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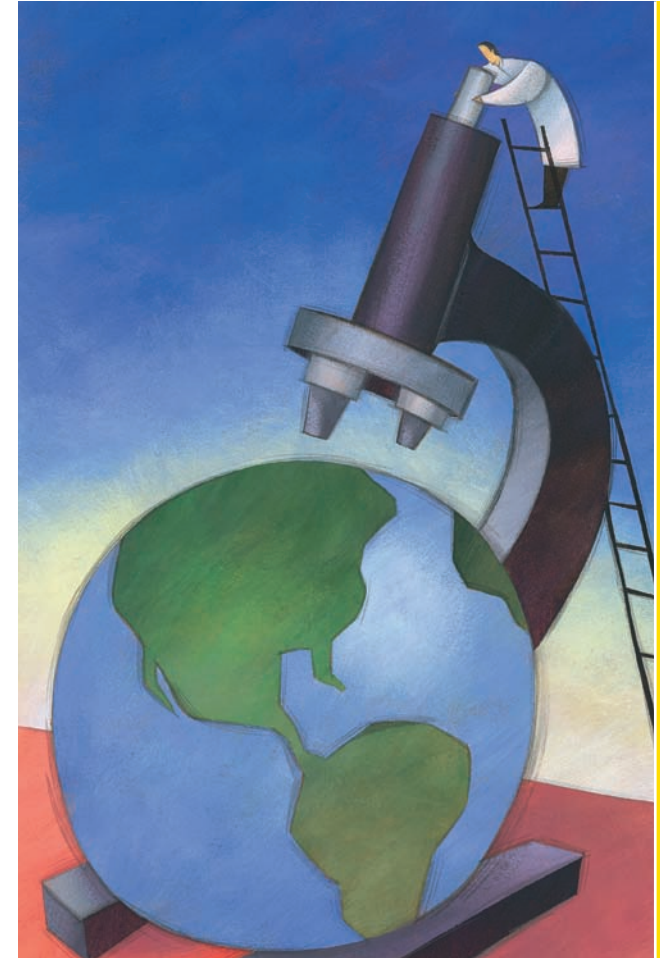
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SOCIOLOGY

B.A., B.S.



EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES



BUILD A FOUNDATION

A B.A. or B.S. in sociology opens up a variety of career paths. Sociology graduates can apply their unique way of thinking to jobs in business, health care, the criminal justice system, journalism, social services, and government – in short, any field that requires investigative skills and the ability to work with diverse groups. Many students choose sociology because they see it as a broad liberal arts base for professions like law, education, medicine, social work, and counseling. Sociology provides rich knowledge that directly pertains to each of these fields.

Sociology is a study of society –

how people behave, change, and interact with others. Sociologists examine people's preferences, how they make decisions, and what factors influence the structure and process of social interactions. Sociologists seek answers to questions such as:

- > Why do people vote as they do?
- > What factors may lead someone into illegal drug use?
- > How do people bring about social change?
- > What factors contribute to discrimination?
- > How and why have women changed their role in society?
- > Why do we have very rich and very poor in an affluent, democratic society?

Come explore these issues with us. Discover how sociology is a powerful instrument in understanding social dynamics of politics, family, community, and work.

"I use sociology everyday. Business success depends on the talent driving the results in the right direction. Sociology taught me many things, but mainly that if you study group behavior, position the group in the right way with the right support, anything can be achieved."

— Bryan Venberg 'xx,
vice president of Human Resources, ShopNBC

"I couldn't ask for more for an undergraduate experience. Professors care about your education and care about you as a person. They are passionate about their field and gave me excellent preparation for life in the "real world" and life in graduate school. I have done both. Thanks to them, I have the confidence as a sociologist to tackle anything."

— Mark Schultz 'xx,
graduate student in sociology
at the University of Iowa

"Sociology has helped me to become who I am today ... wait ... I mean Sociology helped me to become who society wanted me to become ... no, that's not it ... Oh! Sociology helped me to become who I thought society wanted me to become. Aren't sociological theories fun?"

— Kim Mitchell 'xx,
clinic assistant, Planned Parenthood of
Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota

Admission

Students enrolling in 300-400 level courses must be admitted to the program. Admission is granted by the department. University admission requirements are: a minimum of 32 earned semester credit hours and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0. Contact the department for admission.

Degree Requirements

Sociology students will integrate all parts of their education through a series of reflexive essays and other contributions that make up a student portfolio.

The B.A. and B.S. degrees differ only in the general education language requirements.

The following are courses for Option I (General Sociology)

Required General Education (3 credits):

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3)

Required for Major (24 credits):

SOC 200 Foundations of Sociology (3)

SOC 201 Social Research I (3)

SOC 202 Introduction to Social Statistics (3)

SOC 351 Social Psychology (3)

SOC 458 Sociological Theory (3)

SOC 463 Social Stratification (3)

SOC 495 Senior Seminar (3)

Choose one of the following:

SOC 469 Survey Research (3)

SOC 479 Sociological Ethnography (3)

SOC 480 Social Observation (3)

Required for Major (Electives, 1.5 credits):

Choose elective credits with the approval of an advisor.

Twelve of the 1.5 credits must be at the 300/400 level.

Required for B.A. degree ONLY:

Language (8)

Required for Option II (Applied Sociology):

The courses listed above, with the addition of:

SOC 497 Internship in Sociology (3-6)

Applied Option

The applied option gives students the opportunity to strengthen their skills by learning how to apply theories and methods in a real-life career setting. Students conduct community-based research in an applied sociology course and complete an internship with a community agency. This hands-on experience can be the edge that gives students the jobs they want in areas such as government, human services and other non-profit organizations, or the private sector.