
SOCIOLOGY

FACULTY

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DEGREE PROGRAM

- BA in Sociology
Concentrations: City, Community and Region,
Education, Global Studies, Third World Studies

UNDERGRADUATE MINORS

- Sociology

The Department of Sociology offers a major program in sociology, and a minor in sociology. Sociology majors may concentrate in City, Community and Region, Education, Global Studies or Third World Studies. Students may also combine a major in sociology with an education major.

The department provides a strong liberal arts curriculum aimed at developing well-rounded, informed citizens with strong critical thinking abilities. Department programs also impart skills to students, preparing them for a wide range of professions. Career options include positions in the criminal justice system, education, research, industry, and state and federal agencies. The department encourages students to continue on to graduate study.

Many department faculty members engage in research and the department encourages student-faculty collaborative research. Students may also carry out internships.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

SOCIOLOGY

The Bachelor of Arts in Sociology is the scientific

study of human social relationships. It allows individuals to understand the connections between their own experiences and the society in which they live. In carrying on social life human beings interact with each other and construct patterns of relationships, groups, classes, institutions, and societies. Individuals shape those patterns and those patterns, in turn, shape individuals and their lives. In fact, the central insight of sociology is that social relationships and social interactions shape human behavior, attitudes, and resources.

Sociology courses provide students with an understanding of how these social relationships arise, why they persist, what effects they have, and how they maintain social order or contribute to social change. Students learn the theories and research methods used in sociology. Students have opportunities to engage in collaborative research with faculty members or to participate in internships. These opportunities enable students to deepen and apply what they have learned in classes and enhances their opportunities in the labor market or in graduate school.

Note: The Bachelor of Science in Sociology is inactive.

SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

Required Courses (15 credits)

- SOCI 102 Introduction to Sociology
- SOCI 290 Seminar: Social Theory
- SOCI 370 Sociological Analysis
- SOCI 390 Seminar: Research Methods in Sociology
- SOCI 391 Seminar: Social Data Analysis

Plus any one of the following: (3 credits)

- SOCI 207 Social Inequality
- SOCI 312 Discrimination and Prejudice
- SOCI 315 Race and Ethnicity in America
- SOCI 326 Social Gerontology – Sociology of Aging
- SOCI 330 Women's Roles: Sociology of Sex and Gender

Plus any one of the following: (3 credits)

- SOCI 206 Cities and People: Urban Sociology
- SOCI 307 Medical Sociology
- SOCI 332 Sociology of Organizations
- SOCI 340 Sociology of Politics
- SOCI 350 Sociology of Work

Plus any one of the following: (3 credits)

- SOCI 104 Global Human Issues
- SOCI 214 Middle Eastern Societies

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SOCI 217 East Asian Societies: China and Japan
 SOCI 218 Chinese Society and Culture
 SOCI 220 Third World Societies

Plus three additional sociology courses, including those from the above lists, three of which must be at the 200 level or above. (9 credits)

Capstone Requirement: (3 credits)

Students must complete a research project (SOCI 497) or a 3-credit internship (SOCI 498)

Core Curriculum Requirements

A minimum of 120 earned hours is required for graduation. These earned hours include Core Curriculum Requirements as specified in the “Undergraduate Academic Programs” section of this catalog. For additional graduation requirements, see the “Undergraduate Academic Policies” section of this catalog.

CITY, COMMUNITY, AND REGION CONCENTRATION

Required Courses: (21 credits)

SOCI 102 Introduction to Sociology
 SOCI 206 Cities and People: Urban Sociology
 SOCI 290 Seminar: Social Theory
 SOCI 370 Sociological Analysis
 SOCI 390 Seminar: Research Methods in Sociology
 SOCI 391 Seminar: Social Data Analysis
 SOCI 410 Sociology of Urban Planning and Policy

Two of the following courses: (6 credits)

SOCI/CRJU 352 Urban Crime
 SOCI 353 Cities in a Global Context
 SOCI 380 Seminar: Qualitative Methods and Urban Ethnography

One of the following courses: (3 credits)

SOCI 207 Social Inequality
 SOCI 315 Race and Ethnicity in America
 SOCI 426 Seminar: New England Ethnic and Regional Communities

Plus one additional sociology course, including those from the above lists, which must be at the 200 level or above. (3 credits)

Cognates: One course from the following list: (3 credits)

ANTH 306 Urban Anthropology

ECON 350 Urban Economic Problems and Policies
 GEOG 353 Urban Geography
 GEOG 462 Principles of Urban Planning
 HIST 463 History of the American City
 HIST 464 New England Textile Communities: Social and Economic History
 POLI 376 Urban Politics

Capstone Requirement: (3 credits)

Students must complete a research project (SOCI 497) or a 3-credit internship (SOCI 498).

EDUCATION CONCENTRATION

Required Courses: (21 credits)

SOCI 102 Introduction to Sociology
 SOCI 290 Seminar: Social Theory
 SOCI 305 Sociology of Education
 SOCI 332 Sociology of Organizations
 SOCI 370 Sociological Analysis
 SOCI 390 Seminar: Research Methods in Sociology
 SOCI 391 Seminar: Social Data Analysis

One course from among the following: (3 credits)

SOCI 203 The Family
 SOCI 322 Sociology of Childhood
 SOCI 323 Sociology of Adolescence

One course from among the following: (3 credits)

SOCI 313 Family Violence
 SOCI 327 Deviance and Social Control
 SOCI 355 Juvenile Delinquency

One course from among the following: (3 credits)

SOCI 204 Gender, Sexuality, and Society
 SOCI 207 Social Inequality
 SOCI 312 Discrimination and Prejudice
 SOCI 315 Race and Ethnicity America
 SOCI 330 Woman’s Roles: Sociology of Sex and Gender

Plus one additional sociology course, including those from the above lists, one of which must be at the 200 level or above. (3 credits)

Capstone Requirement: (3 credits)

Students must complete a research project (SOCI 497) or a 3-credit internship (SOCI 498).

GLOBAL STUDIES CONCENTRATION

Required Courses: (21 credits)

SOCI 102 Introduction to Sociology
 SOCI 104 Global Human Issues
 SOCI 290 Seminar: Social Theory
 SOCI 342 Comparative Sociology
 SOCI 370 Sociological Analysis
 SOCI 390 Seminar: Research Methods in Sociology
 SOCI 391 Seminar: Social Data Analysis

Plus, any two courses from the following: (6 credits)

SOCI 214 Middle Eastern Societies
 SOCI 217 East Asian Societies: China and Japan
 SOCI 218 Chinese Society and Culture
 SOCI 219 Population and Society
 SOCI 220 Third World Societies
 SOCI 353 Cities in a Global Context

Plus two additional sociology courses, including those from the above lists, two of which must be at the 200 level or above. (6 credits)

Cognates: One course from the following list: (3 credits)

ANTH 208 Anthropology of Women
 COMM 365 Introduction to Intercultural Communication
 GEOG 171 Geography of the Global South
 GEOG 381 Geography of Latin America
 GEOG 388 Geography of Africa
 MUSC 162 Music in African Culture
 PHIL 212 Philosophies of India
 POLI 382 Latin American Government and Politics
 POLI 387 Government and Politics of Africa
 POLI 488 Politics and Development in the Third World
 THEA 222 Asian Theatre

Capstone Requirement: (3 credits)

Students must complete a research project (SOCI 497) or a 3-credit internship (SOCI 498).

THIRD WORLD STUDIES CONCENTRATION

Students selecting this concentration will study selected third world societies, their institutions, social structure, development and changing place in the world.

Requirements:

SOCI 102 Introduction to Sociology
 SOCI 104 Global Human Issues
 SOCI 220 Third World Societies

SOCI 290 Seminar: Social Theory
 SOCI 390 Seminar: Research Methods in Sociology
 SOCI 391 Seminar: Social Data Analysis

One course from the following:

SOCI 219 Population and Society
 SOCI 336 Social Change
 SOCI 340 Sociology of Politics

Three courses from among the following:

(at least one must have a SOCI prefix)

ANTH 206 Native Cultures of North America
 ANTH 209 Peoples and Cultures of Africa
 ANTH 213 Latin American Peoples and Cultures
 SOCI 214 Middle Eastern Societies
 SOCI 217 East Asian Societies: China and Japan

Required cognate:

ANTH 100 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Plus two courses from a list of appropriate courses from various departments. The list is available from the department.

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DOUBLE MAJOR WITH ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION OR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Students may choose a double major in sociology and elementary education, early childhood education or special education for licensure purposes. Appropriate advising materials with suggested course sequences are available.

SOCIOLOGY MINOR

Students must take 18 credits including:

SOCI 102 Introduction to Sociology

Plus any one of the following:

SOCI 207 Social Inequality
 SOCI 312 Discrimination and Prejudice
 SOCI 315 Race and Ethnicity in America
 SOCI 326 Social Gerontology – Sociology of Aging
 SOCI 330 Women's Roles: Sociology of Sex and Gender

Plus any of the following:

- SOCI 203 The Family
- SOCI 206 Cities and People: Urban Sociology
- SOCI 332 Sociology of Organizations
- SOCI 340 Sociology of Politics
- SOCI 350 Sociology of Work

Plus three additional sociology courses, which may be taken from the above lists, two of which must be at the 200 level or above.

HONORS PROGRAM

The honors program in sociology provides highly motivated sociology majors with opportunities to enhance their academic program through intensive scholarly study and research designed to be of assistance in post-graduate employment or in the pursuit of an advanced degree. Contact the Department of Sociology for further information concerning eligibility and application.

OVERSEAS STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

The Department of Sociology urges its majors and minors to study abroad, both via Bridgewater State College sponsored study tours and as exchange students at universities. The Office of International and Exchange Programs can assist students. Any student contemplating study abroad should consult the department with all pertinent documentation. Final acceptance of credit will be determined upon receipt of official transcripts and supporting material and, in some cases, may not be equivalent to the credits earned in a regular semester or year at Bridgewater State College.