

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 degree 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 enhance their opportunities in the labor market or in graduate school. Note: The Bachelor of Science degree 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 The Developing World	
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 three-credit internship (SOCI 498).	

Core Curriculum Requirements

A minimum of 120 earned hours is required for graduation. These earned hours include the core curriculum requirements as specified in the “Undergraduate Academic Programs” section of this catalog and at the Core Curriculum Web site, www.bridgew.edu/corecurriculum. 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
Two of the following courses	6
SOCI 211 Homelessness in U.S. Society	
SOCI 351 Sustainable Cities	
SOCI/CRJU 352 Urban Crime	
SOCI 353 Cities in a Global Context	
SOCI 356 Urban Disasters, Resilient Cities	
One of the following courses	3
SOCI 207 Social Inequality	
SOCI 315 Race and Ethnicity in America	
SOCI 380 Seminar: Qualitative Methods and Urban Ethnography	
SOCI 410 Sociology of Urban Planning and Policy	
SOCI 426 Urban Enclaves	
Plus one additional sociology course, including those not already taken from the above lists, which must be at the 200-level or above.....	3
Capstone Requirement.....	3
Students must complete an honors thesis (SOCI 485), Seminar: Critical Issues in Sociology (SOCI 486), a research project (SOCI 497) or a three-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 Curriculum 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 three-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 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 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 The Developing World	
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
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 (SOCI 497) or a three-credit internship (SOCI 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 postgraduate 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 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.