

Minor in Sociology

Sociology Minors are required to complete 18 hours in Sociology:

- SOCI 1301 "Introduction to Sociology" (3 hours)
- 4 advanced courses at 3000/4000 levels (12 hours)
- One course at any level (3 hours)

The proposed minor program must be approved by the Undergraduate Advisor in Sociology.

Sociology Minors may elect to complete a Sociology minor with a concentration in **Health and Medicine** or **Workplace Diversity**.

Undergraduate Internship Course

The Internship Course in the Department of Sociology can improve students' employment prospects after graduation by providing them with an opportunity to apply sociological knowledge in a local organization or agency, gain work experience, learn new skills, and have a valuable extra line on the resume. The Internship Course can also facilitate students' contact with potential employers.

Careers in Sociology

The UH Undergraduate Program in Sociology is ranked 18th in nation for income earning potential by the 2020 GradReports Best Colleges List.

The Department of Sociology prepares undergraduate students for various career paths in many areas, including social services, education, business, social science research, and clerical/administrative support. Some of these career options are expanded by having additional training beyond a Bachelor's degree. Sociology majors can pursue advanced degrees in sociology as well as in business administration, education, health communication, human resources, public administration, public policy, public relations, social work, etc.

Resources for Undergraduate Students

The Department of Sociology provides several additional resources for undergraduate students:

- Undergraduate student paper awards
- Undergraduate thesis research grants
- Conference travel grants
- Undergraduate computer lab
- UH Sociology Students Association
- Sociology in Action Lecture Series
- Faculty-student luncheons

Advising

Sociology Majors and Minors or students interested in becoming a Sociology Major or Minor are strongly encouraged to meet with Mr. Landis Odoms, the Undergraduate Advisor (lodoms@uh.edu).

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Sociology Undergraduate Program



What is Sociology?

Sociology is the study of human life within group contexts, varying from small, intimate groups to large, complex organizations and societies.

Sociologists examine factors that shape human behavior, investigate causes and consequences of social change and inequality, and strive to find solutions to social issues.

Why Major in Sociology?

The Department of Sociology at the University of Houston provides undergraduate students with knowledge and skills that serve as a solid foundation for various occupations and professions.

- The Department places particular emphasis on helping students develop effective oral and written communication, analytical, organizational, and critical thinking skills.
- The Department also provides a rigorous grounding in theory, statistics, and research methodology, including qualitative and quantitative methods, that are relevant to the study of concrete social problems.
- Courses in the Department emphasize an understanding of a broad range of subjects, including family, gender and sexuality, work and occupations, crime and deviance, race and ethnicity, social stratification and education, population trends and immigration, sport, art, and culture, and health disparities and aging.
- The Department offers two concentrations: 1) Health and Medicine and 2) Workplace Diversity.
- The Careers in Sociology course in the Department explores career paths available to students with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology.
- The Sociology Internship course in the Department provides the opportunity for undergraduate students to use sociological perspectives and skills in a real-world setting and can facilitate career development and access to job opportunities.

Requirements for Majors in Sociology

Any student interested in majoring in Sociology must apply first as a Sociology pre-major.

After completion of SOCI 1301 "Introduction to Sociology" and SOC 3300 "Introduction to Sociological Theory" or SOC 3400 "Introduction to Social Statistics" with a minimum grade of C in each course, a student may petition the Department of Sociology to declare a major in Sociology. The Department offers both a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science in Sociology.

Concentrations for Sociology Majors

Students may elect to complete a concentration in one of the following areas:

- **Health and Medicine**
- **Workplace Diversity**

Requirements for each concentration include **one** of the two required courses plus **three** additional courses from the approved lists (see below).

Health and Medicine Concentration

The Health and Medicine concentration is specifically designed for students who wish to:

- Learn about sociological aspects of health, illness, and health care in the United States and globally;
- Develop a critical perspective on the implications of different factors, with a central focus on social ones, for health outcomes; and
- Expand their knowledge of social determinants of health disparities and behaviors, advantages and disadvantages of various health care systems, and different types of health care professions, occupations, and settings.

A Bachelor's degree in Sociology with a concentration in Health and Medicine will serve as an indicator of students' solid understanding of health inequalities and health care challenges to future or current employers.

Course List for the Health and Medicine Concentration

- **Required:** SOC 3380 Introduction to the Sociology of Health Care **or** SOC 3353 Health Disparities in Society
- SOC 3315 Sexuality and Society
- SOC 3316 Sociology of Sport
- SOC 3344 Sociology of Aging
- SOC 3350 Sociology of the Body
- SOC 3352 Social Demography
- SOC 3382 Sociology of Drug Use and Recovery

Workplace Diversity Concentration

The Workplace Diversity concentration is intended to offer students the opportunity to:

- Gain a deeper understanding of ever-increasing diversity in contemporary society and particularly in the workplace;
- Become aware of various aspects of workplace diversity and its importance, benefits, and challenges; and
- Acquire necessary knowledge and skills in order to successfully interact and work with people from different backgrounds shaped by their gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, social class, etc.

A Bachelor's degree in Sociology with a concentration in Workplace Diversity will serve as an indicator of students' cultural competence and commitment to a diverse workforce to future or current employers.

Course List for the Workplace Diversity Concentration

- **Required:** SOC 3342 Sociology of Work **or** SOC 3341 Organizations
- SOC 3315 Sexuality and Society
- SOC 3327 Race and Ethnic Relations in the United States
- SOC 3328 Race and Ethnicity in World Perspective
- SOC 3330 Introduction to Social Psychology
- SOC 3351 Social Class and Mobility
- SOC 3390 Sociology of Gender
- SOC 3395 Careers in Sociology
- SOC 4394 Internship in Sociology

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