



Sociology

DEGREES OFFERED

*Bachelor of Arts in Sociology
Academic Minor*

ABOUT THE MAJOR

At Holy Names, the Sociology major and minor offer a wide variety of courses that are designed to expand students' understanding of complex social forces, issues, and trends within the United States and globally. Students learn to think objectively and analytically about many aspects of contemporary and past societies including current issues concerning race, ethnicity, gender, family, inequality, and globalism. Students learn how societies and groups function, how social forces influence individuals and groups, and how sociological skills can be applied to everyday life and work.

This program offers strong expertise and training in qualitative research, which emphasizes practical experience and interactions with people in everyday settings. The goals of the HNU program are 1) to promote greater understanding of social dynamics and human relations in the United States and around the world; 2) to develop skills needed for sociological analysis and critical thinking about social issues and problems; 3) to foster appreciation of people with different values, beliefs, traditions, social experiences, and lifestyles; 4) to enhance skills of oral and written communication; and 5) to learn to apply sociological knowledge and skills in institutions, the community, advanced study, work, public service, and daily life. Many courses are interdisciplinary, linking sociology with history, psychology, business, political science, and linguistics.

CAREER OPTIONS

There are countless careers in which this degree would serve as strong preparation. Students who study any social science find themselves well prepared for jobs in numerous fields due to their understanding of individuals and society. Our graduates have pursued careers in business and human service agencies, with disabled children, minority youth, and the elderly. Other students graduating with a degree in Sociology have chosen to pursue advanced studies in law, social work, counseling, or hospital and public administration.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

Preparation for the Major

PSCI 006 World Politics and Geography or
 ANTH 001 Socio-Cultural Anthropology
 PSYC 001 Fundamentals of Psychology
 SOCI 001 Introduction to Sociology
 SOCI 063 Statistical Methods

Major Requirements (27 upper-division units):

SOCI 102(W) The Global Perspective
 SOCI 108(W) Field Methods
 SOCI 165 Racial and Ethnic Issues

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SOCI 169 Power and Powerlessness
 International Affairs Concentration:
 PSCI 102/SOCI 166 (W) Comparative Political Systems or
 PSCI 114 Comparative Revolutions
 Public Policy Concentration:
 SOCI 160 The City: Power, Politics and Change or
 SOCI 163 Deviance and Social Control
 Social Issues and Services Concentration:
 SOCI 130 Contemporary Families or
 SOCI 147 Gender Issues
 Race and Ethnic Relations Concentration:
 Choose one:
 SOCI 172 African American Communities and Experiences
 SOCI 174 Asian American Communities and Experiences
 SOCI 177 Latino/Hispanic Communities and Experiences
 SOCI 179 Special Topics: Indigenous Experiences
 Applied Sociology Concentration:
 SOCI 196 Field Research and Internships

(W) = Writing intensive class

SELF DESIGNED MAJOR

A student wishing to have a general major in Sociology should take one course in each of the specialization areas (9 units) plus an internship.

A student may also create his or her own specialization in the major in consultation with an advisor.

Note: Students interested in the Race and Ethnic Relations area should consider a self-designed major in U.S. Cultures and Sociology.

THE MINOR

Minor Requirements (21 units):

SOCI 001 Introduction to Sociology

FACULTY

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