

CAREER TRACKS

in Sociology

Our major prepares students for success in a variety of careers. Sociologists develop skills like critical thinking, problem solving, data analysis, and communication that allow you to better understand diverse communities and advocate for social justice. Depending on your specific goals, **we recommend the following career tracks:**

Education
Social Services
HR & Public Administration
Therapy

Marketing
Research
Law & Criminal Justice

EDUCATION TRACK

Prepares sociology majors for careers in education at the K-12 level or beyond, including teaching positions as well as administration in school systems. Depending on your interests, **recommended classes include:**

SOC 315 Introduction to Disability Studies (Diversity)
SOC 320 Social Inequalities (Social Justice)
SOC 325 Race & Ethnicity (GE-UD-D, Diversity)
SOC 350 Sociology of Immigration (Diversity)
SOC 360 Sociology of Sexualities (GE-UD-D)
SOC 370 Sociology of Education (Diversity)
SOC 375 Urban Sociology
SOC 383 Sociology of Mental Health and Illness
SOC 385 Childhood and Society
SOC 405 Sociology of Organizations
SOC 433 Community Engagement (Social Justice)
SOC 445 Sociology of Emotions
SOC 455 Juvenile Delinquency

Recommended Minor: Human Development or Ethnic Studies

SOCIAL SERVICES TRACK

Prepares sociologists for careers in social work and related fields that provide direct support to specific groups, especially those who are marginalized or who experience inequality. Depending on your interests, **recommended classes include:**

- SOC 315 Introduction to Disability Studies (Diversity)
- SOC 320 Social Inequalities (Social Justice)
- SOC 325 Race & Ethnicity (GE-UD-D, Diversity)
- SOC 330 Environmental Sociology (GE-UD-D, Sustainability)
- SOC 350 Sociology of Immigration (Diversity)
- SOC 365 Deviance & Social Control
- SOC 380 Sociology of Race, Crime and Justice
- SOC 383 Sociology of Mental Health and Illness
- SOC 403 Sociology of the Family
- SOC 405 Sociology of Organizations
- SOC 410 Child Welfare Policy
- SOC 413 Medical Sociology (Social Justice)
- SOC 423 Social Movements & Social Change
- SOC 430 Social Policy
- SOC 433 Community Engagement (Social Justice)
- SOC 455 Juvenile Delinquency
- SOC 499 Sociology Capstone Project (**Recommended**)

Recommended Minor: Human Development or Psychology

HR & PUBLIC ADMIN TRACK

Prepares sociology majors for careers in human resources as well as public administration, including in government, non-profits, or the private sector. Depending on your interests, **recommended classes include:**

- SOC 320 Social Inequalities (Social Justice)
- SOC 355 Global Society (Sustainability)
- SOC 400 Economy & Society
- SOC 405 Sociology of Organizations
- SOC 420 Political Sociology (Social Justice)
- SOC 425 Work & Professions
- SOC 430 Social Policy
- SOC 433 Community Engagement (Social Justice)
- SOC 435 Social Psychology
- SOC 445 Sociology of Emotions
- SOC 465 Mediation & Conflict Resolution

Recommended Minor: Business Administration or Psychology

THERAPY TRACK

Prepares sociology majors for careers in therapy, including marriage and family therapy, psychiatry, death doulas, or other mental health practices. Depending on your interests, **recommended classes include:**

- SOC 315 Introduction to Disability Studies (Diversity)
- SOC 320 Social Inequalities (Social Justice)
- SOC 340 Sociology of Gender (GE-UD-D, Diversity)
- SOC 360 Sociology of Sexualities (GE-UD-D)
- SOC 383 Sociology of Mental Health and Illness
- SOC 403 Sociology of Family
- SOC 418 Sociology of Music
- SOC 435 Social Psychology
- SOC 440 Alcohol & Drug Use
- SOC 443 Death & Dying
- SOC 444 Sociology of Violence
- SOC 445 Sociology of Emotions
- SOC 460 Marriage & Sex (Diversity)
- SOC 465 Mediation & Conflict Resolution

Recommended Minor: Psychology or Human Development

MARKETING TRACK

Prepares sociology majors for careers in marketing, including user experience research as well as other public relations work. Depending on your interests, **recommended classes include:**

- SOC 320 Social Inequalities (Social Justice)
- SOC 355 Global Society (Sustainability)
- SOC 400 Economy & Society
- SOC 405 Sociology of Organizations
- SOC 415 Popular Culture
- SOC 418 Sociology of Music
- SOC 420 Political Sociology (Social Justice)
- SOC 435 Social Psychology
- SOC 445 Sociology of Emotions
- SOC 450 Sociology of Food
- SOC 470 Sociology of Travel & Tourism
- SOC 475 Sociology of Sport
- SOC 499 Sociology Capstone Project (**Recommended**)

Recommended Minor: Business Admin. Psychology, or Communications

RESEARCH TRACK

Prepares sociology majors for careers in research, including in government as well as other organizations in the public and private sectors. The key skills needed for research are best developed in applied practice. For this reason, the main class(es) you should take include the core Research Methods class as well as Capstone, where you will complete your own original research project.

SOC 499 Sociology Capstone Project (Recommended)
SOC 492 Capstone Project Support (1 unit, Take w/ SOC 499)

Recommended Minor: Statistics or Psychology

LAW & CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRACK

Prepares sociology majors for careers in the legal field as well as other criminal justice work aimed at rehabilitating offenders, preventing crime, and providing moral support for victims. Depending on your interests, **recommended classes include:**

SOC 315 Introduction to Disability Studies (Diversity)
SOC 320 Social Inequalities (Social Justice)
SOC 325 Race & Ethnicity (GE-UD-D, Diversity)
SOC 350 Sociology of Immigration (Diversity)
SOC 365 Deviance & Social Control
SOC 375 Urban Sociology
SOC 380 Sociology of Race, Crime and Justice
SOC 423 Social Movements & Social Change
SOC 430 Social Policy
SOC 433 Community Engagement (Social Justice)
SOC 435 Social Psychology
SOC 440 Alcohol & Drug Use
SOC 444 Sociology of Violence
SOC 455 Juvenile Delinquency
SOC 465 Mediation & Conflict Resolution
SOC 485 Policing and Society
SOC 499 Sociology Capstone Project (Recommended)

Recommended Minor: Criminal Justice or Political Science

Remember, not all classes are offered every semester in every modality. Some careers may require additional certifications, degrees, or training beyond a Bachelor's degree. Speak with a career counselor to develop a long-term plan!