

SOCIOLOGY

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.

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Credit hours: 36

Students must also take 30 credit hours of General Studies courses. A total of 120 credit hours are needed to graduate from WSC. Additional majors or minors can be added to help meet graduation requirements.

Degree options: B.A. or B.S.

Department: Psychology and Sociology

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

Popular pairings: Criminal Justice, Human Services, Political Science, Pre-Law, Psychology

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Critical thinking and analytical reasoning
- Written and oral communication
- Cultural competency
- Information literacy
- Awareness of global issues
- Social welfare system and service program evaluation
- Analysis of population trends
- Knowledge of the history and role of race and ethnics groups in the United States

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

outside the classroom

Activities / Opportunities

- Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN) Programming
- Research projects and presentations
- Peer mentoring and tutoring
- Service-Learning
- Study Abroad

Clubs / Organizations

- Alpha Kappa Delta (*sociology honor society*)
- Pi Gamma Mu (*social sciences honorary*)
- Psychology/Sociology Club



Visit www.wsc.edu/clubs to learn more about clubs and organizations on campus.



Courses and outcomes

2026-27 Academic Year

The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

Program courses

A math (MAT) class should be taken to satisfy the CAT 3 as the pre-requisite for SSC 319 Statistics for the Social Sciences.

Sociology Courses

SOC 480 Social Theory.....	3
SOC 490 Assessment Seminar.....	0
SSC 300 Social Sciences Research Methods.....	3
SSC 319 Statistics for the Social Sciences.....	3
SOC electives.....	3
Upper-level SOC electives.....	9
Select one of the following.....	3
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3)	
SOC 220 Social Problems (3)	
Select one of the following.....	3
SOC 245 Race and Ethnic Relations (3)	
SOC 444 Topics in Sociology (3) (must be on topics of diversity and inclusion)	
SOC 460 Social Inequalities (3)	
Select one of the following.....	3
SOC 305 Sociology of Deviance (3)	
SOC 320 Social Welfare (3)	
SOC 355 Health and Populations (3)	
Choose electives from the following.....	6
CJA 405 Family Violence (3)	
POS 430 Public Policy (3)	
PSY 316 Social Psychology (3)	
Or any upper-level SOC course	

Student learning outcomes

1. Apply the major concepts and assumptions of the core sociological theoretical perspectives to social phenomena
2. Explain how social structures create and reproduce forms of social inequality
3. Evaluate data utilizing basic knowledge of social science research methods
4. Evaluate the importance of socio-cultural diversity for the individual and society

sociology faculty

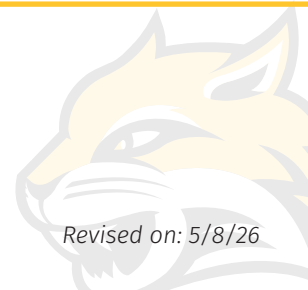


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