

## SOCIOLOGY *College of Social & Behavioral Sciences and Social Work*

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<b>BA</b>	<b>Minor</b>	

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### UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Sociology may be defined as the scientific study of human society and the social interactions which emerge among people. Sociology seeks to develop a body of interrelated scientific propositions or generalizations that explain social behavior in holistic terms. Its basic goal is to understand how human beings fit their activities together into a system of stable (and sometimes unstable) social arrangements. As such, sociology focuses on the groups, organizations, institutions and communities which make up the larger society. Sociology seeks to place society in the international setting of today's changing world. More importantly, it helps us to understand the relationships among these various social units and the implications of these relationships for order and change.

**Required courses in the following programs of study may have prerequisites. Reference the course description section for clarification.**

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES – STUDENTS WILL:**

- demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between critical inquiry and social justice;
- demonstrate an understanding of core concepts such as social structure, socialization, culture, identity, institutions power, inequality and social justice;
- understand and apply various methodological and theoretical approaches for conducting research.

#### SOCIOLOGY MAJOR (75 CREDITS)

Within the Bachelor of Arts degree, the Department of Sociology and Justice Studies offers a program in sociology, blending career education and the liberal arts. The education goal is not to train students; neither is the goal to educate students solely in sociology. Rather, the goal is to use the discipline as a way to critically synthesize what is learned in a liberal arts program. The program envisaged here provides a general background which will enable the student to move into a variety of career paths, while retaining the opportunity for particular specializations within sociology and thematically related disciplines.

The Department of Sociology and Justice Studies believes that a university must educate broadly to enrich both career and life. Accordingly, students in the Sociology Program will complete social science foundation courses, as well as core disciplinary courses. In order to assist students as they move into a variety of career paths, students will complete elective courses selected under the guidance of a Sociology major advisor.

*Note:* two years of a single high school foreign language or one year of a single foreign language at college level is required for this major.

**Required Courses**

**Introduction (5 credits)**

SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology (5)

**Social and Behavioral Science Foundation Courses (15 credits)**

CSBS 310 Foundations of Social and Behavioral Science Theory (5)

or SOCI 465 Contemporary Sociological Theory (5)

CSBS 320 Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences (5)

CSBS 330 Integrated Social Science Methods (5)

or SOCI 357 A Methodology for Social Research (5)

**Disciplinary Core (30 credits)**

SOCI 351 Social Stratification (5)

SOCI 363 Sociology of Deviance (5)

SOCI 481 Social Psychology (5)

SOCI 489 Doing Sociology (5)

**Institutions/Organizations—student to choose one course:**

SOCI 362 Sociology of Politics (5)

SOCI 370 Sociology of the Family (5)

SOCI 472 Sociology of Religion (5)

**Social Change—student to choose one course:**

SOCI 470 Social Change (5)

SOCI 482 Identity and Power (5)

SOCI 485 Sociology of Revolution (5)

**Discipline-Based Capstone/Thesis (5 credits)**

SOCI 490 Senior Capstone: Sociological Practice (5)  
or SOCI 491 Senior Thesis (5)

**Electives (20 credits minimum)**

Students will select electives under the direction of a Sociology advisor and with approval of the department chair.

<i>Required introduction credits</i>	<i>5 credits</i>
<i>Required social and behavioral science foundation credits</i>	<i>15 credits</i>
<i>Required disciplinary core credits</i>	<i>30 credits</i>
<i>Required discipline-based capstone/thesis credits</i>	<i>5 credits</i>
<i>Required elective credits</i>	<i>20 credits</i>
<i>Minimum total credits for above major</i>	<i>75 credits</i>

### MINOR

#### SOCIOLOGY MINOR (15 CREDITS)

**Required Courses (5 credits)**

SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology (5)

**Electives (10 credits)**

Select from upper-division sociology courses

<i>Required program credits</i>	<i>5 credits</i>
<i>Elective credits</i>	<i>10 credits</i>
<i>Total credits for above minor</i>	<i>15 credits</i>

## Sociology Courses

*Terms offered:* check with the department or EagleNET.

- SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology (5)**  
[satisfies the GEGR for social sciences, list 2, anthropology, geography, psychology and sociology.]  
Explores the concepts, principles and theories of sociology. Sociology seeks to develop a body of interrelated scientific propositions or generalizations that explain social behavior in non-psychological terms. Its basic goal is to understand how human beings fit their activities together into a system of stable (and sometimes unstable) social arrangements.
- SOCI 263 Social Problems (5)**  
[satisfies international studies university graduation requirement]  
An overview of major perspectives on social problems and a demonstration of their relevance for contemporary issues. Topics may include poverty, racism, sexism, aging, alienation, colonialism and the Third World, human ecology, crime, deviance and the law.
- SOCI 290 Introduction to Student Services (2)**  
*Graded Pass/No Credit.*  
*Prerequisite:* must be admitted as an ambassador.  
A history of the university and campus. An overview of the university curricula and range of student services with emphasis on the development of leadership and communication skills. Lab.
- SOCI 299 Special Studies and Programs (1-5)**  
*Prerequisites:* permission of the instructor and the department chair.
- SOCI 301 Crime and Society (5)**  
*Prerequisite:* SOCI 101.  
Provides an introduction to the field of criminology, including descriptions and explanations of crime and efforts to control it. Topics include theories of crime causation, measurement of crime, criminal law, the criminal justice system; and street, victimless, white collar, political and corporate crime.
- SOCI 320 Race and Ethnic Relations: Global Perspectives (5)**  
*Prerequisite:* SOCI 101 or 361.  
[satisfies cultural and gender diversity university graduation requirement]  
A socio-structural analysis of the bases of oppression of minority groups in society. The course deals with economic, political and cultural factors involved in the emergence and perpetuation of racism/ethnicism in the United States and around the world.

## SOCI 321 Sex and Gender (5)

Prerequisite: SOCI 101

[satisfies cultural and gender diversity university graduation requirement]

A sociological analysis of differences and similarities between women and men. Examines the impact of gender ideologies of individual identity and social and political arrangements (especially instances of stratification and inequality). Also considers how changes in the gendered nature of society (e.g., socioeconomic organization, socialization, sexuality) occur. (Cross-listed WMST 321)

## SOCI 331 Classical Sociological Theory (5)

Prerequisite: SOCI 101.

Establishes the nature and requirements of sociological explanation. Identifies main currents of preclassical social thought. Explains, discusses and evaluates classical systems of sociological theory.

## SOCI 351 Social Stratification (5)

Prerequisite: SOCI 101.

Course investigates class structures, stratification systems and social mobility in contemporary American society.

## SOCI 357 A Methodology for Social Research (5)

Prerequisite: SOCI 101.

This course seeks to realize two complementary objectives: first, to acquaint you with the origins of sociological inquiry and the variety of styles and logical systems which shape such research; secondly, to demonstrate the nature of the research techniques which follow.

## SOCI 362 Sociology of Politics (5)

Prerequisite: SOCI 101.

Analyzes causes and consequences of the distribution of power within and between societies and with the social and political conflicts which lead to changes in the distribution of power.

## SOCI 363 Sociology of Deviance (5)

Prerequisite: SOCI 101.

Examines the conditions under which deviance as a social reality emerges, develops and changes over time. Typical concerns are the process of social typing; official responses to deviances; managing the deviant identity; and the role of bureaucracies and social class in promoting deviance as a political construction.

## SOCI 370 Sociology of the Family (5)

Prerequisite: SOCI 101.

A consideration of family structures, cultures and interactions, changing family patterns and contemporary family debates. (Cross-listed WMST 370)

## SOCI 371 African American Family (5)

The African American family as a social system influenced by institutions of the larger American society. (Cross-listed AAST/SOWK 320)

## SOCI 399 Special Studies and Programs (1-5)

Prerequisites: permission of the instructor and the department chair.

## SOCI 452 Juvenile Delinquency (5)

Prerequisite: SOCI 101 (freshman/sophomore) or 361 (junior/senior).

Provides an in-depth examination of the phenomenon of juvenile delinquency. Included in the examination are analyses of types of delinquency, measurement of delinquency, theories of delinquency causation and the juvenile justice system. Includes field trips and class visitations from professionals who work with juveniles.

## SOCI 455 Criminology (5)

Prerequisite: SOCI 101 (freshman/sophomore) or 361 (junior/senior).

Provides an in-depth inquiry into crime and criminalization. Course places particular emphasis on the social context within which these phenomena occur.

## SOCI 459 Sociology of Community Corrections (5)

Prerequisite: SOCI 101.

Provides a sociological examination of correctional programs and practices in non-institutional settings for both adults and juveniles. Topics include program alternatives to institutional commitment, reintegration of offenders after institutionalization, the community corrections officer and the process of working with offenders. Field trips to area agencies are also included.

## SOCI 463 Complex Organizations (5)

Prerequisite: SOCI 101 (freshman/sophomore) or 361 (junior/senior) or permission of the instructor.

Analyzes large, complex organizations as a social system. Includes theory related to the emergence and structure of bureaucracy, authority and control; organizational conflict and change; the individual and the organization; and the organization and its environment.

## SOCI 465 Contemporary Sociological Theory (5)

Prerequisite: SOCI 101.

Establishes the nature and requirements of sociological explanation. Identifies the classical repertoire of contemporary sociological theories. Explains, discusses and evaluates contemporary systems of sociological theories.

## SOCI 470 Social Change (5)

Prerequisite: SOCI 101.

This course examines change in everyday life as well as in social institutions. Our discussions will focus on the importance of social movements in creating and responding to cultural and political transformations in the past, present and future.

## SOCI 471 Sociology of Work (5)

Prerequisite: SOCI 101 (freshman/sophomore) or 361 (junior/senior).

A sociology of knowledge approach to work that examines ways in which much of the conflict that characterizes the world of work arises from differing realities that individuals and groups construct. Also examines the major location of work, organizations and the way work can be organized as a result of images held and the impact this organization has on the construction of reality.

## SOCI 472 Sociology of Religion (5)

Prerequisites: SOCI 101 or advanced standing in department program.

Investigates religious institutions in society in terms of their structure, function and change.

## SOCI 481 Social Psychology (5)

Prerequisite: SOCI 101.

An analytic approach to the social-psychological consequences of social structure. Focal concerns may include alienation, anti-psychiatry, personality and social class, role behavior and socialization.

## SOCI 482 Identity and Power (5)

Prerequisite: SOCI 101.

This course is about the relationship between power and identity. Identity can be defined as presentations of the self that facilitate human social interaction and thereby situate individuals in social structures. We will use the concept of "power" to explore how identities are central to various forms of social inequality.

## SOCI 483 Sociology of Children (5)

Prerequisite: SOCI 101.

Addresses children and childhood from the preschool years through adolescence. Examines historical shifts in the meanings of childhood and the methods used for studying the worlds of children. Explores the theoretical approaches to child development and socialization and how these can be used to understand children's experiences in different cultural settings and situations. (Cross-listed WMST 483)

## SOCI 485 Sociology of Revolution (5)

Revolutions are rapid, widespread and deep transformations in the institutional structures, ways of thinking, relationships and cultural habits of society. They involve not only taking power by replacing governments, but also transforming power by radically changing people, spaces and social systems. We will first study The Communist Manifesto by Marx and Engels, arguably history's most important book on revolutions. Then we will consider nonviolent means for challenging global capitalism and promoting social justice. And finally, we will discuss whether contemporary world social forums really help make another world possible. Throughout the course, we will think about how past and present struggles shape the future of revolutions.

## SOCI 486 Contemporary World Systems (5)

Prerequisite: choice of either SOCI 263 or INST 200.

[satisfies international studies university graduation requirement]

Course examines contemporary world systems; integration, conflict and change.

## SOCI 488 Sociology of Education (5)

A sociological analysis of the controversies surrounding the limits and possibilities of schooling in society. It examines, in a historic and comparative manner, the issues of educational expansions, equality of opportunity, unequal achievement and school quality, the school's role in reinforcing inequality, what schools teach, and the problems of order, control, and motivation. At all times, the material reviewed is set in a theoretical context.

## SOCI 489 Doing Sociology (5)

Prerequisites: CSBS 310 or SOCI 331 or SOCI 465 and CSBS 330 or SOCI 357.

This class is designed for advanced sociology majors to develop an understanding of the process of doing sociological research in preparation for the senior capstone or to undertake a senior research thesis if so desired. Our goal is integrate theory and methods, thus learning to "do" sociology holistically.

## SOCI 490 Senior Capstone: Sociological Practice (5)

Prerequisite: SOCI 489 or approval of instructor.

[satisfies senior capstone university graduation requirement] This course is designed to move from a basic understanding of sociological research and practice to more advanced applications in the field. Working as a team and addressing a specific social problem or issue, students will define the problem, carry out research, craft and/or evaluate strategies and present reports in appropriate formats.

## SOCI 491 Senior Thesis (5)

Prerequisite: SOCI 489.

[satisfies senior capstone university graduation requirement] The thesis represents a summative assessment of the student's academic competence in his or her field of study. Students will complete and defend an original research project in the field of sociology.

## SOCI 495 Internship (1-5)

Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.

Supervised field experience aligned with the student's academic program.

## SOCI 497 Workshops, Short Courses, Conferences (1-5)

Special short-duration programs of contemporary significance in societal-cultural behavior areas. The range and scope of topics is essentially interdisciplinary and students from all academic areas are eligible to participate.

## SOCI 498 Departmental Seminar (1-5)

Examination of current research topics in sociology. The specific content of the seminar varies according to recent developments in sociology and according to the interests of the instructor. (May be repeated once for credit.)

## SOCI 499 Directed Study (1-5)

Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean. Open to senior and graduate students from any department.

Independent and/or group study in selected areas of sociology.

**SPANISH**  
See MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES.

**TECHNOLOGY**  
See ENGINEERING & DESIGN.