A degree in SOCIOLOGY

Similar to psychology and the study of mind and behavior, sociology takes yet another step. Sociology is the study of individuals, groups, and society. Courses emphasize the understanding of social issues and analysis of interactions, including gender, social class, religion, and other aspects of culture and society. A degree in sociology will help you learn to appreciate sociocultural diversity within and among societies and to be sensitive to people from various ethnic, religious, racial, and economic backgrounds. With a sociology degree, you’ll be ready to positively contribute to an increasingly diverse society. You’ll also be well prepared for careers or even graduate studies in the social sciences, community development and planning, public administration or policy, criminal justice and law, public health, and health sciences and medicine.

Skills Learned
- Analytical thinking, writing, and research skills
- Understanding of human social and cultural diversity
- Sociology of deviance and problems
- Social and cultural aspects of rural life
- Advanced insight into group behavior and dynamics
- Social welfare systems and service programs
- Religious beliefs and rituals across cultures
- Influence of social factors and trends on people
- History and role of ethnic and racial groups in America

Possible Careers
- Social worker
- Family services worker
- Public policy analyst
- Consumer research specialist
- Probation officer
- College professor
- Human resource specialist
- Rehabilitation specialist
- Case manager or advisor
- Research analyst
- Lawyer
- Public health professional

Types of Employers
- Hospitals and medical clinics
- Behavioral health clinics
- Social services agencies
- Community organizations
- Government / federal agencies
- Non-profit organizations
- Schools and universities
- Business and corporations
- Law enforcement agencies
- Research and consulting firms
- Political offices

FAST FACTS

36 Hours for major

School: Natural and Social Sciences

Department: Psychology and Sociology

Degrees offered: B.A. or B.S.

Internship: Encouraged but not required


focus on results

Activities / Opportunities
- Research projects and presentations
- Conferences and symposiums
- Peer mentoring and tutoring
- Service-Learning
- Study Abroad

Clubs / Organizations
- Psychology/Sociology Club
- Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology Honor Society)
- Pi Gamma Mu (Social Sciences Honorary)
- Active Minds
- Red Cross Club
- The Advocates

outside the classroom

Visit www.wsc.edu/clubs to learn more about clubs and organizations on campus.
Students are encouraged to consider taking a foreign language as part of their general education program. (See appropriate section of catalog.) Please see catalog for a complete listing of program requirements.

**FRESHMAN - 1st semester**
- ENG 102 English Composition Skills ........................................... 3
- Math OR Science ................................................................. 3
- HIS 120 World History .......................................................... 3
- SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology ........................................... 3
- General Education ................................................................. 3

**FRESHMAN - 2nd semester**
- PSY 101 Intro to Psychology .................................................. 3
- CNA 100 Principles of Human Communication ......................... 3
- Math OR Science ................................................................. 3
- SOC 110 Introduction to Anthropology ..................................... 3
- General Education ................................................................. 3
- GST 110 Freshman Experience may be recommended during the freshman year ...................................................... 2

**SOPHOMORE - 1st semester**
- General Education ................................................................. 3
- Math OR Science ................................................................. 3
- Minor course ........................................................................... 0-3
- Choose one of the following:
  - SOC 220 Social Problems ..................................................... 3-6
  - SSC 319 Statistics for Social Science ..................................... 3

**SOPHOMORE - 2nd semester**
- SOC 300 Level SOC major courses by advisement ................. 3
- Minor courses ........................................................................ 6
- SSC 300 Social Science Research Methods .......................... 3
- General Education ................................................................. 3

**JUNIOR - 1st semester**
- Upper level Gen Ed .............................................................. 3-6
- SSC 319 Statistics for Social Sciences OR SOC Major courses by advisement ................................................................. 3
- Minor course(s) ........................................................................ 3-6
- Elective .................................................................................. 3

**JUNIOR - 2nd semester**
- Upper level Gen Ed .............................................................. 3-6
- SOC Major courses by advisement ........................................ 6-9
- Minor course(s) ........................................................................ 3-6
- Elective .................................................................................. 3

**SENIOR - 1st semester**
- SOC 480 Social Theory .......................................................... 3

**SENIOR - 2nd semester**
- SOC 490 Assessment Seminar ................................................ 0
- Continue coursework to fulfill remaining major, minor and graduation requirements.

**SAMPLE PROGRAM OF STUDY**
*The listed sequence is only a suggestion. Final decision rest with the student and the academic advisor(s) and will vary depending on the schedule, endorsement requirements, etc.*

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