

SOCIOLOGY (B.A.)

The Sociology program offers students knowledge and resources to search systematically for answers to questions about society. Sociology students develop a sociological imagination, which is the ability to grasp the close relationship between personal experiences and the larger social world. Our majors study social and cultural forces that shape individual and group behavior using a variety of scientific methods such as surveys, interviews, observation, and content analysis. By studying and critically assessing sociological theories, sociology students also describe, interpret, and explain how the world works.

Core courses provide excellent training in sociological concepts, theories, and methods. Electives focus on topics like the environment, popular culture, families, inequalities, race and ethnicity, crime and deviance, anthropology, and global society. Sociology majors may also engage in community research, service-learning projects, internships, and travel through coursework. Students with a bachelor's degree in sociology are well prepared for graduate and professional studies and careers using their interpersonal skills and specialized knowledge in the areas of education, social services, human rights, health and wellness, justice, advocacy, and research.