

## SOCIOLOGY

DEGREE: B.A.

Sociology students at D'Youville College explore the relationships between individuals and social institutions. From the investigation of daily interactions to the study of broad-based global social movements, sociology majors consider the notion of power and the complex ways in which humans make meaning. Courses emphasize a concern for social justice along lines of social class, race, ethnicity, gender, and so forth. Sociologists aim to devise solutions to social problems. Sociological findings help policy makers, administrators and educators resolve problems in just ways. At the core of the program is the emphasis on human rights, and the notion that all individuals deserve a life of dignity and equality.

The methods and substantive areas of sociology provide a strong foundation for a wide range of careers in fields such as government, public policy, criminal justice, social activism, human services, social work, counseling, education, personnel, advertising, and market research. A degree in sociology also provides excellent preparation for graduate study in sociology and a variety of applied or related areas including law, public policy, urban and community planning, health care administration, social work, survey research, education, and journalism. Students graduate from the program proficient in data and trend analysis. They also learn how to conduct in-depth interviews and focus groups and are skilled in evaluating pieces of policy and legislation. Critical thinking and communication skills are developed in sociology courses and in the broadly distributed liberal arts core.

The sociology major is organized to provide a firm grounding in both theory and research methods, while allowing students to customize their studies to their specific sub-field interests. The sociology courses at the 100-level introduce students to the basic concepts and analytical tools used in sociology. Courses at the 200-level provide more experience and training in sociological analysis, concentrating on a particular institution or social process. The upper-level courses present opportunities for in-depth probing of sub-field and topical areas. Every student must complete an internship in either their junior or senior year. Students have worked on internships in mass media, government, public service and in medical institutions. Unique to the program, at the upper course level, the major offers an applied urban case study opportunity in which students undertake an intense, micro-study of problems in a specific urban center; the class then travels to that city to engage in a focused service-learning project.

To complete the program, students must fulfill a 27-credit sociology sequence composed of SOC 101, 102, 203, 211, 215, 232, 410, 444 and 490. In addition, the student must satisfy 12 credits of sociology electives, and have a related field or minor of at least 12 credits. A minimum grade of C+ must be earned in each required course in the sociology major or the course must be repeated.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

#### Freshman Admission

Applicants must meet the following three criteria:

1. Combined SAT scores of at least 900 (or ACT equivalent score of 18)
2. A high school average of at least 80 percent
3. A high school rank in the upper half of the class

#### Transfer Admission

Students must have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.33. Transfer credits will be determined on a case-by-case basis to assess adaptability to curriculum requirements.

Each student accepted into the program must submit a letter of intent prior to course registration.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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#### COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR:

<i>In the specific area of concentration:</i>		<i>Credits</i>
SOC 101	Principles of Sociology.....	3
SOC 102	Social Problems.....	3
SOC 203	Social Theory.....	3
SOC 211	The Changing Social World.....	3
SOC 215	Research Methods in Sociology.....	3
SOC 232	Sociology of Human Rights.....	3
SOC 410	Senior Project.....	3
SOC 444	Internship.....	3-12
SOC 490	The State and Social Policy.....	3
SOC	Sociology Electives (4).....	12
	Related field or minor.....	12
<b>Major.....</b>		<b>51-60</b>
<b>Core requirements &amp; electives.....</b>		<b>69</b>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>		<b>120-129</b>

#### SOCIOLOGY MINOR (15 CREDIT HOURS)

The minor in sociology is designed for students who are interested in gaining a greater understanding of social and cultural organization and patterns of human interaction. It is open to students in any field other than sociology.

#### Required courses:

SOC 101	Principles of Sociology.....	3
	OR	
SOC 102	Social Problems.....	3

#### Additional courses:

Four additional sociology courses at any level, only two of which can be cross-listed with the student's major.

## COURSE EXPLANATIONS

### COURSE NUMBERS

000-099 .....Non-credit .....Undergraduate  
 100-499 .....Credit.....Undergraduate  
 500-AboveCredit.....Graduate

### PREREQUISITE

A course or other requirement must be met prior to taking a particular course

### COREQUISITE

Another course is to be taken with a particular course.

### COURSE ABBREVIATIONS

ACC.....Accounting	HS.....Health Services
ANT .....Anthropology	HSA.....Health Services Administration
ARA.....Arabic	IB.....International Business
BIO .....Biology	IT .....Information Technology
CDP.....Career Discovery Program	LAT .....Latin
CHE ...Chemistry	LAW...Law
CHI.....Chinese	LSK.....Learning Skills
CPC..... College Prep Chemistry	MAT ....Mathematics
CSC..... Computer Science	MGT ....Management
DAN....Dance	MKT ....Marketing
DTC.....Dietetics	MUS....Music
ECO ....Economics	NTR.....Nutrition and Health
EDU.....Education	NUR...Nursing
ENG ....English	OT .....Occupational Therapy
ESS.....Exercise and Sports Studies	PA .....Physician Assistant
FA .....Fine Arts (art, art history, design, drawing, painting, photography)	PHI.....Philosophy
FRE .....French	PHY ....Physics
GER.....Gerontology	PSC ....Political Science
GLS .....Global Studies	PSY.....Psychology
GRA....Graduate Courses	PT .....Physical Therapy
HIS .....History	RS.....Religious Studies
HP .....Health Professions	RSC....Rehabilitation Sciences
HRM....Human Resource Management	SOC ....Sociology
	SPA.....Spanish
	SPE.....Speech
	THE ....Theater