SOCIOLOGY, B.A.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Program Learning Objectives

• Career-Related Skills:
  • Demonstrate an understanding of the career options available to someone with a background in sociology

• Communication Skills:
  • Write a paper following the format of published sociological research, including each of the major sections of a research paper.
  • Communicate the results of sociological research in oral form.
  • Content Knowledge: Describe the focus of sociology as a discipline.
  • State what is distinctive about the sociological perspective.
  • Apply the sociological perspective to a problem or scenario.

• Knowledgeable Consumers of Research:
  • Comprehend and effectively extract central points from sociological research as this research is presented in professional articles, including substantive content, theory, methods and conclusions.

• Research Skills:
  • Demonstrate the ability to analyze and interpret quantitative sociological data using statistics, graphs, and data tables.
  • Do research that develops and tests hypotheses using data, including use of appropriate previous research, theory, data collection, statistical analysis techniques, interpretation of research results and development of conclusions.
  • Present research results in correct tabular and written form.

• Understanding of Theory:
  • Identify theories and concepts from classical sociological theories.
  • Apply theories and concepts from classical sociological theories.
  • Identify theories and concepts from contemporary sociological theories.
  • Apply theories and concepts from contemporary sociological theories.