Department of Sociology & Criminology







The Sociology Program

Sociology is the study of social life and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. It investigates the structure of groups, organizations and societies, their informal development and interaction.

Since all human behavior is social, the subject matter of sociology ranges from the intimate family to the hostile mob; from crime to religion; from divisions of race, gender and social class to a shared belief of a common culture.

Courses such as research methods, statistics, sociological theory, computer-based social science research, social organization and demographic analysis equip the student for employment in a wide range of occupations in the public, non-profit, and private sector.

The Sociology major prepares students for opportunities in fields such as social research, the health professions, business, social service, and data processing. Sociology is also a popular undergraduate major for students planning to pursue further studies in such professions as law, business, education, social work and public administration.

Requirements

Overview of Requirements for a Major in Sociology

A minimum of 120 credit hours are required to graduate with a "C" or better overall grade point average.

A major in Sociology includes 30 credit hours. Of these 30 credit hours, 15 hours are required courses and 15 hours are elective courses.

Required Courses in Sociology

SOCI-001 Introduction to Sociology

SOCI-100 Social Theory and Society

SOCI-110 Elementary Statistics

SOCI-111 Sociology Methods

SOCI-020 Social Psychology OR SOCI-166 Race, Class and Gender (Choose one)

Elective Courses are any 15 hours of SOCI listed courses. Please see courses listed under Sociology Course Descriptions.

Electives (sample of courses offered)

Public Health and Society
Social Problem
Collective Behavior
Resistance, Revolt, Reform and Revolution
Women in Development
Urban Sociology
Climate Change, Energy, and Social Justice
Social Stratification
Sociology of Poverty
Sociology of Power
Sociology of African Americans
Problems in the Black Community
Disparities in Urban Health
Global Health: Challenges, Responses, and Future Actions
The Family