

## FACULTY

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## DEGREE PROGRAM

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

## UNDERGRADUATE MINOR

- 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 or Global 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

	CREDITS
SOCI 102 Introduction to Sociology .....	3
SOCI 290 Seminar: Social Theory.....	3
SOCI 370 Sociological Analysis (Writing Intensive in the Major Core Curriculum Requirement-CWRM).....	3
SOCI 390 Seminar: Research Methods in Sociology .....	3
SOCI 391 Seminar: Social Data Analysis .....	3

### Plus any one of the following:..... 3

- SOCI 204 Gender, Sexuality and Society
- 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

- SOCI 206 Cities and People: Urban Sociology
- SOCI 305 Sociology of Education
- 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

- SOCI 104 Global Social Problems
- SOCI 214 Middle Eastern Societies
- 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 not already taken from the above lists, three of which must be at the 200 level or above.**.....9

**Capstone Requirement:** .....3  
Students must complete an Honors Thesis (SOCI 485), 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.  
Total minimum credits: 36

## CITY, COMMUNITY, AND REGION CONCENTRATION

Required Courses:	CREDITS
SOCI 102 Introduction to Sociology .....	3
SOCI 206 Cities and People: Urban Sociology.....	3
SOCI 290 Seminar: Social Theory.....	3
SOCI 370 Sociological Analysis (Writing Intensive in the Major Core Curriculum Requirement-CWRM).....	3
SOCI 390 Seminar: Research Methods in Sociology.....	3
SOCI 391 Seminar: Social Data Analysis.....	3
SOCI 410 Sociology of Urban Planning and Policy .....	3

**Two of the following courses:** .....6  
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  
SOCI 207 Social Inequality  
SOCI 315 Race and Ethnicity in America  
SOCI 426 New England Ethnic and Regional Communities

**Plus one additional sociology course, including those not already taken from the above lists, which must be at the 200 level or above.**.....3

**Cognate: One course from the following list:**.....3  
ANTH 306 Urban Anthropology  
ECON 350 Urban Economic Problems and Policies  
GEOG 353 Urban Geography  
GEOG 462 Principles of Urban Planning  
HIST 464 New England Textile Communities: Social and Economic History  
POLI 376 Urban Politics

**Capstone Requirement:** .....3  
Students must complete a research project (SOCI 497) or a 3-credit internship (SOCI 498).  
Total minimum credits: 39

## EDUCATION CONCENTRATION

Required Courses:	CREDITS
SOCI 102 Introduction to Sociology .....	3
SOCI 290 Seminar: Social Theory.....	3
SOCI 305 Sociology of Education.....	3
SOCI 332 Sociology of Organizations.....	3
SOCI 370 Sociological Analysis (Writing Intensive in the Major Core Requirement-CWRM) .....	3
SOCI 390 Seminar: Research Methods in Sociology.....	3
SOCI 391 Seminar: Social Data Analysis.....	3

**One course from among the following:**.....3  
SOCI 322 Sociology of Childhood  
SOCI 323 Sociology of Adolescence

**One course from among the following:**.....3  
SOCI 204 Gender, Sexuality, and Society  
SOCI 207 Social Inequality  
SOCI 312 Discrimination and Prejudice  
SOCI 315 Race and Ethnicity America  
SOCI 330 Women's Roles: Sociology of Sex and Gender

**Plus two additional sociology course, including those not already taken from the above lists, one of which must be at the 200 level or above.**.....6

**Capstone Requirement:** .....3  
Students must complete a research project (SOCI 497), Honors Thesis (SOCI 485), or a 3-credit internship (SOCI 498).  
Total minimum credits: 36

## GLOBAL STUDIES CONCENTRATION

Required Courses:	CREDITS
SOCI 102 Introduction to Sociology .....	3
SOCI 104 Global Social problems.....	3
SOCI 290 Seminar: Social Theory.....	3
SOCI 342 Comparative Sociology.....	3
SOCI 370 Sociological Analysis (Writing Intensive Core Requirement in the major-CWRM) .....	3
SOCI 390 Seminar: Research Methods in Sociology.....	3
SOCI 391 Seminar: Social Data Analysis.....	3

**Plus, any two courses from the following:** .....6  
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 not already taken from the above lists, which must be at the 200 level or above.**.....6

## SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

**Cognate: One course from the following list:** ..... 3

- 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 Theater

**Capstone Requirement:** ..... 3

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

Total minimum credits: 39

**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** CREDITS

Students must take 18 credits including:

SOCI 102 Introduction to Sociology ..... 3

Plus any one of the following:..... 3

- 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

- 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, including those not already taken from the above lists, two of which must be at the 200 level or above. .... 9

Total minimum credits: 18

**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.