

SOCIOLOGY, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The sociology minor allows students to explore the wide range of topics, social groups, and social interactions studied by sociologists. From social inequalities and social problems to the familiar institutions of family, school, religion, and government, the diversity of courses available allows sociology minors to explore courses relevant to their interests. The courses also provide multiple viewpoints, studying the intimate interactions of families and small groups and the complex interactions of global economies and political alliances. Requiring a minimum of 18 credits in sociology, including Introductory Sociology (SOC 1) and two courses at the 400 level, students have flexibility in choosing a set of courses for their sociology minor.

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.