

SOCIOLOGY MAJOR - B.A.

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Sociology is the study of society and human social relationships, institutions, and organizations. The curriculum examines the fundamentals of sociology and investigates social issues, public policy, social change, and social justice. The curriculum takes advantage of the unparalleled New York City Metropolitan multicultural environment and offers students the opportunity to conduct supervised practice and research in community organizations. Sociology majors may choose concentrations in criminal justice, community development, ethnic studies, and family studies.

The sociology major prepares students to work effectively in professional careers with people and with social systems, including criminal justice, law, health and social services, urban and regional planning, social work, human resource management, advertising, public administration, and public policy. An undergraduate major in sociology is also excellent preparation for graduate programs in sociology, policy sciences, criminology, health and social service administration, demography, and other disciplines that study social behavior and society.

Mission

The Sociology Department seeks to develop students who apply sociological knowledge and skills to understand, problem-solve, and transform society from God’s perspective.

Student Learning Goals

Sociology majors should be able to:

1. Demonstrate critical thinking skills and greater depth of knowledge about sociological concepts, methods, and theoretical analyses.
2. Comprehend the relationship between social situations, social behavior, and how people construct social meaning.
3. Understand the role of class, ethnicity, gender, and race in the formation and perpetuation of social inequality.
4. Identify how patterns of social life in the family and the global economy affect social behavior.

Program Assessment

The following assessments are used to assess program effectiveness.

Assessment	Context	Location in Program
1. Sociological theories test	Sociology Seminar (SOC 470)	Senior Year
2. Social research project	Social Science Research Methods (SOC 357)	Jr. & Sr. Year
3. Social transformation project	Sociology Internship (SOC 490)	Senior Year

Assessment results will be evaluated on an annual basis for program improvement. No individual student will be identified in the evaluation of the program data.

120 credit hours, distributed as follows, are required for the Bachelor of Arts degree:

Liberal Arts and Science Core Component	35
Foreign Language Component	6
1 year (2 semesters) of the same language	
Bible and Ministry Minor Curriculum	15

Sociology Major

Major Field Component (39 credits)

SOC101 - Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 241 – Marriage and Family	3
SOC 240 - Social Theory	3
SOC 344 - Social Problems	3
SOC 355 - Social Stratification	3
SOC 357 - Social Science Research Methods	3
SOC 470 - Sociology Integrative Seminar	3
SOC 490 - Sociology Internship	3
SOC 366 – Faith, Politics and Society	3
Electives from upper level Sociology	12

Miscellaneous/Liberal Arts Elective Component (25 credits)

Miscellaneous electives	22
Liberal arts electives.....	3

Total credits required 120

Concentrations

These concentrations allow the option to focus electives on a particular area for in-depth study. Students interested in pursuing a concentration should declare their intention by the end of their sophomore/junior year. Students who complete the requirements will have the concentration area listed on their permanent transcripts.

Criminal Justice Concentration (12 credits)

SOC 204-Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
SOC 317- Crime and Deviance	3
SOC 342- Punishment and Corrections	3
SOC 343- Police & Society.....	3

Community Development Concentration (12 credits)

SOC 250-Sociology of the City	3
SOC 316-Social Welfare Institutions	3
SOC 334-International Relief and Development.....	3
SOC 439-Strategies for Community Organizing	3

Ethnic Studies Concentration (12 credits)

SOC 280-The Asian American Experience.....	3
HIS 346-African American History	3
SOC 353-Latinos in the United States	3

Any one of the following:

ANT 222-People & Cultures of Southeast Asia	3
ANT 233-People & Cultures of Africa.....	3
ANT 244-People & Cultures of Latin America.....	3

Family Studies Concentration (12 credits)

SOC 330-Work and Family.....	3
PSY 349-Family Counseling.....	3

Any two of the following:

SOC 341-Asian Families in America	3
SOC 354-The African American Family	3
SOC 358-The Latino Family	3

Sociology Major Suggested Program Plan

FIRST YEAR: Fall

PMN 101-Intro to Spiritual Form.2
ENG 101-College Writing I3
HIS 113-Hist. of World Civ. I.....3
PSY 101- General Psychology ..3
SOC 101-Intro. to Sociology3
LIB 101-Info Literacy1

SECOND YEAR: Fall

BIB 201-New Testament Lit3
ENG 201 or 202-Global Lit. I or II3
SOC 240-Social Theory3
SOC Elective3
Elective3

THIRD YEAR: Fall

BIB 303 Christian Thought.....3
Foreign Language3
SOC 241- Marriage & Family3
SOC 347-Cont American Soc....3
SOC 344- Social Problems.....3

FOURTH YEAR: Fall

SOC 366- Faith, Politics, Society3
SOC 355-Social Stratification3
SOC 470-Sociology Integ
Seminar3
Electives6

FIRST YEAR: Spring

BIB 102-Old Testament Lit.3
ENG 102-College Writing II3
HIS 114-Hist. of World Civ. II.....3
MAT-Math Elective3
PHI 101-Intro. to Philosophy3

SECOND YEAR: Spring

SOC-Elective.....3
Art History requirement.....3
Laboratory Science4
Electives4
PMN 201-Nyack Heritage..... 1

THIRD YEAR: Spring

BIB-Elective.....3
Foreign Language.....3
SOC 357-Soc. Sci. Res. Meths. 3
SOC-Elective.....3
Elective3

FOURTH YEAR: Spring

SOC 490-Sociology Internship ..3
Electives9
SOC-Elective.....3