

# SOCIOLOGY, B.A.

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**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.