SOCIOLOGY, B.S. (LIBERAL ARTS)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Program Learning Objectives

Upon completion of their degree, students majoring in sociology will be able to:

Content Knowledge:
1. Describe the focus of sociology as a discipline.
2. State what is distinctive about the sociological perspective.
3. Apply the sociological perspective to a problem or scenario.

Understanding of Theory:
1. Identify theories and concepts from classical sociological theories.
2. Apply theories and concepts from classical sociological theories.
3. Identify theories and concepts from contemporary sociological theories.
4. Apply theories and concepts from contemporary sociological theories.

Research Skills:
1. Demonstrate the ability to analyze and interpret quantitative sociological data using statistics, graphs, and data tables.
2. 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.
3. Present research results in correct tabular and written form.

Communication Skills:
1. Write a paper following the format of published sociological research, including each of the major sections of a research paper.
2. Communicate the results of sociological research in oral form.

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

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