

SOCIOLOGY BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A TRACK IN CRIME, VIOLENCE & JUSTICE

Program Overview

Sociology is the systematic and empirically-based study of human social interaction ranging from the most simple exchanges between people to complex, multi-layered and multi-scaled global processes and structures. It also examines the central place of language, a shared and dynamic set of symbols and meanings, in human lives. Students learn both about the worlds in which they and others live and how to understand and explain how these worlds work and sometimes do not. And they consider, based on these understandings, what sorts of interventions, through policy or practice, might serve to change aspects of those worlds for the better for those living in them. The department offers students literacy and training in multiple theories and methods of social inquiry, giving special attention to qualitative and historical analysis.

Students in the program enjoy frequent collaboration with the Des Moines community through research assignments, service learning, and internships. Recent graduates have gone to graduate school in social work, business, law, paralegal studies, sociology, criminology, and anthropology. They also have found jobs in government agencies, businesses, and social service organizations according to their interests and past experiences.

Sociology Major with a Track in Crime, Violence & Justice

The sociology major offers sound preparation for careers in law and public administration, medicine and public health, activism, social work, advertising and marketing, politics and public policy, business, banking, and consulting, to name just a few. The various courses in the sociology program examine social groups and processes in a wide diversity of contexts, with an emphasis on critical thinking and social justice.

The program has flexibility built into the core course requirements and allows anthropology and rhetoric courses to contribute to the curriculum for majors. Students are encouraged to work with their advisers to assure selection of courses compatible with their educational and career objectives.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements		
SOC 001	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	3
SOC 042	SOCIOLOGICAL INQUIRY	3
SOC 062		3
SOC 065		3
SOC 151	CRIMINOLOGY	3
SOC 175	THEORIES OF INEQUALITY	3
SOC 199	SENIOR CAPSTONE	3
Select one of the following ethnicity and race area courses: ¹		
SOC 105	RACE, GENDER & POVERTY	3
SOC 161	RACE & ETHNICITY	
ANTH 158	REPRESENTING RACE	

SOC 167	SOCIOLOGY OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE	
POLS 117	RACE AND AMERICAN POLITICS	
EDUC 164	PERSPECTIVES IN RACE, ETHNICITY, AND GENDER	
Track Electives		
Select six of the following: ²		18
ANTH 156	ETHNOGRAPHIC METHODS	
ANTH 170	GLOBAL POLITICAL VIOLENCE	
EDUC 162	URBAN EDUCATION IMMIGRATION	
EDUC 183	SOCIAL CONTEXT FOR URBAN SCHOOLS	
EDUC 186	YOUTH, CULTURE, AND SOCIETY	
ENSS 157	ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE	
LPS 031	LAW AND THE BORDERS OF BELONGING	
LPS 038	LAW AND ORDER	
LPS 133	DRUGS, LAW, AND SOCIETY	
LPS 135	SPECIAL TOPICS IN LAW, POLITICS, AND SOCIETY	
PHIL 136	THEORIES OF JUSTICE	
POLS 117	RACE AND AMERICAN POLITICS	
POLS 152	TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE	
POLS 153	RACIAL JUSTICE & HUMAN RIGHTS	
POLS 154	HUMAN TRAFFICKING	
POLS 162	GENDER AND WAR	
PSY 135	PSYCHOLOGY OF PREJUDICE	
SOC 179	MASS INCARCERATION	
SOC 080	SOCIAL PROBLEMS	
SOC 105	RACE, GENDER & POVERTY	
SOC 140	YOUTH AND CRIME	
SOC 146	RESTORATIVE JUSTICE	
SOC 161	RACE & ETHNICITY	
SOC 167	SOCIOLOGY OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE	
SOC 170	DEVIANCE	
SOC 177	GENDER AND VIOLENCE	
WLC 148	INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION	
Total Hours		42

¹ Additional courses on this list can count towards electives.

² At least 9 credits need to be in sociology. The other 9 credits can be chosen from sociology, anthropology or approved courses outside of the department. No more than 6 credits can come from the same discipline with the exception of sociology and anthropology.

In addition to programmatic requirements, students are responsible for satisfying all requirements of the Drake Curriculum (<https://catalog.drake.edu/undergraduate/academic-information/drake-curriculum/>), including Areas of Inquiry (AOI)

Student must also satisfy university graduation requirements (<https://catalog.drake.edu/undergraduate/academic-information/graduation-requirements/>) for all undergraduate students..