 383	Utopian & Dystopian Worlds
SOCL 386	Global Sense of Home
SOCL 492	Directed Honors Research
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Five electives from the lists above and below (two of which may be anthropology courses).¹

SOCL 203	Race & Power
SOCL 205	Social Class & Power
SOCL 210	Consumer & Corp Sustainability
SOCL 213	Race, Crime, and Justice
SOCL 219	Deviance, Normalcy & Control

SOCL 236	Environmental Sociology
SOCL 238	Cities and Environment
SOCL 239	Environmental Racism
SOCL 247	Sociology of TV & Media
SOCL 254	Girls and Violence
SOCL 256	Self & Society
SOCL 257	Aging & Society
SOCL 259	Children & Violence
SOCL 261	Sociology Of Religion
SOCL 263	Medical Sociology
SOCL 269	Education and Society
SOCL 271	Families and Societies
SOCL 277	Gender and Society
SOCL 280	Global Culture & Society
SOCL 281	Sociology of Travel & Tourism
ANTH 101	Anthropological Perspective
ANTH 251	Informal Economies
ANTH 252	Anthropology of Law
ANTH 253	Gender & Development
ANTH 255	Gender & Sexualities
ANTH 257	Anthropology of Debt
ANTH 260	Medical Anthropology
ANTH 262	Anthropology Of Religion
ANTH 264	Race, Racism and Anthropology
ANTH 266	Cultures and Politics of Latin America
ANTH 267	Political Anthropology
ANTH 268	Economic Anthropology
ANTH 269	Fashion & Consumption
ANTH 273	Anthropology of Africa
ANTH 310	Ethnographic Field Methods
ANTH 320	Theory in Anthropology
ANTH 386	Global Queer Activism

¹ The electives are selected in accordance with student interests and in consultation with a faculty advisor. The department encourages students to create a "subdisciplinary" specialization, but our primary goal is to help students explore a range of social phenomena and issues.

Students who take approved research methods and/or statistics courses outside of the major are still responsible for completing the 10-course requirement in Sociology. (If the statistics/research methods sequence is taken in another department, Sociology majors must still take 10 courses in the Sociology and Anthropology department, they will just take two extra electives in the department in lieu of the completed statistics/methods requirement). Students who study abroad may transfer up to four courses, usually electives, toward the major. In some cases, the required courses Social Statistics, Logics of Inquiry, and/or Social Theory can be taken abroad.

Majors may take up to 14 courses in the department; double majors must take 18 courses outside of the department.