

# 《 SOCIOLOGY 》

Sociology is the study of human social relations. It examines different elements of society such as organizations, cultures, social institutions, and groups that develop when people interact and work together.

Our majors explore basic institutions of society, such as family, education, religion, the economy, and government, as well as dimensions of social inequality, such as class, gender, and race.

Students have the choice of pursuing a BA or BS in Sociology allowing them the choice and flexibility to incorporate broad liberal arts foundations and an emphasis on research methods and analytic skills based upon their individual interests and goals.

**IF YOU HAVE WONDERED ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPICS – YOU ARE IN LUCK!  
SOCIOLOGY OFFERS CLASSES THAT WILL GIVE YOU A SPACE  
TO EXPLORE THESE QUESTIONS:**

*What society really is...* **SOC 001**

*Why there is prejudice...* **SOC 001, 005, 119, 447**

*How divorce affects children...* **SOC 030, 440, 431**

*How inequality affects people's lives...*  
**SOC 001, 119, 447**

*What causes homelessness...* **SOC 005, 428**

*If marriage is a good idea...* **SOC 030, 440, 430, 431**

*What causes poverty...* **SOC 001, 446, 428, 429**

*How gender affects your life...* **SOC 103, 110, 456**

*How race affects your life...* **SOC 001, 119, 447**

*Why people have children...* **SOC 030, 440**

*How the media influences us...*  
**SOC 001, 003, 119, 432**

*If your society influences you...* **SOC 119, 432**

*What deviant behavior is and where it comes from...*  
**SOC 012, 013, 406**

*If you should live together before marriage...*  
**SOC 030, 430, 440**

*What life is like for gay and lesbian families...*  
**SOC 001, 030, 447, 430**

*How governments work...* **SOC 001, 023, 446**

*How we can study people and social problems...*  
**SOC 001, 005, 451, 432**

*How society changes and how it affects you...*  
**SOC 001, 007, 119, 450**



# 《 CAREER DIRECTIONS 》

Our students are encouraged to pursue internships and to work with the Career Enrichment Network including their mentorship program. We offer many ways to open the door to rich experiences in the worlds of work, research, study abroad and graduate school.

MANY STUDENTS HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT CAREER PATHS, HERE ARE SOME OF THE PLACES OUR STUDENTS TYPICALLY CHOOSE:

## SOCIAL WORK AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Agencies value employees with backgrounds in fields like sociology. These students learn about social problems and the research skills to help solve them. A minor could make you the ideal candidate to focus on special populations.

## CORRECTIONS

Probation and parole for juveniles and adults. Providing training and education to offenders.

## BUSINESS

Sociology majors can specialize in human resources, advertising, and consumer research.

## COLLEGE SETTINGS

Students can use their analytical skills in looking at admissions data or in research centers. Human social relations skills will help in housing, counseling, or advising.

## HEALTH SERVICES

Sociology majors will be able to understand policy and the systems those policies impact.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

The writing experience students gain may be applied to publishing and public relations. An understanding of social patterns is key here.

## GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Course work in research, policy, and statistics make students well-qualified for public sector jobs.

## TEACHING

Many of our students earn the proper certification to teach in elementary and secondary schools.

## LAW SCHOOL

Many sociology majors use their understanding of human behavior, ability to interpret policy, and analytical skills to succeed in law school and beyond.

