

# SOCIOLOGY

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| Majors Offered  | Number Credits   | Recommended Required GER | Prereq   | Recommended Minor  |
|---|--|--------------------------|--|--|
| BA in Sociology   | 27 includes:<br>SOC 240, 241, 221, 223 plus 15 add'l credits in SOC including at least 6 cr. in 300 level or higher and no more than 3 cr. from SOC 331/332, 371 /372, 471/472, 498              |                          | SOC 101<br>The department recommends a GPA of at least 2.4 when declaring the major.<br>Prospective majors should also have already taken several sociology courses at Hunter. | 12 credits in one department or program leading to a BA degree |
| BS in Social Research<br>(Pending Approval)                   | 45 includes:<br>9 cr. in theory<br>18 cr. in statistics, research methods and workshops<br>6 cr. in applied anthropology and psychology<br>6 cr. in internships<br>6 cr. in introductory courses |                          |  | No minor   |
| <b>Accelerated BA/MS Program in Sociology/Social Research</b> |  |                          |  |  |
| BA/MS in Sociology/Social Research                            | 27 undergraduate plus 45 graduate in sociology/social research.<br>Total credits for BA/MS=145   |                          | Complete basic requirements; pass an honors course (independent study or honors seminar); meet MS program requirements as outlined in graduate catalog                         |  |

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.

## MAJOR

The department recommends a GPA of at least 2.4 when declaring the major. Prospective majors should also have already taken several sociology courses at Hunter. In addition to SOC 101 (Introduction to Sociology), the sociology major consists of 27 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 15 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 leading to a BA degree. No split minors are allowed.

## Minor for other Majors

Students choosing to minor in sociology should consult their major adviser and a sociology adviser to determine their selection of courses.

## 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 adviser at the earliest possible date.

## Bachelor of Science in Social Research Program (BSSR)\*

The department is developing a new 45-credit interdisciplinary major that prepares students for careers in applied social research. Apart from introductory course work, students majoring in social research must take: 9 credits in theory; 18 credits in statistics, research methods, and related workshops; 6 credits in applied anthropology and psychology; and pass a 6-credit internship. 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 during the 2005-2006 academic year. For more information, contact the undergraduate sociology adviser.

\*Pending Hunter College Senate approval.

## 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 adviser.

## 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 advisers. 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 adviser 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 adviser for more information.

## Internships

Provided students secure approval of a full-time faculty member, internships can be carried out for 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 research. 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 race relations. The endowed Rosalyn Tough Award is granted with a cash stipend to outstanding sociology or social research students. The Suzanne Keller Award goes to a sociology student with an outstanding record, and the annual Chicago Award with a \$100 stipend is given to a work-study student or research

assistant whose contribution to a faculty member's work is acknowledged in the faculty member's publication. For more information about the awards contact the departmental advisers.

## Career Opportunities

**Applied Social Research** Students interested in careers in research-related fields such as media and marketing research, policy analysis and evaluation, advertising, consumer behavior, and public opinion polling, as well as students who are contemplating graduate studies 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 SOC 350 (Qualitative Research Methods), and select 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 advisers 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 adviser. 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 Field Placement in Social Work Agencies and SOC 332 Advanced Field Placement in Social Work Agencies, courses that provide supervised field experience. Ideally, this coursework 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. Students interested in Hunter's School of Social Work graduate programs should bear in mind that admission is highly competitive.

**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

Students may design their own areas of concentration but are not required to do so.

- Interpersonal Processes and Relations
  - SOC 201 The Family
  - SOC 251 Interpersonal Behavior
  - SOC 253 Deviance and Social Control
- 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
- 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 Method
  - SOC 498 Internship
- 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
- Theory
  - SOC 221 Classical Sociological Theory
  - SOC 223 Current Sociological Theory
  - SOC 360 Feminist Social Theory
- Fieldwork and Experiential Learning
  - SOC 331-332 Field Placement in Social Work Agencies
  - SOC 371-372 Independent Study
  - SOC 471-472 Honors Independent Study
- Courses recommended for Internship Placement. Completion of any of these courses may help to secure an internship.
  - 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



**COURSE LISTINGS****INTRODUCTORY COURSE****SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology**

GER 2/B

Development of sociological imagination through introduction and application of basic concepts incorporating global and comparative perspectives.  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**LOWER DIVISION****SOC 201 The Family**

GER 3/B PD/C

Family functions and interaction. Factors affecting stability and instability.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 203 Education**

GER 3/B

Education viewed cross-culturally and historically. Schools and colleges as social systems.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 205 Religion**

GER 3/B

Comparative study of religion in societies. Analysis of beliefs, myths, and sacred attitudes.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 207 Leisure, Recreation and Sports**

GER 3/B

Role and social organization of leisure and recreation in traditional and modern society.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 209 Arts in Modern Society**

GER 3/B

Art as a universal social institution and as the expression of symbolic world of cultural life.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 211 Urban Sociology**

GER 3/B

The relationships of space and society, with special attention to the nature and problems of urban life.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 213 Political Sociology**

GER 3/B

Power, authority, political ideologies, and patterns of participation. Articulation and resolution of political issues in contemporary societies.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 215 Occupations and Professions**

GER 3/B

Roles, structures, development of occupations and professions. Occupational socialization and professionalization.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 217 Race and Ethnicity**

GER 3/B PD/B

Dominant-subordinate relations among selected groups: Asians, Blacks, Hispanics, Jews, Indians, White ethnics.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 218 Social Inequality**

GER 3/B

Examination of social inequality in contemporary society from various empirical and theoretical perspectives focusing on class, ethnic, gender, and other determinants of stratification.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 219(W) American Society**

GER 3/B

Analysis of social structures and culture of the contemporary U.S.A.

*prereq:* SOC 101, ENGL 120  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 221 Classical Sociological Theory**

GER 3/B PD/D

Classical theorists and their contributions.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 223 Current Sociological Theory**

GER 3/B

Significance of concepts and nature of evidence applied to leading theories. Theory construction.

*prereqs:* SOC 101 or perm instr, SOC 221  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 225 Seminar in Selected Problems of Sociology**

GER 3/B

Lower-level seminar: reading, discussion, and papers on significant problems in sociology.

*prereqs:* SOC 101, perm instr.  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 231 Introduction to Social Work Profession**

GER 3/B

Introduction to and critical analysis of the social work profession in American society.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 235 Community Organization and Action**

GER 3/B

Evaluation of specific local and national action programs.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 237 Social Welfare Policy**

GER 3/B

Development of welfare institutions. Consequences of welfare services for client and community.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 239(W) Child Welfare**

GER 3/B

Historical and contemporary perspectives on the impact of poverty on children and the social policies that deal with it.

*prereqs:* SOC 101, ENGL 120  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 240 Introduction to Research Methods**

GER 3/B

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.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 241 Social Statistics**

GER 3/B

Application of elementary statistical techniques. Introduction to statistical inference and sampling theory.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 251 Interpersonal Behavior**

GER 3/B

Study of interactional processes and the emergence and maintenance of selves and identities.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 253 Deviance and Social Control**

GER 3/B

Theories of causation and analysis of particular types of deviance: sexual, criminal, political.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 255 Youth and Adulthood**

GER 3/B

Youth and adult modes of adaptation, socialization, intergenerational relations, and career possibilities.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 257 Sex and Gender Roles**

GER 3/B PD/C

Sex role differentiation: femininity, masculinity, marriage, child rearing.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 259(W) Mass Media, Communication and Public Opinion**

GER 3/B

Impact of mass media on public opinion and government action.

*prereq:* SOC 101, ENGL 120  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**UPPER DIVISION**

All 300- and 400-level courses have ENGL 120 as a prerequisite.

**SOC 301 Medical Sociology**

GER 3/B

Social and cultural factors related to health. Organization of health care services, social structure of the hospital.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 307 Migration**

GER 3/B PD/B

Economic, demographic, political and cultural factors influencing migration and the consequences of migration.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 309(W) Social Movements and Social Change**

GER 3/B

Analysis of emerging groups inducing or resisting social change often using unconventional means in historical and/or international perspective.

*prereq:* SOC 101  
*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**SOC 311 Population Dynamics**

GER 3/B

Comparative analysis of fertility, mortality, migration trends, and related social factors.

*prereq:* SOC 101*3 hrs, 3 cr.***SOC 313 Consumer Behavior**

GER 3/B

Individual and social perspectives on consumer decision making. Social patterns of consumption and consumer social movements.

*prereq:* SOC 101*3 hrs, 3 cr.***SOC 314 Culture and Consumption**

GER 3/B

The structure and patterning of everyday life as concerned with material well-being. Symbolic and moral dimensions of food and living arrangements, as well as commerce and the marketplace.

*prereq:* SOC 101*3 hrs, 3 cr.***SOC 315(W) Work and Society**

GER 3/B

Work in market economies, mechanisms of control and sources of stratification, gender and ethnic factors, role of education and trade unions.

*prereq:* SOC 101*3 hrs, 3 cr.***SOC 317 Class, Status, and Power**

GER 3/B

Inquiry into the empirical and conceptual relation between the fundamental sociological constructs of "class," "status," and "power" through a case study of the upper class in the United States. Review of current research and relevant theoretical approaches.

*prereq:* SOC 101*3 hrs, 3 cr.***SOC 318 Sociology of Human Rights in****Latin America**

GER 3/B

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.

*prereq:* SOC 101*3 hrs, 3 cr.***SOC 319 Criminology**

GER 3/B

Criminal behavior, arrest, and punishment. Problems of definition, administration of criminal justice.

*prereq:* SOC 101*3 hrs, 3 cr.***SOC 320 Law, Society and Civil Rights**

GER 3/B

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.

*prereq:* SOC 101*3 hrs, 3 cr.***SOC 325 Seminar in Selected Problems of Sociology**

GER 3/B

Upper-level seminar: reading, discussion, and papers on significant problems in sociology.

*prereqs:* SOC 101, *perm instr.**3 hrs, 3 cr.***SOC 331 Field Placement in Social Work Agencies**

GER 3/B

Supervised work in social service agency, weekly seminar, preparation of weekly assignments and term paper.

*prereqs:* SOC 101, *perm instr.**8 hrs per week, 3 cr. .***SOC 332 Advanced Field Placement in Social Work Agencies**

GER 3/B

Supervised work in social service agency, weekly seminar, agency-based research project.

*prereqs:* SOC 101, SOC 331 *or documented equiv. experience in social work agency, perm instr.**8 hrs per week, 3 cr.***SOC 345 Sociology of Knowledge**

GER 3/B

Systematic analysis of the social basis of knowledge.

*prereq:* SOC 101*3 hrs, 3 cr.***SOC 350(W) Qualitative Research Methods**

GER 3/B

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.

*prereq:* SOC 221 *or* 223*3 hrs, 3 cr.***SOC 360 Feminist Social Theory**

GER 3/B PD/C

Introduces students to feminist theory developed by women from Western, Third World and other countries.

*prereq:* SOC 101*3 hrs, 3 cr.***SOC 361(W) Development and Modernization**

GER 3/B PD/A

Examinations of models of social change with a special focus on developing countries.

*prereq:* SOC 101*3 hrs, 3 cr.***SOC 362(W) Sociology of Islam**

GER 3/B

Introduction to Islam as religion and culture with emphasis on how misconceptions have permeated our understanding of Islam. Analysis from a historical perspective which serves as a framework for comprehending Islam's dogma, rituals, and legal system.

*prereq:* SOC 101*3 hrs, 3 cr.***SOC 363 Social Change**

GER 3/B

Process of development of institutions, communities, and nations.

*prereq:* SOC 101*3 hrs, 3 cr.***SOC 371, 372 Independent Study**

GER 3/B

Completion of reading list and written assignment as proposed by student in consultation with full-time faculty sponsor.

*prereqs:* SOC 101, *perm instr.**3 cr. each sem***SOC 421 Sociology of Organizations**

GER 3/B

Organization, structure, and processes; relationship between individual and organization.

*prereq:* SOC 101*3 hrs, 3 cr.***SOC 425 Seminar in Selected Problems of Sociology**

GER 3/B

Advanced seminar: reading, discussion, and papers on significant problems in sociology and in applied social research.

*prereqs:* SOC 101, *perm instr.**3 hrs, 3 cr.***SOC 441 Advanced Research Methods**

GER 3/B

Evaluates strategies and instruments available to sociologists.

*prereqs:* SOC 240, 241*3 hrs, 3 cr.***SOC 461 Comparative Ethnic and Race Relations**

GER 3/B

Patterns of intergroup relations in various countries. Consequences of partition, separatism, pluralism, assimilation.

*prereqs:* SOC 101, 217*3 hrs, 3 cr.***SOC 471/472 Honors/Independent Study**

GER 3/B

Advanced independent research project under direction of full-time member of department.

*prereq:* SOC 101*3 cr. each sem***SOC 473/474 Honors Seminar**

GER 3/B

Honors paper.

*prereqs:* SOC 101, *perm dept.**3 cr. each sem***SOC 498 Internship**

GER 3/B

Open to majors only. 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.

*prereqs:* SOC 221 *or* 223 *and* SOC 240; *perm**supervising full-time faculty**hrs TBA, 3-6 cr.***Courses That May Not Be Offered in 2004-2007:****SOC 360 Feminist Social Theory**