

Sociology with Community Health and Sustainability Concentration Major (SOC)

Sociology is the study of social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organizations, communities, and societies, and how people interact in these contexts. Since human behavior is shaped by social factors, the subject matter of sociology ranges from the family to education; from crime to religion; from the divisions of race, social class, and gender to the shared beliefs of a common culture; and from environment and sustainability to the sociology of sports. Few fields have such a broad scope and relevance for research, theory, service, and the application of knowledge. The Sociology Department emphasizes engaged pedagogy, critical thinking, theoretical and methodological understanding, service learning, and the application of theory to practice. Sociology majors have the opportunity to be involved in research, sustainable community development, and law enforcement, as well as local community service projects. Since many sociology majors continue their education in graduate school, the department seeks to prepare them for success at the graduate level. Others often utilize their sociology degree for work in community development, human and community services, the business world, and a wide variety of careers that involve problem-solving and gathering, organizing, and analyzing information (i.e., data). The department sponsors the local chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honors Society.

The Department of Sociology requires majors to:

- understand basic theories and concepts in sociology
- design a research or community engagement project.

For more information about the Sociology major leading to a teaching certification, please contact the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education.

DEGREE TYPE: BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

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Program: Sociology

Type: B.A.

Core Courses	15 hours
Required Course Selections	18 hours
Total	33

Core Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
SOC111	Principles of Sociology	3
SOC302	Social Thought	3
SOC400	Community and Economic Resilience	3
SOC445	Social Research Methods	3
SOC450	Senior Seminar	3

Required Course Selections

Complete six courses from the following:

Item #	Title	Credits
SOC220	Equality and Social Justice	3
SOC306	Social Movements and Social Change	3
SOC335	Sociology of Appalachia	3
SOC355	Environment and Sustainability	3
SOC365	Education for Social Change	3
SOC405	Development and Globalization	3
SOC415	Food, Health, and Environment	3
SOC420	Research Methods for Community Change	3
SOC460	Internship in Applied Sociology	3-6
	Total credits:	33