

Community Sociology

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Community sociology is an interdisciplinary major drawing from the fields of sociology, psychology, political science, social work, and liberal studies. Community sociology focuses on developing a conceptual and practical understanding of how groups of people form and function as communities and the processes, problems, and institutions within communities of place and communities of interest. Field research, international travel, and applied work opportunities are available to students in this program.

The community sociology major prepares students for a diverse range of careers in both public and private sectors and continued education toward a postgraduate degree.

Program goals for students in the community sociology major are:

- Use critical thinking to examine social phenomenon with a specific focus on the context of community.
- Understand and evaluate theories, methods, and empirical examinations of society in a manner that furthers the discipline of sociology with a focus on community.
- Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills consistent with the professional expectations of the discipline.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the social, political, and economic contexts of communities of place and interest.
- Demonstrate effective interpersonal skills, professional responsibilities, and ethical sensibilities in research and applied work.
- Compete successfully in being admitted to graduate programs in sociology and/or obtaining a professional position utilizing applied sociological expertise.

Goal for students completing the teaching major in sociology (secondary education) is:

- To use effective and reflective teaching strategies designed to help secondary students learn basic concepts and principles in general sociology.

Major in Community Sociology

11 course credits:

SO 101 Introduction to Sociology

SO 302 Communities

SO 321 Research Methods and Data Analysis

SO 422 Field Sociology

SO 460 Perspectives in Sociology

One course credit from

SO 450 Independent Study—Senior Research Project

SO 481 Field Experience in Community Sociology

One SO elective course credit from

SO 202 Group and Organizational Behavior

SO 225 Race and Ethnicity in America

SO 240 Social Psychology

SO 270 Social Problems

SO 281 Field Experience in Community Sociology

One SO elective course credit from

SO 306 Social Gerontology

SO 316 Sociology of the Family

SO 335 Juvenile Delinquency

SO 380 Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective

SO 402 Global Communities

SO 421 Advanced Research Methods and Data Analysis for the

Behavioral Sciences

SO 481 Field Experience in Community Sociology

Three elective course credits (no more than two course credits from the same discipline) from

HI 101 Western Civilization I

HI 102 Western Civilization II

HI 343 Colonialization and Culture

ID 315 Leadership Theories and Practice

LS 115 Exploring Elements of Leadership

PS 207 State and Local Government

PS 220 Political Behavior

PS 235 American Legislature and Judiciary

PS 290 Environmental Politics

PS 310 Policy Formulation, Administration, and Analysis

PSY 220 Stress and Adjustment

PSY 224 Abnormal Psychology

PSY 240 Social Psychology

SO 202 Group and Organizational Behavior

SW 230 Community Theory and Practice

By completing the community sociology major, students have met the requirements for OCAC/ILAC.

Minor in Community Sociology

6 course credits:

SO 101 Introduction to Sociology

SO 302 Communities

SO 321 Research Methods and Data Analysis for the Behavioral Sciences

One SO elective course credit from

SO 202 Group and Organizational Behavior

SO 225 Race and Ethnicity in America

SO 240 Social Psychology

SO 270 Social Problems

SO 281 Field Experience in Community Sociology:

Two SO elective course credits from

SO 306 Social Gerontology

SO 316 Sociology of the Family

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Sociology Teaching

For teaching endorsements, see Education Department listings.