The Social Services option is designed to prepare students for beginning practice in a social services agency or going on to graduate study in social work, counseling or public administration. In the Social Services option, students take a variety of courses including two quarters of field placement, where they work for credit in a social services agency.

The core requirements for all majors include courses in social theory and research methods. The research methods sequence includes training in applied social research and computer applications for the social sciences.

The department faculty includes both sociologists and social workers who have expertise in the areas of family and interpersonal relationships, social theory, drug and alcohol abuse, applied social research, demography, aging, urban sociology, sports and leisure, sexuality, social conflict and violence, crime, international development, culture, social psychology, emotions, medical sociology, and minority and immigrant groups.

Please consult an advisor in your major department for clarification and interpretation of your major requirements. The major consists of 61 units; the B.A. degree requires a total of 180 units.
Upper Division Core

- SOC 3310 Sociological Theory
- SOC 4111 Methods of Sociological Research I
- SOC 4112 Methods of Sociological Research II

Social Services Option

- SOC 3425 Prejudice and Discrimination or SOC 3520 Sociology of Minority Groups
- SOC 3700 Introduction to Social Services
- SOC 3710 Social Policy
- SOC 3720 Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- SOC 4716 Social Work Theories and Methods
- SOC 4718 Field Practicum (must be repeated once for credit)
- SOC 4719 Field Practicum Seminar (must be repeated once for credit)

*Option electives: Complete 8 units from upper division Sociology courses. (Up to 8 units of upper division Statistics courses, selected under advisement, may be counted as Sociology electives.)