Bachelor of Arts

SOCIOLOGY

The Department of Sociology is an engaged community where students gain the knowledge and skills necessary to understand the social forces that influence the lives of people.

The department offers courses that examine topics such as gender differences in America, the impact of prejudice and racism on society and the ways in which individuals and groups challenge social inequalities.

Our students graduate with the ability to map out social structures, confront social inequalities and resolve social problems.

Sociology students have the opportunity to meet and work closely with faculty that have in-depth expertise covering diverse aspects of the discipline. Not only do our faculty excel in their own academic scholarship, but they also excel in imparting that knowledge to students.

PROGRAM FEATURES

Alpha Kappa Delta
Honor Society

Internship Opportunities

Field Trips

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**The Major**

Students majoring in sociology can choose courses in social inequalities, social inequalities, health and illness, social services, and prejudice and racism. The department offers a minor in sociology for students who wish to complement their major in another discipline.

**The Experience**

Sociology majors are active both on and off campus, where their interpersonal skills are put to use in various ways. Class activities and exercises deliberately connect students to each other, the local community and even to local alumni who visit classes to discuss their professional insight in sociology. Field trips and field work also deepen students’ connection to their work and strengthen the bonds between students.

**The Mission**

The Department of Sociology emphasizes the knowledge and skills to think structurally, systematically and critically about society. Students will develop a sociological imagination that places individual life experiences in the context of the social and cultural structures that shape them. They will also gain an appreciation for the role that social inequalities play in organizing social life and shaping life chances. The program provides various modes of learning in and outside the classroom so students learn to address social justice issues and systematic inequalities in a complex and diverse society.

**OUTCOMES**

Our majors enjoy challenging careers in areas as diverse as criminal justice, law, journalism, social services, urban planning, government, education and human resources. Some students choose to prepare for graduate study and become professional researchers and teachers in our field.

**DEGREES OFFERED**

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Sociology

**MINORS OFFERED**

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