

# Sociology (SOC)

## Division of Social Sciences

- **Three Tracks: General Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Children and Families**
- **Major: 43 credit hours for each track**
- **Minor: 18 hours for each track**
- **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. Children and Families Track:** This track prepares students for a variety of careers in social welfare agencies and community organizations as well as graduate work in social work, law school, sociology, or criminal justice. Students in this track will learn about the larger social, political, and economic forces affecting children and families in contemporary society.

No more than four credits of cross-listed courses may count toward a major or minor in sociology.

### Student Learning Outcomes

*Students will:*

- Integrate social theory, research methods, and analysis.
- Evaluate and assess empirical data.
- Evaluate current social issues, conditions, power issues, and problems facing diverse populations.
- Demonstrate ethical responsibility in social science research.
- Engage in applied and experiential learning.

**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 CORE REQUIREMENTS

**22 crs.**

SOC 150	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	(3)
SOC 270	SOCIAL PROBLEMS	(3)
SOC 340	SOCIAL CLASS AND INEQUALITY	(3)
<i>or</i>		
SOC 350	SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER	(3)
<i>or</i>		
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)

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**SOCIOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: GENERAL TRACK 43 crs.**

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*Complete the core requirements, plus the following:*

SEVEN ADDITIONAL SOCIOLOGY ELECTIVES (21)

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**SOCIOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRACK 43 crs.**

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*Complete the core requirements, plus the following:*

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)

THREE ADDITIONAL SOCIOLOGY ELECTIVES (9)

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**SOCIOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TRACK 43 crs.**

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*Complete the core requirements, plus the following:*

FOUR COURSES FROM SOC 250-390:

SOC 250 CHILD WELFARE (3)

SOC 279 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AND CHANGE (3)

SOC 320 SOCIOLOGY OF FAMILIES (3)

SOC 375 PRACTICUM IN APPLIED SOCIOLOGY (3)

SOC 390 SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY (3)

THREE ADDITIONAL SOCIOLOGY ELECTIVES (9)

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

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SOC 150 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (3)

SOC 400 SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY (W) (3)

SOC 340 SOCIAL CLASS AND INEQUALITY (3)

*or*

SOC 350 SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER (3)

*or*

SOC 360 RACE AND ETHNIC RELATIONS (3)

ADDITIONAL UPPER-LEVEL SOCIOLOGY ELECTIVES (9)

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**SOCIOLOGY MINOR REQUIREMENTS: CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRACK 18 crs.**

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