**SOCILOGY, B.S. (LIBERAL ARTS)**

**Begin Campus:** Any Penn State Campus

**End Campus:** University Park

**Program Description**

Students may choose either a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree program. The B.A. degree program provides a basic orientation to the field as a whole, study of its development and principles, training in methodology and study in depth of a major area of the discipline. It provides knowledge that is useful in a career in varied work settings as well as providing the foundation needed for graduate study in sociology of related fields.

**What is Sociology?**

Sociology is the scientific study of social behavior and human social groups from individual families to nations. Sociology focuses on the ways that social environments, such as family, neighborhood, school, and society influence individuals’ life options, advantages and disadvantages. Sociology also helps us understand how societies operate and change, and the impact of large scale events such as hurricanes, economic recessions, and social movements on individuals, groups, and societies. The workings of societies and the social world are often invisible to us as individuals - sociology helps to make these processes visible to us.

**You Might Like This Program If...**

- You are interested in understanding the social and environmental factors that influence our lives.
- You would like to learn the skills needed to conduct social research on important topics.
- You want to understand American society, how and why it changes, and our relation to the global community.
- You enjoy learning about all kinds of social groups and groups and how individuals interact.
- You hope to pursue a career in research, education, social/human services, counseling, business, non-profit work, public policy, or the health professions.