

Sociology

Department of Anthropology, Sociology and Social Work

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Objectives

Sociologists are fascinated by the fundamental question: why do people do what they do? Sociologists describe and explain the ecological foundations of society, major institutions and the ways in which people interact, organize their lives together and bestow meaning on the world. In so doing we seek a wider cross-cultural and multi-cultural understanding, striving to make people's lives intelligible across the boundaries of culture, class, race, and gender.

Students are invited to develop their abilities to apply the sociological perspective to the study of social life. We seek to build a learning environment which will bring each student to a level of understanding and skill needed to apply that knowledge to furthering one's career and bettering one's life and society. We help prepare students for careers in human services, for graduate study in sociology, education and law. Internships match theory with practice by providing opportunities for on-the-job training.

We strive to help students make sense of their own lives and the world in which they live. We also want to empower them to see the possibilities and limits of social change and of service to others.

Degree Offered

Bachelor of Arts

Majors Offered

Sociology

Sociology with Departmental Honors

Minor Offered

Sociology

Bachelor of Arts

Major in Sociology

In order to earn the bachelor of arts degree with a major in sociology, students must complete a minimum of 180 credits with a cumulative and major/program grade point average of 2.00, including the following:

I. Core Curriculum Requirements

ENGL 110	College Writing: Inquiry and Argument	5
PHIL 110	Introduction to Philosophy and Critical Thinking	5
HIST 120	Origins of Western Civilization	5
ENGL 120	Introduction to Literature	5
MATH 107 or 110 or above	.....	5
Lab Science	.....	5
Fine Arts (one approved 5 credit course; see course descriptions)	.....	5
PHIL 220	Philosophy of the Human Person	5
Social Science I (not sociology)	.....	5
Social Science II (not sociology and different discipline from Social Science I)	.....	5

Theology and Religious Studies Phase II (200-299)	5
Ethics (upper division).....	5
Theology and Religious Studies Phase III (300-399)	5
Interdisciplinary	3 to 5
Senior Synthesis	3

II. College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

Modern Language 115, 125, 135, or equivalent	15
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NOTE: All students with a major in the College of Arts and Sciences must demonstrate competency through the level of 135 in a language other than English. This competency is ordinarily achieved by successful completion of the three-course sequence: 115, 125, and 135. Because these courses are a college requirement, no course in the sequence may be taken on a pass/fail, correspondence, or audit basis. Placement into other than the beginning course of the sequence is achieved by acceptable performance on the Modern Language Competency Examination. See the Modern Languages Department for details on the examinations. Courses used to satisfy the College of Arts and Sciences modern language requirement may not be used to fulfill sociology major requirements.

Choose one of the following two courses:	5
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HIST 121	Studies in Modern Civilization
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HIST 231	Survey of the United States
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III. Major Requirements

55 credits in sociology, social work, and anthropology, including:

SOCL 301	Approaches to Sociological Reasoning.....	5
SOCL 302	Sociological Methods (Prerequisite SOCL 301).....	5
SOCL 402	Sociological Theory (Prerequisites SOCL 301, SOCL 302)	5

Area I: Power and Stratification

Choose one from the following three courses:.....	5
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SOCL 316	Class and Inequality
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SOCL 317	Race and Ethnicity
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SOCL 318	Gender Roles and Sexuality
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Area II: Self and Society

Choose one from the following two courses:.....	5
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SOCL 222	Society and Behavior
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ANTH 323	Culture and Personality
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Choose electives from ANTH, SOCL and SOCW courses.	30
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NOTE: 1. A minimum of 30 upper-division credits in sociology, social work, and anthropology will be required for graduation. 2. Transfer students must complete a minimum of 25 credits in sociology, social work, and/or anthropology at Seattle University. 3. Several courses in the sociology major have been identified as satisfying the senior synthesis and the core interdisciplinary requirements. Those courses may be used to fill major requirements or major electives while also fulfilling university core requirements. The credit for each course completed is included in totals only once.

Bachelor of Arts Major in Sociology with Departmental Honors

The honors major in sociology offers an opportunity for motivated and capable students to engage in more extensive interaction with faculty and to complete challenging individual research projects that will further their personal and professional goals.

Application to the major: To be accepted to the program, students must have both a cumulative and major/program grade point average of 3.50 and must have completed SOCL 302 and SOCL 402. Interested students should apply in spring quarter of the junior year or fall quarter of the senior year.

Completion of the major: During senior year, sociology honors students will take the sociology honors sequence (SOCL 477 for 3 credits in fall quarter, SOCL 478 for 3 credits in winter quarter, and SOCL 479 for 4 credits in spring quarter). Students in the sociology honors major complete 10 credits of course work above the norm for sociology majors (for a total of 65 credits in sociology), and also complete a substantial thesis under the direction of a faculty member. The thesis will be subject to approval by department faculty and will be presented in an oral defense. In order to complete the requirements for sociology honors and receive a notation to that effect on their transcripts, students must also maintain a cumulative and major/program grade point average of 3.50. In addition, the grade received for SOCL 479 Sociology Honors Thesis Supervision must be an A or A-. In addition to the bachelor of arts in sociology major requirements, the honors major includes:

Ten credits in sociology honors, including:

SOCL 477	Sociology Honors Directed Reading	3
SOCL 478	Sociology Honors Directed Study	3
SOCL 479	Sociology Honors Thesis Supervision.....	4

Minor in Sociology

In order to earn a minor in sociology, students must complete 30 credits in sociology, social work, and anthropology including:

SOCL 301	Approaches to Sociological Reasoning.....	5
Choose one of the following two courses:		5
SOCL 302	Sociological Methods	
SOCL 402	Sociological Theory	

Area I: Power and Stratification

Choose one from the following three courses:..... 5

SOCL 316	Class and Inequality	
SOCL 317	Race and Ethnicity	
SOCL 318	Gender Roles and Sexuality	

Area II: Self and Society

Choose one from the following two courses:..... 5

SOCL 222	Society and Behavior	
ANTH 323	Culture and Personality	

Choose electives from SOCL, SOCW and ANTH courses: 10

NOTE: 1. Transfer students must take at least 15 upper-division ANTH, SOCL, or SOCW credits at Seattle University for the minor. See policy for minors (84-1) for more information. 2. Several courses in the sociology major have been identified as satisfying the senior synthesis and the core interdisciplinary requirements. Those courses may be used to fill major requirements or major electives while also fulfilling university core requirements. The credit for each course completed is included in totals only once.

Sociology Courses

- SOCL 120 Sociological Perspectives..... 5**
A description of the science of sociology; an analysis of interpersonal relations, of associations and social institutions, and the way these affect one another and are affected by culture. Core Option: Social Science I.
- SOCL 210 Social Problems 5**
Exploration of the basic institutions and social structure of America. Analysis of main patterns and trends since WWII in population, environment, technology, economy, politics, family, and class, interpreted as a transformation to a post-industrial society. Reflection on origin and nature of American values and character structure (esp. Weber); problems and future prospects. Core Option: Social Science II.
- SOCL 219 Deviance and Social Control..... 5**
Analysis of the nature and dynamics, norms and values, deviance and sanctions, and modes of social control. Theories of causes of deviant behavior, types of deviance, processes of becoming deviant, stigmatization; deviant groups and subcultures, deviance and race, ethnicity, gender, and class differences; deviance, innovation, and social change. Core option: Social Science II. Cross-listed with CRJS 200.
- SOCL 222 Society and Behavior 5**
Inquiry into fundamental relations between the individual and society. Theoretical perspectives on interaction and communication, formation of personal identity through identification with models, internal organization of self, formation and changes of perceptions, attitudes, beliefs, and behavior; small-group dynamics, collective behavior. Core Option: Social Science II.
- SOCL 291-293 Special Topics..... 1 to 5**
- SOCL 296 Directed Study 1 to 5**
- SOCL 301 Approaches to Sociological Reasoning..... 5**
An in-depth study of the field of sociology outlining the structure of the discipline, major theoretical and methodological perspectives, and definition of sociological problems. History of the field, relations and boundaries with other disciplines and current issues in sociology will also be covered. Required of all SOCL majors.
- SOCL 302 Sociological Methods 5**
This course deals with the why and how of social research. We will cover two main themes: the epistemology of social science and the logic of study design. Students will chart the logic of a social study and establish criteria for evaluating this study. At the conclusion of this course students will be able to understand and interpret information about the contemporary social world. Required of all SOCL majors.
- SOCL 303 Sociology of Community..... 5**
Study of community as both an experience and a place; main focus on the life of the local community. Consideration of classical theories of Toennies and others; ecological, anthropological, and sociological perspectives on community. Historical changes transforming communities in the modern world and America. Contemporary problems of community and innovative responses; community and regional development.
- SOCL 316 Class and Inequality..... 5**
Exploration of the nature and development of social inequality and societal stratification. Alternative theories of Marx, Weber, functionalist and others on the dynamics and evolution of stratification systems, especially the emergence of the modern class system, in relation to changes in social structure. Special focus on classes and the elite in America, and contemporary changes.

- SOCL 317 Race and Ethnicity** 5
Investigation of the social construction of race and ethnicity in comparative perspective, including the political and socio-historical factors affecting individual and group identities. Special attention paid to the economic and social-psychological dimensions of racism and domination. Cross-listed with SOCW 317.
- SOCL 318 Gender Roles and Sexuality** 5
Maleness/femaleness vs. masculinity/femininity; reflection of gender role changes in modern and traditional societies, perceptions and explanations of role changes in educational, economic, political, religious, marital, and familial life in American society.
- SOCL 324 Family and Kinship** 5
Analysis of the nature of family systems. Kinship as the primordial social bond, and the evolution of families in relation to changes in the larger social structure. Contemporary family types, dynamics, development, policy; changes in contemporary family and kinship relations. Cross-listed with ANTH 324.
- SOCL 330 Sociology/Anthropology of Religion** 5
Exploration of the nature and evolution of religion from a cross-cultural perspective. Theories of Durkheim, Marx, Weber, and others on the nature and dynamics of religious beliefs, symbols, behaviors, organizations, and movements; interrelations of religion, society, culture, and self. Evolution of religious systems in relation to changes in social organization; contemporary religion and society. Cross-listed with ANTH 330.
- SOCL 333 Sociology/Anthropology of Law** 5
Exploration of the nature and dynamics of law from a cross-cultural perspective. Theories of custom and law, sources of legal forms and principles; legal institutions, classes, and the state; deviance, law, and social control; changes in legal systems in relation to changes in politics, economics, religion, and society. Cross-listed with ANTH 333.
- SOCL 334 Punishment and Social Theory** 5
This course explores the history of crime punishment including various theories for the justification of punishment. Cross-listed with CRJS 423.
- SOCL 335 Sociology of Mental Illness** 5
The nature, dynamics, and treatment of madness and insanity from a socio-cultural perspective. Theoretical perspectives on the social causes of mental illness; class, gender, and cultural differences; therapeutic approaches in cross-cultural and historical perspective. Changes in types and treatments of mental illness in relation to changes in society; contemporary definitions and treatment. Cross-listed with ANTH 335.
- SOCL 336 Sociology/Anthropology of Health and Medicine** 5
Exploration of the meanings of health, disease, and modes of healing from a cross-cultural perspective. Changes in disease and mortality in relation to changes in social structure. Development of modern scientific medicine, professionalization, and the hospital system; critiques and alternative therapeutics; contemporary dilemmas and future prospects. Cross-listed with ANTH 336.
- SOCL 350 Society and Politics** 5
Examination of the relationship between politics and social institutions such as the family, law education, and religion. Emphasis is on types of political structures, political action, political movements and the implications of these political activities in other areas of society.
- SOCL 353 Housing Design and the Sustainable Community** 5
This survey course examines housing and the creation of the "American Dream." Course material is approached through a historic profile of design, style, and urban development. The course explores the role of public policy and the relationship of housing to popular media, advertising, physical design, and societal interests.

SOCL 355	Community Design Workshop	5
	Service learning course that integrates planning methods and practices of community building through a quarter-long project. Students analyze and develop strategies and recommendations in an urban development or design plan. Cross-listed with PUBA 355 and SOCL 355. Core interdisciplinary option.	
SOCL 391-393	Special Topics	1 to 5
SOCL 396	Directed Study	1 to 5
SOCL 402	Sociological Theory	5
	An overview of both classical and contemporary theory with special emphasis on conceptualization of theoretical problems, comparison of theoretical approaches and limitations of given theoretical perspectives. Central sociological themes: the transition from traditional to modern society, the relation of ideas to social structure and the focus of identity in post-modern society will be discussed. Required of all SOCL majors.	
SOCL 410	Feminist Theories	5
	An in depth overview of classical and contemporary feminist theories with an emphasis on the inter-relationships between social class, gender, race, and other social institutions. Cross-listed with WMST 382.	
SOCL 425	Gender, Race and Crime	5
	This course explores feminist and critical race theoretical perspectives for understanding crime and punishment. The course offers comparisons of offender populations, policies and punishments across race, class, and gender. Topics include racial profiling, disparities and discrimination in the criminal justice system, female offenders, and male violence against women. Cross-listed with CRJS 405.	
SOCL 477	Sociology Honors Directed Reading	3
SOCL 478	Sociology Honors Directed Study	3
SOCL 479	Sociology Honors Thesis Supervision	4
SOCL 480	Asian American Experience: Culture, History and Community	5
	This interdisciplinary course looks at the history, cultural values, expressions of community, and forms of social organization in Asian and Pacific Islander immigrant groups. Satisfies the core interdisciplinary requirement.	
SOCL 481	Sexual Politics	5
	This course explores the social organization and management of sexual expression as reflected in culture, economics, education, law, politics, and religion. Satisfies the core interdisciplinary requirement.	
SOCL 482 -483	Interdisciplinary Core Course	3 to 5
	Title and content vary.	
SOCL 485	Urban Politics	5
	Exploration of core theories, concepts, analytical methods and policies related to the field of urban sociology. Course examines the transformation and the political economy of urban spaces; the intersection of race, class, gender and the urban space. Topics will include racial and ethnic segregation, poverty, immigration, gentrification and urban redevelopment, suburbanization, gender, globalization, culture and social movements. Satisfies the core interdisciplinary requirement.	
SOCL 491-493	Special Topics	1 to 5
SOCL 495	Internship	5 to 10
	Practical work experience in a selected organization or supervised setting. Students are required to meet weekly on campus with other interns in a colloquium guided by a faculty member.	
SOCL 496	Independent Study	1 to 5
SOCL 497	Directed Reading	1 to 5
SOCL 498	Directed Research	1 to 5