

Sociology

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A major in sociology provides the undergraduate with the opportunity to gain a distinct intellectual perspective and a method of inquiry. By continually testing conventional wisdom against evidence, the study of sociology encourages the development of critical judgment. By routinely considering the matrix of social and cultural facts, such study can lead students to an understanding of the conditions under which social facts emerge, and the consequences they have for individuals, groups, societies, and social institutions. It can also help students better understand their own roles in the array of social institutions in which they are entwined.

In addition to providing a foundation for the student who desires to pursue advanced study in sociology, a major in sociology can help to prepare students for many careers: social research, marketing, media, and other fields in the private sectors, as well as law, civil service and public policy, social work, the health professions, personnel work and other human-service areas. Majors are encouraged to develop skills in observation, interviewing, and other data-collection techniques; data processing; statistical and content analysis; and trend analysis—all marketable skills in many career lines.

General Education Requirement (GER) SOC 101, 217, 218, 253, and 257 may be used to fulfill Broad Exposure/Stage 2, Group B.

Distribution Requirement See Appendix A for the Distribution Requirement, which was replaced by the General Education Requirement in fall 2001 and which may be binding on students who matriculated prior to fall 2001.

Major The sociology major consists of 24 credits. Six of these credits must include SOC 240 (Introduction to Research Methods) and 241 (Statistics). Six credits must be in SOC 221 (Classical Sociological Theory) and SOC 223 (Current Sociological Theory). Of the remaining 12 credits, at least 6 must be in courses at the 300 level or above. No more than 3 credits from SOC 331/332 (Field Placement in Social Work Agencies), SOC 371/372 (Independent Study), SOC 471/472 (Honors Independent Study) and SOC 498 (Internship) may be used to satisfy this requirement.

Minor The minor consists of 12 credits in one department or program. No more than 3 credits can be applied to both the minor and the General Education Requirement.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Five-Year BA/MS Program For a limited number of qualified students, the department offers an accelerated five-year program leading to a BA in sociology and an MS in social research. The program requires a total of 145 credits of college work (100 undergraduate, 45 graduate), one semester of supervised field experience, and a research paper. In order to be admitted to the program, students must complete their basic requirements, pass an honors course (independent study or honors seminar), and meet the requirements of the MS program as outlined in the Graduate Catalog. Undergraduate students are typically admitted to the program toward the end of their junior year and begin their graduate work at the beginning of their senior year. Interested students should consult the program's advisor at the earliest possible date.

***Bachelor of Science in Social Research Program (BSSR)** The Department of Sociology is developing a new 45-credit interdisciplinary major which prepares students for careers in applied social research. This program combines the depth of liberal arts education with a rigorous training in research methods and off-campus internships in the private and public sectors. Students majoring in social research will be taking courses in the departments of sociology, anthropology and psychology. There is no minor requirement.

Subject to the necessary approvals, the Sociology Department hopes to commence operation of the BSSR Program in 2004. For more information, contact the undergraduate sociology advisor.

The COR Program The departments of psychology, anthropology, and sociology jointly offer a program called COR (Career Opportunities in Research and Education). This interdisciplinary research training program for talented minority juniors and seniors is funded by the National Institute of Mental Health. Participants receive a monthly stipend, tuition and fee remittance; they take a special curriculum, and get individualized research training in a variety of areas under the supervision of a faculty mentor. The program has several levels of participation, and all minority students—especially freshmen and sophomores—intending to pursue a research-related career in the participating disciplines are urged to register with the program. Additional details and descriptive literature are available from the COR program advisor.

Independent Study Students may pursue independent study through SOC 371 and 372 or SOC 471 and 472 (Honors Independent Study). These options allow students to initiate and carry out a course of study of their own choosing under the guidance of a faculty sponsor. Students should have a topic and a general plan of study in mind before seeking faculty sponsorship, though students can discuss independent study options with the advisors. Academic sponsors must be full-time members of the faculty.

Honors In order to graduate with departmental honors in sociology, students must have a 3.0 GPA overall and a 3.5 GPA in sociology; at least 21 of the credits toward the major should have been courses taken at Hunter College. Students must complete either an Honors Seminar (SOC 473 or 474) or an Honors Independent Study (SOC 471 or 472). Students whose GPAs are within this range are urged to consult their advisor before planning senior-year programs of study, since honors seminars are generally offered only once per year—usually in the fall semester. In addition, students qualifying for departmental honors are eligible for membership in Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honor Society. See advisors for more information.

*Pending Hunter College Senate approval

Internships Provided students secure approval of a full-time faculty member, internships can be carried out for from 3 to 6 credits in the areas of marketing, media, and politics, with other areas to be added.

AWARDS

The Department of Sociology offers two prestigious awards to outstanding students in sociology and applied social research. The **Norman Hecht Award** of up to \$300 is provided on an irregular basis for the best research concept developed by an undergraduate or graduate student studying applied social work. It can be granted to an individual student or a group of students. Once a year at the end of the fall term the **Benjamin Ringer Award** carrying a cash stipend of \$100 is granted for the best undergraduate paper in the areas of ethnic and multicultural relations.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Applied Social Research Students interested in careers in research-related fields such as policy analysis and evaluation, media and marketing research, advertising, consumer behavior, and public opinion polling, as well as students who are contemplating graduate study in sociology, are encouraged to gain research experience through selected coursework and independent research carried out under faculty supervision. In addition to SOC 240 and 241, which are required for the major, students interested in research should consider selecting electives from the following: SOC 259, 311, 313, 363, and 441. The department also participates in a number of programs that place qualified minority students in summer research internships at leading universities. See advisors for more information.

Social Work Students interested in careers in social work or other human services are strongly encouraged to consult the pre-social work advisor. The pre-social work advising office offers information about graduate study in social work as well as help with program planning. Pre-social work students without work experience in the human services should plan to take SOC 331/332 (Field Placement in Social Work Agencies), a course that provides supervised field experience. Ideally, this course should be completed by the end of the junior year, and students must meet with the instructor in the previous semester to arrange a placement. While virtually all sociology courses are relevant to the practice of social work, several courses are directly related to social work: SOC 231, 235, 237, and 239.

Graduate Courses Qualified undergraduates seeking more advanced or specialized work may, with the permission of the instructor, be permitted to take graduate courses. Consult the Graduate Catalog for course listings.

MAJOR AREAS OF STUDY

1. Interpersonal Processes and Relations

SOC 201	The Family
SOC 251	Interpersonal Behavior
SOC 253	Deviance and Social Control

2. Social Inequality

SOC 217	Race and Ethnicity
SOC 218	Social Inequality
SOC 219	American Society
SOC 257	Sex and Gender Roles
SOC 317	Class, Status, and Power

3. Applied Social Research

SOC 240	Introduction to Research Methods
SOC 241	Social Statistics
SOC 311	Population Dynamics
SOC 313	Consumer Behavior
SOC 350	Qualitative Research Methods
SOC 498	Internship

4. Social Welfare and Policy

SOC 231	Introduction to Social Work Professions
SOC 235	Community Organization and Action
SOC 237	Social Welfare Policy
SOC 239	Child Welfare

5. Theory

SOC 221	Classical Sociological Theory
SOC 223	Current Sociological Theory
SOC 360	Feminist Social Theory

6. Fieldwork and Experiential Learning

SOC 331-332	Field Placement in Social Work Agencies
SOC 371-372	Independent Study
SOC 471-472	Honors Independent Study

7. Courses with Internship Placement

SOC 209	The Arts in Modern Society
SOC 211	Urban Sociology
SOC 213	Political Sociology
SOC 259	Mass Media and Public Opinion
SOC 313	Consumer Behavior

Students can register for a course and corresponding internship if offered during the same term and if approval from faculty is secured.

COURSE LISTINGS

Introductory Course

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology 3 hrs, 3 cr; GER/2/B. Development of sociological imagination through introduction and application of basic concepts incorporating global and comparative perspectives.

Lower Division

SOC 201 The Family 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101; PD/C. Family functions and interaction. Factors affecting stability and instability.

SOC 203 Education 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Education viewed cross-culturally and historically. Schools and colleges as social systems.

SOC 205 Religion 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Comparative study of religion in societies. Analysis of beliefs, myths, and sacred attitudes.

SOC 207 Leisure, Recreation and Sports 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Role and social organization of leisure and recreation in traditional and modern society.

SOC 209 Arts in Modern Society 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Art as a universal social institution and as the expression of symbolic world of cultural life.

SOC 211 Urban Sociology 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. The relationships of space and society, with special attention to the nature and problems of urban life.

SOC 213 Political Sociology 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Power, authority, political ideologies, and patterns of participation. Articulation and resolution of political issues in contemporary societies.

SOC 215 Occupations and Professions 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Roles, structures, development of occupations and professions. Occupational socialization and professionalization.



SOC 217 Race and Ethnicity 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101; GER/2/B; PD/B. Dominant-subordinate relations among selected groups: Asians, Blacks, Hispanics, Jews, Indians, White ethnics.

SOC 218 Social Inequality 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101; GER/2/B. Examination of social inequality in contemporary society from various empirical and theoretical perspectives focusing on class, ethnic, gender, and other determinants of stratification.

SOC 219 American Society 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Analysis of social structures and culture of the contemporary U.S.A.

SOC 221 Classical Sociological Theory 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101; PD/D. Classical theorists and their contributions.

SOC 223 Current Sociological Theory 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101 or perm instr, and 221. Significance of concepts and nature of evidence applied to leading theories. Theory construction.

SOC 225 Seminar in Selected Problems of Sociology 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101 and perm instr. Lower-level seminar: reading, discussion, and papers on significant problems in sociology.

SOC 231 Introduction to Social Work Profession 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Introduction to and critical analysis of the social work profession in American society.

SOC 235 Community Organization and Action 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Evaluation of specific local and national action programs.

SOC 237 Social Welfare Policy 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Development of welfare institutions. Consequences of welfare services for client and community.

SOC 239 Child Welfare 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Historical and contemporary perspectives on the impact of poverty on children and the social policies that deal with it.

SOC 240 Introduction to Research Methods 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Discussion of various research techniques and strategies including the survey method, field research, experiments, and content analysis. Firsthand involvement in the collection of quantitative data.

SOC 241 Social Statistics 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Application of elementary statistical techniques. Introduction to statistical inference and sampling theory.

SOC 251 Interpersonal Behavior 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Study of interactional processes and the emergence and maintenance of selves and identities.

SOC 253 Deviance and Social Control 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101; GER/2/B. Theories of causation and analysis of particular types of deviance—sexual, criminal, political.

SOC 255 Youth and Adulthood 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Youth and adult modes of adaptation, socialization, intergenerational relations, and career possibilities.

SOC 257 Sex and Gender Roles 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101; GER/2/B; PD/C. Sex role differentiation: femininity, masculinity, marriage, child rearing.

SOC 259 Mass Media, Communication and Public Opinion 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Impact of mass media on public opinion and government action.

Upper Division

SOC 301 Medical Sociology 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Social and cultural factors related to health. Organization of health care services, social structure of the hospital.

SOC 307 Migration 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101; PD/B. Economic, demographic, political and cultural factors influencing migration and the consequences of migration.

SOC 309(W) Social Movements and Social Change 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101; GER/3/B. Analysis of emerging groups inducing or resisting social change often using unconventional means in historical and/or international perspective.

SOC 311 Population Dynamics 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Comparative analysis of fertility, mortality, migration trends, and related social factors.

SOC 313 Consumer Behavior 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Individual and social perspectives on consumer decision making. Social patterns of consumption and consumer social movements.

SOC 315 Work and Society 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Work in market economies, mechanisms of control and sources of stratification, gender and ethnic factors, role of education and trade unions.

SOC 317 Class, Status, and Power 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Inquiry into the empirical and conceptual relation between the fundamental sociological constructs "class," "status," and "power" through a case study of the upper class in the United States. Review of current research and relevant theoretical approaches.

SOC 318 Sociology of Human Rights in Latin America 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Types of societies in which human rights are respected or violated with special emphasis on Latin American regimes in the last two decades. Human rights and diversity—the rights of women and minorities. Movements to protect human rights. The emphasis is on actual social conditions which foster or impede the observance and protection of human rights.

SOC 319 Criminology 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Criminal behavior, arrest, and punishment. Problems of definition, administration of criminal justice.

SOC 320 Law, Society and Civil Rights 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. This course examines from a sociological perspective the concept of law, and legal institutions and their relationship to society and culture, concentrating on the struggle for civil rights in America.

SOC 325 Seminar in Selected Problems of Sociology 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101 and perm instr. Upper-level seminar: reading, discussion, and papers on significant problems in sociology.

SOC 331, 332 Field Placement in Social Work Agencies 4 cr each. Prereq: perm instr. Supervised work in a community service agency 1 full day or 2 half-days a week each semester.

SOC 345 Sociology of Knowledge, Science and Technology 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Systematic analysis of the social basis of knowledge, with particular reference to scientific knowledge.

SOC 350 Qualitative Research Methods 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 221 or 223. An introduction to the most prevalent qualitative research approaches used in applied social research and sociology, including documentary analysis, participatory observation, ethnography, in-depth interviews, focus groups and related methods.

SOC 360 Feminist Social Theory 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101; PD/C. Introduces students to feminist theory developed by women from Western, Third World and other countries.

SOC 361 Development and Modernization 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Examinations of models of social change with a special focus on developing countries.

SOC 363 Social Change and Social Planning 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Process of development of institutions, communities, and nations.

SOC 371, 372 Independent Study 3 cr each sem. Prereq: SOC 101 and perm instr. Completion of reading list and written assignment as proposed by student in consultation with full-time faculty sponsor.

SOC 421 Sociology of Organizations 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101. Organization, structure, and processes; relationship between individual and organization.

SOC 425 Seminar in Selected Problems of Sociology 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101 and perm instr. Advanced seminar: reading, discussion, and papers on significant problems in sociology and in applied social research.

SOC 441 Advanced Research Methods 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 240 and 241. Evaluates strategies and instruments available to sociologists.

SOC 461 Comparative Ethnic and Race Relations 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101 and 217. Patterns of intergroup relations in various countries. Consequences of partition, separatism, pluralism, assimilation.

SOC 471-472 Honors/Independent Study 3 cr each sem. Prereq: SOC 101. Advanced independent research project under direction of full-time member of department.

SOC 473-474 Honors Seminar 3 cr each sem. Prereq: SOC 101 and perm dept. Honors paper.

SOC 498 Internship, hrs to be announced, 3-6 cr. Prereq: SOC 221 or 223 and SOC 240, major in sociology and perm of supervising full-time faculty. Placement of qualified sociology majors off campus in professional non-social service internship settings. Credits are based on analytic internship report, number of hours worked and evaluation by faculty.

Theatre

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The Department of Theatre studies stage production, the history and theory of theatre and drama, and the relationship between text, theory and performance. Theatre courses include acting, playwriting, directing, history, theory, design, production, theatre for young audiences, creative drama, and interdisciplinary performance. The curriculum was developed with an emphasis on professional standards within a liberal arts context.

The theatre major requires courses in practical hands-on work, as well as study of theoretical, critical, and historical approaches to theatre. Interdisciplinary courses include acting, lighting and design for theatre, film and television, adaptation for theatre and film, and comparative aesthetics. Students pursuing a major in theatre must work on theatre productions as part of their requirements for graduation. Advanced undergraduate playwrights may have their work produced by Hunter Playwrights.

Many students who graduate from the theatre program work as actors, directors, stage managers, and designers. Some of our students continue their creative study in conservatory or MFA programs. Others continue their education in history and theory as MA or PhD students. Graduates who concentrate in developmental drama frequently enter the field as teachers and directors of theatre in education.

The department maintains associations with major theatre institutions. Students have opportunities for placement as interns and apprentices with various professional groups.

General Education Requirement (GER) THEA 211(W), 212(W) or 213(W) may be used to fulfill Broad Exposure/Stage 2, Group C; THEA 101 may be used to fulfill Broad Exposure/Stage 2, Group D; 214(W), 215(W), 321(W), 322(W), 323(W), 324(W), 331(W) and 376(W) may be used to fulfill Focused Exposure/Stage 3, Group A. No more than 3 credits of the minor may be applied to the General Education Requirement. Students planning graduate study should be aware that proficiency in one or more foreign languages is desirable.

Distribution Requirement See Appendix A for the Distribution Requirement, which was replaced by the General Education Requirement in fall 2001, and which may be binding on students who matriculated prior to fall 2001.

Major in Theatre (30 cr)

THEA 211, 212, 213, 251, 261, 321	18 cr
THEA 281 or 285 + one course selected from the following:	
THEA 381, 383, 384, 385, or 387	6 cr
Electives chosen from 300-level courses	6 cr
2 production crews (not-for-credit)	