The Sociology program provides students with the theoretical and methodological skills needed to better understand, critique, and contribute to the worlds in which they live. Students study in small groups with faculty who are engaged teachers, scholars and activists. The major prepares students for a broad range of career paths including employment in community-based organizations, local governments, human service agencies and research settings.

ABOUT THE MAJOR

Sociology examines the social aspects and dimensions of most everything human beings do in the realm of politics, economics, culture, technology, relationships and identity. Studying sociology provides students critical and reflexive perspectives with which to understand the world. It pushes students to develop the analytical, research and compositional skills necessary to investigate, understand, analyze, explain and improve the world around them. Courses cover a broad range of topics including: the study of individuals as social actors; the analysis of social processes such as social interaction and deviance and conformity; the study of institutions such as law, family, media, popular culture, medicine, education and religion; and the investigation of the social organization of entire societies in the global context. The department offers a variety of courses of interest to non-majors as well as to majors.

Upon completion of a B.A. in Sociology, students can continue their education with graduate work in either sociology or in some related field such as social work, public administration or law. For students who choose to pursue employment with their bachelor’s degree, sociology provides an excellent liberal arts foundation for a range of career paths that utilize their sociological insights as well as the conceptual and methodological skills they have acquired. Training in sociology can open a variety of doors in human services and in business. Those who enter human services may work with youths at risk, the elderly, or people experiencing problems related to poverty, substance abuse or the justice system. Some find employment in agencies that work for social change including various organizations concerned with human rights issues or the environment. Sociology majors who enter the business world work in sales, marketing, customer relations or human resources.

In addition, the sociology major has a competitive advantage in today’s information society. The solid base received in research design, data analysis, statistics and sociological concepts enables them to compete for support positions in research, social planning, policy analysis, program evaluation and other social science endeavors.
SUGGESTED FIRST- AND SECOND-YEAR COURSE SEQUENCE

FALL 2017**
ENGLISH 104 or 114
COMM 150
AREA B1 or B2: PHYSICAL and BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
AREA C1 or C2: ARTS or LITERATURE
AREA D2: U.S HISTORY

SPRING 2018
AREA 3 CRITICAL THINKING
AREA A4 WRITTEN COMM II
AREA B4 QUANTITATIVE REASONING
AREA B1 or B2: PHYSICAL and BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES with B3 LAB
AREA D1: SOC 105

FALL 2018**
AREA C1 or C3
AREA D3: U.S. and CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT
MAJOR: PRE-REQUISITE, FOUNDATION, or CORE
MAJOR: PRE-REQUISITE FOUNDATION, CORE, or UNIVERSITY ELECTIVE
UNIVERSITY ELECTIVE

SPRING 2018
AREA C1 or C2
MAJOR: PRE-REQUISITE, FOUNDATION, or CORE
MAJOR: PRE-REQUISITE, FOUNDATION, or CORE
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* AP and IB exam scores as well as courses taken at a community college can also impact the suggested course sequencing. If you are not sure how this will affect your scheduling, please contact an SRC advisor.

General Education Areas Potentially Met by Courses in this Major
Successfully completing the Sociology courses SOC 105 and SOC 245 also means that you have met the requirements for AREA D1 in your lower division General Education requirements.

ADDING, DROPPING AND WITHDRAWING FROM CLASSES AFTER START OF SEMESTER
Please be aware of all deadlines. You may add courses via your Gateway until before the first day of instruction, provided there is space available. Once classes start, you will need permission numbers from your instructor to add classes via Gateway.

Dropping courses via your Gateway without it noted on your official records must occur within the first three weeks of each semester. After this three-week period, you are no longer allowed to drop courses via your Gateway. You must have a serious and compelling reason to withdraw from a course and submit a petition with objective supporting documentation. If approved, a “W” will appear on your transcript. All withdrawal petitions that lack serious and compelling reasons and/or viable supporting documentation will be denied within the College of Health & Social Sciences. Be conscientious about withdrawing from classes, as you are allowed a maximum of 18 units for withdrawal, and “W”s on your transcript can reflect poorly. Also, keep in mind that you are only allowed to repeat a course once for a maximum of two times.

Lastly, it is ALWAYS students' responsibility to ensure that they are in the appropriate classes — always check your schedule!

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