

Sociology

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Sociology and anthropology offer important and distinct ways of seeing the world that enhances the skills of the intellect. Sociology and anthropology help students be aware of the impact of social experiences, conditions, and opportunities by incorporating a consciousness of history, the significance of culture, and the impact of the social structure or institutions on social life. Sociology enables students to acknowledge the social forces and factors affecting their own private lives and enhances a better understanding of complex social and cultural issues. Anthropology helps students understand the complexity of cultures across all of human history and draws and builds upon knowledge from the social and biological sciences as well as the humanities and physical sciences. A central concern of anthropologists is the application of knowledge to the solution of human problems. Sociology and anthropology encourage efforts to minister the redemptive love of Christ by recognizing the complexities of international, national, and local issues and situations, and recognize how culture and the social structure affect the way people live and understand the gospel. Moreover, sociology and anthropology encourage students to engage in action that promotes global responsibility, fosters healing, and restores human dignity.

Based on national trends, a combined anthropology and sociology major is excellent preparation for future graduate work in anthropology or sociology in order to become a professor, researcher, or applied anthropologist/sociologist. The undergraduate degree provides a strong liberal arts preparation for entry-level positions, including business, social/human services, archaeology, cultural resource management, historic preservation, community development, human rights/social justice advocacy, tourism/heritage, missions/missiology, non-profits/NGOs, and government/public service careers. Moreover, many students choose anthropology and sociology because they see it as a broad liberal arts base for professions such as law, education, medicine, social work, counseling, and missiology/missions.

Anthropology and Sociology (BA)

The Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Anthropology and Sociology requires two years of one foreign language and 41 hours in the major. All major courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the major GPA.

Major Requirements

ANT 200	3	Cultural Anthropology
SOC 100	3	Introduction to Sociology
SOC 250	2	Principles of Research and Analysis
SOC 493	2	Sociology Integrative Seminar
SOC 498	1	Sociology Senior Thesis

Select one course from the following:

ANT 300	3	Qualitative Research Methods
SOC 350	3	Social Research Methods
SOC 355	3	Applied Social Statistics

Select one course from the following:

SOC 361	3	History of Social Thought
SOC 365	3	Contemporary Social Thought

Electives

Select an additional 24 credits of ANT or SOC courses. A minimum of 18 credits must be upper-division (300/400).

Anthropology and Sociology (BS)

The Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Anthropology and Sociology requires 50 hours in the major. All major courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the major GPA.

Major Requirements

ANT 200	3	Cultural Anthropology
ANT 300	3	Qualitative Research Methods
SOC 100	3	Introduction to Sociology
SOC 250	2	Principles of Research and Analysis
SOC 350	3	Social Research Methods
SOC 355	3	Applied Social Statistics
SOC 493	2	Sociology Integrative Seminar
SOC 498	1	Sociology Senior Thesis

Select one course from the following:

SOC 361	3	History of Social Thought
SOC 365	3	Contemporary Social Thought

Electives

Select an additional 27 credits of ANT or SOC courses. A minimum of 21 credits must be upper-division (300/400).

Anthropology Minor

The Anthropology minor requires 18 hours. All minor courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the minor GPA.

Minor Requirements

ANT 200	3	Cultural Anthropology
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Select 15 additional credits of anthropology courses.

Sociology Minor

The Sociology minor requires 20 hours. All minor courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the minor GPA.

Minor Requirements

SOC 100	3	Introduction to Sociology
SOC 250	2	Principles of Research and Analysis

Select one course from the following:

SOC 361	3	History of Social Thought
SOC 365	3	Contemporary Social Thought

Electives

Select 12 hours of sociology electives.

Anthropology Courses

ANT 170 1-4 hours

Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

ANT 200 3 hours

Cultural Anthropology

An introduction to the principles of cultural anthropology, including the analysis of major anthropological theories and concepts and an examination of social institutional arrangements in small-scale societies. *Meets foundational core civic engagement or general social science requirement.*

ANT 270 1-4 hours

Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

ANT 280 3 hours

Anthropology of Study Abroad, Short-term Mission, and Tourism

The recent explosion of global travel for relatively short periods brings travelers into transient contact with people in different places. Such travel may have educational, recreational, religious, or service goals. Through anthropological readings, this course examines the nature of the intercultural encounters experienced on these trips, the motivations and outcomes of these trips for both travelers and hosts, and considers a wide variety of related dynamics. Students will be coached in engaging in research on course-related themes or in conducting research in preparation for their own upcoming global trip. *Meets foundational core cross-cultural requirement; and civic engagement or general social science requirement.*

ANT 300 3 hours

Qualitative Research Methods

This course is designed to teach students how to collect, analyze, and write up qualitative data. Topics include conducting and coding field notes, interviewing, participant-observation, discourse analysis, as well as the ethical treatment of human subjects and the ethical code for anthropological research.

ANT 315 3 hours

The Anthropology of Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion

This course provides an overview of anthropological approaches to the cross-cultural study of magic, witchcraft, and religion. It focuses on topics such as mythology, symbolism, ritual, magic, sorcery, witchcraft, shamanism, ancestor worship, dreams and visions, spirit possession, and rituals of purification. It will include a focus on integrating anthropological understandings with theological ones. *Meets foundational core civic engagement or general social science requirement.*

ANT 360 1-4 hours

Independent Study

An individualized, directed study involving a specified topic.

ANT 370 1-4 hours

Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

ANT 380 3 hours

Anthropology of Sin, Shame, and Guilt

This course involves a dialogue between anthropology and theology. Through anthropological readings, students will explore in different cultures the vocabulary of moral evil and the ways in which children are socialized morally. It will consider the ways in which cultures impact conscience, moral reasoning, and ethical understandings. The course will give special attention to the role of shame and guilt in the moral experience of people from diverse cultures. Finally, the course will consider the role of these dynamics and realities in the lives and experiences of Christians around the world.

ANT 393 1-4 hours

Practicum

Supervised learning involving a first-hand field experience or a project. Generally, one hour of credit is awarded for a minimum of 40 hours of practicum experience. *Offered primarily during summer.*

ANT 450 1-4 hours

Directed Research

Investigative learning involving closely directed research and the use of such facilities as the library or laboratory.

ANT 480 1-4 hours

Seminar

A limited-enrollment course designed especially for upper-class majors with emphasis on directed readings and discussion.

ANT 490 1-2 hours

Honors

Individualized study or research of an advanced topic within a student's major. *Open to students with at least a 3.00 GPA in the major field.*

Sociology Courses

SOC 100 3 hours

Introduction to Sociology

A study of the principles and concepts of sociology in the context of present day social systems. Attention is given to major contemporary analyses of social events, processes, and institutions. *Meets foundational core civic engagement or general social science requirement. Offered fall semester.*

SOC 110 3 hours

Introduction to Global Societies

This course explores the nature of contemporary societies around the world by considering societal stages and development, cultural and social structural aspects of societies, international inequality, and globalization. *Meets foundational core civic engagement or general social science requirement. Offered spring semester.*

SOC 170 1-4 hours

Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

SOC 200 3 hours

Cultural Anthropology

An introduction to the principles of cultural anthropology, including the analysis of major anthropological theories and concepts and an examination of social institutional arrangements in small-scale societies. *Meets foundational core civic engagement or general social science requirement.*

SOC 210 3 hours

Contemporary Social Issues

An introduction to the study of social problems from several perspectives. Problems in areas such as drug abuse, crime, education, and the family are examined in the light of basic principles of sociology. *Meets foundational core civic engagement or general social science requirement. Offered fall semester.*

SOC 220 3 hours

Ethnic and Minority Issues

An analysis of inter-group relations in the United States. Topics include a consideration of the mechanisms of group interaction between dominant and subordinate groups and the experiences and histories of the primary minority groups in the United States. *Meets foundational core civic engagement or general social science requirement. Offered spring semester.*

SOC 250 2 hours

Principles of Research and Analysis

Intended to prepare students to effectively make sense of the bewildering variety of numbers available in contemporary societies about people, organizations, and social outcomes, this course is an introduction to the key principles of social measurement and basic ways numbers are used to represent patterns in the social world. *Offered fall semester.*

SOC 270 1-4 hours

Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

SOC 310 3 hours

Religion and Society

An examination of the cultural and structural influences that guide the forms religion takes in society and the processes through which religious ideas, behaviors, and institutions are constructed. Attention is given to the sociological theory and research that underlies religious behavior. *Meets foundational core general social science requirement. Offered periodically.*

SOC 315 3 hours

Social Inequality and Stratification

This course examines the social systems (cultural and structural) that determine outcomes in wealth, power and social prestige. The primary focus is on class systems. *Meets foundational core civic engagement or general social science requirement. Offered spring semester.*

SOC 330 **3 hours**
Social Change and Social Movements
 This course focuses on the basic premises of social change including the evolutionary, conflict and cyclical theories of social change, and the organized activities of collective behavior and social movements that encourage or discourage social change. Special attention is given to the theoretical contributions of the structural strain, resource mobilization and social constructionists' perspectives. *Meets foundational core general social science requirement. Offered periodically.*

SOC 340 **3 hours**
Sociology of Children and Families
 This course examines the sociological foundations of childhood including family formation, childhood socialization and the changing cultural significance of children. This course also examines the divergent roles, styles and functions of parenting. *Offered fall semester of every other year (alternates with SOC 381).*

SOC 350 **3 hours**
Social Research Methods
 An exploration of the primary methods of social research and data collection. Topics include defining a research question and design, and data collection from operationalization to data entry. *Prerequisite: SOC 250. Offered fall semester.*

SOC 355 **3 hours**
Applied Social Statistics
 An introduction to statistical analysis for social research issues. The course focuses on the uses of statistics, choosing appropriate statistics for a given problem and interpreting statistical output. *Meets foundational core mathematics requirement. Prerequisite: SOC 250. Offered spring semester.*

SOC 360 **1-4 hours**
Independent Study
 An individualized, directed study involving a specified topic.

SOC 361 **3 hours**
History of Social Thought
 Primary emphasis is placed upon the contributions of sociologists since the time of Comte. The writings and concepts of leading sociologists in both Europe and America are studied. *Meets foundational core general social science requirement. Offered fall semester of every other year (alternates with SOC 365).*

SOC 365 **3 hours**
Contemporary Social Thought
 An analysis of social theory as it is practiced today. Building on the classical works of Marx, Durkheim, Weber, Simmel and Mead, this course focuses on how modern sociologists have incorporated the classical writers to explain social developments. Special attention is given to postmodernists, social constructionists, functionalists, neo-Marxists, neo-Weberians and leading feminist thinkers. *Meets foundational core general social science requirement. Offered fall semester of every other year (alternates with SOC 361).*

SOC 370 **1-4 hours**
Selected Topics
 A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

SOC 381 **3 hours**
Marriage and Family Systems
 A study of the changing state of family systems in America. The course also examines how work, social class, ethnicity and gender affect family structure and function. *Meets foundational core general social science requirement. Offered fall semester of every other year (alternates with SOC 340).*

SOC 393 **1-4 hours**
Practicum
 Supervised learning involving a first-hand field experience or a project. Generally, one hour of credit is awarded for a minimum of 40 hours of practicum experience. *Offered primarily during summer.*

SOC 410 **3 hours**
Community and Urban Affairs
 Consideration of problems relating to community structure, development and process, beginning with a historical overview of the development of cities. Special emphasis is placed upon the interrelationships of various groupings within communities, particularly within the urban scene. A field trip to a major urban center provides "hands-on" learning. *Meets foundational core civic engagement or general social science requirement. Offered spring semester.*

SOC 420 **3 hours**
Organizational Policies and Programs
 A study of the social dynamics that guide and shape organizations in modern societies. The class prepares students to see and work with the structures of organizations like the church, government agencies, for-profit companies and nonprofits. The focus is on the application of organizational theories to organizational settings and includes projects on the development of organizational programs. *Offered periodically.*

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Honors
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SOC 493 **2 hours**
Sociology Integrative Seminar
 This course provides students with the opportunity to approach the field of sociology holistically and integrate faith and sociological insight. *Offered spring semester.*

SOC 498 **1 hour**
Sociology Senior Thesis
 Students will complete a senior thesis that demonstrates an ability to apply sociological perspective through a theoretical or methodological analysis of a sociological topic they have chosen. *Offered spring semester.*

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