Sociology is the scientific study of individuals, groups, and society. Courses emphasize the understanding of social issues and analysis of interactions between individuals and social groups, involving gender, social class, religion, and other aspects of culture and society. A sociology degree from Wayne State 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 will be ready to positively contribute to an increasingly diverse society. You'll also be well-prepared for careers or 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 urban and 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
- Non-profit director
- 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

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

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

**Focus on Results**

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**outside the classroom**

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**FAST FACTS**

**Hours:**
36 hours for major
30 hours in general education
At least 120 hours are required for graduation from Wayne State College. You may add a second major, minor, or electives to help meet these requirements.

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

**Department:** Psychology and Sociology

**School:** Natural and Social Sciences

**Internship:** Encouraged but not required

**Popular minors:** Psychology, Criminal Justice, Spanish, Human Resource Management, Political Science, English, Public Administration, Public and Global Health, Biology
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.

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 (General Studies CAT 1) .................. 3
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (General Studies CAT 5) .................... 3
General Studies CAT 3 or CAT 7 ......................................................... 3-5
General Studies CAT 4, CAT 6, CAT 8, CAT 9, or CAT 10 ................. 6

FRESHMAN - 2nd semester
GST 110 Freshman Experience (may be recommended during the freshman year) ................................................................. 2
CNA 100 Principles of Human Communication (General Studies CAT 2) .................................................................................. 3
PSY 101 Intro to Psychology ................................................................. 3
General Studies CAT 3 or CAT 7 ......................................................... 3-5
General Studies CAT 4, CAT 6, CAT 8, CAT 9, or CAT 10 ................. 3

SOPHOMORE - 1st semester
SSC 319 Statistics for Social Sciences or SOC 200 Social Problems ....... 3
General Studies CAT 4, CAT 6, CAT 8, CAT 9, or CAT 10 ................. 6
Minor course ....................................................................................... 3-6

SOPHOMORE - 2nd semester
SOC 300 level course by advisement .................................................. 3
SSC 300 Social Science Research Methods ........................................... 3
General Studies CAT 4, CAT 6, CAT 8, CAT 9, or CAT 10 ................. 3
Minor courses ....................................................................................... 6

JUNIOR - 1st semester
SSC 319 Statistics for Social Sciences OR SOC courses by advisement ................................................................. 3-6
Electives ............................................................................................... 3-6
Minor course(s) .................................................................................... 3-6

JUNIOR - 2nd semester
SOC major courses by advisement ...................................................... 6-9
Minor course(s) .................................................................................... 3-6
Electives ............................................................................................... 3-6

SENIOR - 1st semester
SOC 480 Social Theory ......................................................................... 3
SOC 497 Internship by advisement ....................................................... 1-6

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

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