Sociology (SOC)

Division of Social Sciences

- Three Tracks: General Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Social Welfare and Social Justice
- Major: 43 credit hours for each track
- Minor: 20 for general track; 21 credit hours for other tracks
- All courses for the major and minor must be completed with a grade of C- or better.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- Capstone: Sociological Analysis (SOC 498) and a senior thesis
- Research: Methods of Social Research (W) (SOC 496)

Description of Major:

The sociology program offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, within a liberal arts context, by providing three tracks that a student may follow:

1. **General Track**: This is geared to students who have more general career plans and for those who plan to attend graduate school in sociology. It is also intended for those who wish to develop a general understanding of society.

2. **Criminal Justice Track**: This is for students who wish to pursue careers in the criminal justice field such as law enforcement, corrections, and court services. This program is designed to provide students with a broad knowledge of the workings of the agencies that make up the criminal justice system.

3. **Social Welfare and Social Justice Track**: This is for students who wish to pursue careers in the general area of social work. This program will provide students with a broad overview of the history, agencies, and philosophy of social work.

No more than four credits of cross listed courses may count toward a major or minor in sociology. In addition to any prerequisites listed, SOC 150 is a prerequisite for all 300 or 400 level sociology courses.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

- Develop a greater understanding of the sociological perspective and the opportunity to develop their sociological imagination.

- Gain a better appreciation of social structure and its effect on social inequalities
and the role of intersectionality’s on human behavior.

- Develop skills in using sociological theory, research methods and analysis.
- Acquire a greater understanding of the reciprocal relationship between social change and human agency.
- Engage in applied and experiential learning.

**Degree Preparation:** Students majoring in sociology develop a greater appreciation for how society influences individual behavior and an understanding of how societies are structured. Majors develop the skills to think more critically about their own lives and the many social issues confronting us in society today. A sociology major prepares students for graduate school in sociology, social work, and criminal justice in addition to law school and divinity school. Our graduates pursue many different career opportunities including social services, criminal justice, community organizing, health care administration, and urban planning, among others.

**Sociology Major Requirements: General Track 40 crs.**

- SOC 150 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (3)
- SOC 270 SOCIAL PROBLEMS (3)
- SOC 340 SOCIAL CLASS AND INEQUALITY (3)
  or
- SOC 350 SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER (3)
  or
- SOC 360 RACE AND ETHNIC RELATIONS (3)
- SOC 400 SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY (W) (3)
- SOC 496 METHODS OF SOCIAL RESEARCH (W) (3)
- SOC 498 SOCIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS (3)
- MTH 170 STATISTICS (4)

**ADDITIONAL SOCIOLOGY ELECTIVES (18)**

**Sociology Major Requirements: Criminal Justice Track 43 crs.**

*Requirements for the general track plus:*

- SOC 170 INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3)
- SOC 220 JUVENILE DELINQUENCY (3)
SOC 230 POLICE AND URBAN SOCIETY (3)

or

SOC 235 CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS (3)
SOC 371 SOCIOLOGY OF DEVIANCE (3)

TWO ADDITIONAL SOCIOLOGY ELECTIVES (6)

**SOCIOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS:**

**SOCIAL WELFARE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE TRACK 43 crs.**

Requirements for general track plus:

SOC 190 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WELFARE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (3)
SOC 279 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AND CHANGE (3)
SOC 375 SOCIAL WELFARE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE PRACTICUM (3)

Two electives from the following courses:

SOC 240 CROSS CULTURAL PRACTICUM (1 or 3)
SOC 250 CHILD WELFARE (3)
SOC 357 INEQUALITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY
SOC 390 SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY (3)

ONE ADDITIONAL SOCIOLOGY ELECTIVE (3)

**SOCIOLOGY MINOR REQUIREMENTS: GENERAL TRACK 18 crs.**

SOC 150 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (3)
SOC 400 SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY (W) (3)
SOC 496 METHODS OF SOCIAL RESEARCH (W) (3)

ADDITIONAL UPPER-LEVEL SOCIOLOGY ELECTIVES (9)

**SOCIOLOGY MINOR REQUIREMENTS: CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRACK 21 crs.**

SOC 150 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (3)
SOC 170 INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3)
SOC 220 JUVENILE DELINQUENCY (3)
SOC 230 POLICE AND URBAN SOCIETY (3)

or

SOC 245 CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS (3)
SOC 340 SOCIAL CLASS AND INEQUALITY (3)
or

SOC 350 SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER (3)

or

SOC 360 RACE AND ETHNIC RELATIONS (3)
SOC 371 SOCIOLOGY OF DEVIANCE (3)
ADDITIONAL UPPER-LEVEL SOCIOLOGY ELECTIVE (3)

SOCIOLOGY MINOR REQUIREMENTS:
SOCIAL WELFARE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE TRACK 21 crs.
SOC 150 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (3)
SOC 190 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WELFARE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (3)
SOC 279 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AND CHANGE (3)
SOC 340 SOCIAL CLASS AND INEQUALITY (3)

or

SOC 350 SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER (3)

or

SOC 360 RACE AND ETHNIC RELATIONS (3)

THREE ELECTIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING COURSES 9 crs.

SOC 240 CROSS CULTURAL PRACTICUM (3)
SOC 250 CHILD WELFARE (3)
SOC 357 INEQUALITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY (3)
SOC 375 SOCIAL WELFARE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE PRACTICUM (3)
SOC 390 SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY (3)

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