

# SOCIOLOGY

HOLY NAMES UNIVERSITY

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## 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.

## CURRICULUM

### Preparation for the Major

PSCI 6	World Politics and Geography
PSYC 1A	Fundamentals of Psychology
SOCI 1	Introduction to Sociology
SOCI 63	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
SOCI 169	Power and Powerlessness

### International Affairs:

SOCI 166 (W)	Comparative Political Systems
PSCI 102 (W)	

### Public Policy:

SOCI 160	The City: Power, Politics and Change
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### Social Issues and Services:

SOCI 130	Contemporary Families
SOCI 147	Gender Issues

### Race and Ethnic Relations:

Choose one:	
SOCI 172	African American Communities and Experiences
SOCI 174	Asian American Communities and Experiences
SOCI 177	Latino/Hispanic Communities and Experiences

### Applied Sociology

SOCI 196	Field Research and Internships
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**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** (21 units)

Minor must include SOCI 1.

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**QUOTES**

"Sociology studies many different aspects of society and people within society rather than focusing on one specific perspective. This diversity is the reason that I chose Sociology as my major." Eleanor Briones, Class of 1999

"Sociology gives more perspectives and more ways of looking at human interactions than many disciplines. Sociology lends itself to interdisciplinary studies and I can apply it to all of the other disciplines." Joyce Diamond, Class of 1997

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Scheduled visits to classes and appointments with faculty are encouraged and can be arranged through the Admission Office.

*For transfer students, reasonable consideration is given to equating previous coursework with Holy Names University requirements.*