

Sociology

Department Goals

The goals of the Sociology Department for general education students are:

1. To enable the student to develop a Christian perspective relating to humankind’s involvement in groups and in the larger society. This is accomplished in three main areas:
 - a. studying the various principles of interaction that govern human relationship (social interaction),
 - b. studying the various problems that face contemporary society (social concerns),
 - c. studying the basic institutions of society and their interdependence (social institutions).
2. To provide students the necessary methodological tools whereby they may uncover social reality in a variety of contexts (survey research, participant observation and content analysis).
3. To demonstrate the practical relevance of the discipline by applying sociological insight and methodology to the work of God’s kingdom.

Requirements for Major in Sociology

The core and distribution requirements for a major in sociology are those listed for the baccalaureate degrees on page 24, with the exception that a course in economics, finance or psychology is required to fulfill the social science distribution requirement.

Core requirements	58
Electives	36

Major and Supporting Course Requirements

SOC 141. Principles of Sociology.....	3
SOC 361. Methods of Social Research ‘W’	4
SOC 402. Contemporary Social Thought.....	3
SOC 490. Senior Integration Seminar in Sociology ‘S’	3
SOC electives (at least one course from each area below: Social Interaction, Social Concerns, and Social Institutions).....	15
STA 251. Elementary Statistical Methods	4
Total hours for the major	32
Total degree hours.....	126

Social Interaction

SOC 244. Social Psychology.....	3
SOC 249. Interpersonal Communication.....	3
SOC 347. Relational Counseling.....	3
SOC 348. Marriage and Family Counseling.....	3

Social Concerns

SOC 229. Cultural Anthropology	3
SOC 241. Social Problems	3
SOC 246. Crime and Delinquency	3
SOC 250. Introduction to Social Work.....	3
SOC 317. Community Life and Social Structure	3
SOC 419. Social Diversity & Inequality	3

Social Institutions

SOC 341. The Family.....	3
SOC 342. Sociology of Religion.....	3
SOC 343. Sociology of Health	3

Requirements for a Major in Sociology with a Concentration in Interpersonal Counseling

The core and distribution requirements for a major in sociology are those listed for the baccalaureate degrees on page 24, with the exception that a course in economics, finance or psychology is required to fulfill the social science distribution requirement.

Core requirements	58
Electives	36

Major and Supporting Course Requirements

SOC 141. Principles of Sociology.....	3
SOC 361. Methods of Social Research ‘W’	4
SOC 402. Contemporary Social Thought.....	3
SOC 444. Practicum in Sociology.....	3
SOC 490. Senior Integration Seminar in Sociology ‘S’	3
Four of the following (3 hours each):	
SOC 249. Interpersonal Communication,	
SOC 250. Introduction to Social Work,	
SOC 341. The Family,	
SOC 347. Relational Counseling or	
SOC 348. Marriage and Family Counseling	12
STA 251. Elementary Statistical Methods.....	4
Total hours for the major	32
Total degree hours.....	126

Sociology Minors

The sociology minor includes two tracks: a general one (minor in sociology) providing breadth, and a specialized one (minor in interpersonal counseling) emphasizing depth. Sociology courses fulfilling major or minor requirements may not be used to fulfill a second major or minor requirement.

Requirements for Minor in Sociology

SOC 141. Principles of Sociology.....	3
One course from each of the three areas of concentration:	
Social Interaction.....	3
Social Concerns.....	3
Social Institutions.....	3
Total hours for the minor.....	12

Requirements for Minor in Interpersonal Counseling

SOC 444. Sociology Practicum.....	3
Four of the following (3 hours each):	
SOC 249. Interpersonal Communication, or	
SOC 250. Introduction to Social Work, or	
SOC 341. The Family, or	
SOC 347. Relational Counseling, or	
SOC 348. Marriage and Family Counseling.....	12
Total hours for the minor.....	15

Other course fulfilling Sociology Electives

IDS 315. Religions and Social Theory of 19th Century Europe.....	3
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Sociology Courses

141. Principles of Sociology

The general survey course that introduces the student to the discipline of sociology. Attention is given to the importance of Christian involvement in sociology and how this relates to the three major areas of the field: social interaction, social concerns and social institutions. In-class and out-of-class research projects are included in order to give the beginning student exposure to important methodological tools. Three hours. SS

229. Cultural Anthropology

A study of the way in which contemporary cultures differ from one another in respect to family organization, economic systems, political orders, etc. The concepts of cultural relativity and ethnocentrism will be emphasized with personal application to the student's own perspective. Three hours.

241. Social Problems

A general survey of the major problems that confront contemporary society. Three general problem areas will be considered: transitional problems such as overpopulation, environmental concerns and the changing cities; problems of inequality such as poverty, minority groups and differential sex role treatment; and problems of deviant behavior such as crime, mental disorders and drug abuse. Three hours.

244. Social Psychology

A general study of interpersonal behavior within the context of modern society. Topics and research in the areas of interpersonal attraction, aggression, social influence and attitude formation will be discussed. The major theories in social psychology will be considered. Attention will be given to the relationship of social psychological principles to one's own interactions with others. Three hours.

246. Crime and Delinquency

An analysis of the causes, incidence and consequences of crime in modern society. Attention will be given to specific forms of crime as well as contemporary methods of dealing with crime, such as prevention, treatment and rehabilitation procedures. Prerequisite or co-requisite: SOC 141. Three hours.

249. Interpersonal Communication

This course focuses on the development of communication skills including listening, development of the self, the perception of meaning, attitude development, conflict resolution and group problem solving. These skills are developed for application in a variety of social settings including interpersonal relations in the family, among friends and in employment settings. A primary objective of the course is to provide majors with applied skills to be used in social service vocations. Three hours.

250. Introduction to Social Work

An introductory course dealing with the dynamics of social work focusing on basic concepts, considerations, treatment and the problem-solving process. Careful consideration is given to the process of social work, diagnosis and treatment, the social history, evaluation of some of the literature and the exploration of resources. In addition, a discussion of the interview procedure, counseling techniques and a visit to a local social work agency are included. Three hours.

317. Community Life and Social Structure

An exploration and analysis of the social forces that structure human community. An overview of the process of urbanization in America, and the various ways in which rural and urban community life is organized into diverse social patterns. This course contains a service-learning component. Three hours.

335-336. The Urban Community I, II

A classroom and field-experience course focusing on the urban community and its institutions as the most typical setting for leadership in contemporary society. Pass-fail. Two hours each.

341. The Family

An analysis of current theory and research in respect to the three major areas of the course: dating, marriage and the family. Topics include predictive factors of marital success, current alternatives to marriage, the two-career family and recent Christian approaches to the family. Three hours. SS

342. Sociology of Religion

A study of religion from the perspective of sociology rather than theology. Attention is given to such topics as the dimensions of religiosity, religious socialization, civil religion in America, the secularization controversy and the future of religion. Prerequisite: SOC 141. Three hours.

343. Sociology of Health

A study of social factors as they relate to illness. Attention is given to the way in which social factors are etiologically related to illness as well as the way sociology can help one understand the health institution such as the doctor-patient relationship and the delivery of health care services. Prerequisite: SOC 141. Three hours.

347. Relational Counseling

This is a basic course geared toward introducing the student to the many facets of counseling relationships. Attention will be given to developing basic counseling skills such as techniques of interviewing and responding, as well as formulating plans of action with counselees in various settings. Prerequisite: SOC 249 or 250. Three hours.

348. Marriage and Family Counseling

Readings will be both assigned by the instructor and selected by the student in order to enhance his or her knowledge of the principles, theories and techniques of current marriage and family counseling. Prerequisites: SOC 341, 347. Three hours.

361. Methods of Social Research

An examination of valid data, evaluation, and techniques in practical research situations. Prerequisites: SOC 141; STA 251. Four hours. 'W'

399. Independent Study

A study of selected topics in sociology or anthropology.

402. Contemporary Social Thought

A study of the development of social theory in recent Western history. Theorists in the nineteenth century who receive special emphasis include Durkheim, Marx and Weber. In the twentieth century, attention is given to Sumner, Parks, Cooley, Mead, Parsons and Merton. Prerequisites: SOC 361; STA 251. Three hours.

419. Social Diversity & Inequality

This course is designed to familiarize students with the presence and circumstances of numerous minority groups in American society. The basic goal of the course is to equip students with general knowledge of race and ethnic relations, and to prepare them for contact with various diverse groups. Prerequisite: SOC 141. Three hours.

444. Practicum in Sociology

An opportunity for the student to work in a community agency bridging the gap between classroom learning and the needs and opportunities that exist within society. Prerequisites: SOC 141 and nine other hours in sociology. Three hours.

490. Senior Integration Seminar in Sociology

This course considers how students of sociology can apply their learning in the discipline to their own life work. Special attention is given to the relationship between the students' Christian commitment and their interest in the area(s) of social interaction, social concerns and/or social institutions. A senior thesis paper will be written and presented. Prerequisites: SOC 361 and 402; STA 251. Three hours. 'S'