



Sociology 2014-2015

Sociology is the scientific or systematic study of human groups and societies and patterns of interaction in real life settings. It uses a variety of research and theoretical perspectives to analyze and explain human social behavior and social change. As all human behavior is essentially social, sociology students examine a wide range of human interactions.

This program includes a range of courses that analyze sociological topics and enable students to develop and apply a sociological imagination or the ability to examine the broader connections between personal life, public issues and the social structure.

Sociology, with its extensive scope of subject matter, provides a valuable major for a diverse range of career paths.

Program Learning Outcomes:

- Students will be able to demonstrate a working knowledge of the core concepts of sociology: social structure, culture, social stratification and inequality, race, ethnicity, and gender and globalization.
- Students will be able to apply their understanding of sociology to their professional, personal and civic lives.

Career Opportunities:

A major in sociology prepares students to seek employment in various employment sectors. The level of education completed influences the range of career opportunities offered. Advanced degrees in sociology broaden students' career paths to include high school through university teaching, research, consulting, business, politics, journalism, public relations and public administration and all fields that require strong analytical skills and attention to issues of diversity. As a liberal arts major, sociology also provides a foundation for various professions such as social welfare, law, marketing, non-profit management and counseling. Regardless of focus, all sociology students should become proficient in writing and speaking, research techniques and technology.

Units required for Major: 30

Associate Degree Requirements:

- English proficiency: ENGL 1A, 1AH, 1S & 1T, ESLL 26 or equivalent.
- Mathematics proficiency: MATH 57, 105, 108 or equivalent..

A minimum of 90 units is required* to include:

- Completion of one of the following general education patterns: Foothill General Education, CSU General Education Breadth Requirements or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)
- Core courses (17 units)
- Support courses (13 units)

*Additional elective course work may be necessary to meet the 90-unit minimum requirement for the associate degree.

NOTE: All courses pertaining to the major must be taken for a letter grade.

Program Type:

AA = Associate in Arts Degree.

Additional Information:

NOTE: Students having difficulty attaining an associate degree because of timing or availability of classes should consult with a counselor to submit a petition for course substitution.

Core Courses: 17 Unit(s)

SOC 1 Introduction to Sociology (5 units)

And 12 units from the following:

SOC 8 Popular Culture (4 units)

SOC 10 Research Methods & Designs (5 units)

or PSYC 10 Research Methods & Designs (5 units)

SOC 11 Introduction to Social Welfare (5 units)

SOC 14 Sociology of Crime (4 units)

SOC 15 Law & Society (4 units)

SOC 19 Alcohol & Drug Abuse (4 units)

SOC 20 Major Social Problems (4 units)

SOC 23 Race & Ethnic Relations (4 units)

SOC 28 Sociology of Gender (4 units)

SOC 30 Social Psychology (4 units)

SOC 40 Aspects of Marriage & Family (4 units)

SOC 57 Child Advocacy (4 units)

Support Courses: 13 Unit(s)

ANTH 2A Cultural Anthropology (4 units)

CHLD 51A Affirming Diversity in Education (4 units)

CHLD 88 Child, Family & Community (4 units)

ECON 1A Principles of Macroeconomics (5 units)

ECON 9 Political Economy (4 Units)

or ECON 9H Honors Political Economy (4 Units)

or POLI 9 Political Economy (4 units)

or POLI 9H Honors Political Economy (4 units)

ENGR 39 Energy, Society & the Environment (5 units)

GEOG 2 Human Geography (4 units)

GERN 10 Sociology of Aging (3 Units)

GERN 15 Issues in Death, Dying & Bereavement Across Cultures (3 Units)

GERN 56 Aging & Diversity (3 Units)

HIST 8 History of Latin America (4 units)

HIST 9 History of Contemporary Europe (4 units)

or HIST 9H Honors History of Contemporary Europe (4 units)

HIST 10 History of California: The Multicultural State (4 units)

HIST 17C History of the United States from 1914 to the Present (4 units)

MATH 10 Elementary Statistics (5 units)

PHIL 1 Critical Thinking & Writing (5 units)

PSYC 22 Psychology of Prejudice (4 units)



SOC 54H Honors Institute Seminar in Sociology (1 unit)
SOC 70R Independent Study in Sociology (1 unit)
SOC 71R Independent Study in Sociology (2 units)
SOC 72R Independent Study in Sociology (3 units)
SOC 73R Independent Study in Sociology (4 units)
WMN 5 Introduction to Women's Studies (4 units)
WMN 21 Psychology of Women: Sex & Gender Differences
(4 units)
or PSYC 21 Psychology of Women: Sex & Gender
Differences (4 units)
or SOC 21 Psychology of Women: Sex & Gender Differences
(4 units)