

SOCIOLOGY

Sociology—the scientific study of society and human interaction—is an opportunity to learn a great deal about yourself and the society around you. The Department of Sociology at Wichita State University offers strong undergraduate and graduate programs and gives you the option to study society in general by taking one course, or in more depth by completing the 15-hour minor or the 31-hour major.

The study of society mandates specific skills for interpreting information and observations. As a sociology major, you are required to take research methods, statistics and theory, plus 15 hours of electives. With this flexibility, you can select specific areas of concentration in deviant behavior, family, gender, gerontology, social organization, intimate relations and others. Or you may prefer some combination of these specialties. Depending on your needs, interests, and goals, you may take courses in related fields, such as social work, psychology, political science, or ethnic studies, or in other colleges such as business or education.

Sociology is an excellent general degree in the social sciences that may be tailored to

your specific needs as you prepare for graduate or professional schools.

Admission

When you choose to study sociology you will be admitted to the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. You will be assigned a faculty adviser in sociology who will help you develop your program of study.

If you are still deciding on a major when you begin taking classes at WSU, the Liberal Arts and Sciences Advising Center can help you explore career and major options.

Related Opportunities

You may participate in the cooperative education program, internships, directed research projects and independent readings. Some students are selected to work directly with faculty on research and projects of common interest. Through faculty community service, you can gain hands-on experience in social agencies, volunteering and cooperative education employment opportunities.

If eligible, you may be selected for University academic honor societies such as Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and Mortar Board.

After Graduation

Sociology graduates are very successful in the work force after graduation. Some of our students participate in Cooperative Education, a program that helps you find a part-time job—with pay—in an area related to sociology and your interests. You earn three hours of sociology credit, build experience, and test your career choice—all before you graduate. Relevant experience increases your career options after graduation. Many times experience turns into a full-time job. About 75 percent of our Bachelor of Arts graduates work in human service delivery, a diverse area with many opportunities.

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**GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
REQUIREMENTS**

The General Education Program is an integral component of every degree at Wichita State University. These courses make up about one third of any degree. The goals of the General Education program are:

- **To study and apply mathematical principles;**
- **To study and apply principles of written and oral communication;**
- **To study and apply basic library research skills including basic assessment of various kinds of sources;**
- **To study the natural sciences, social and behavioral sciences, humanities and fine arts in order to understand how scholars in those fields work;**
- **To study human diversity and its implications for society on a global basis.**

Successful completion of the General Education Program and LAS College requirements provides knowledge and skills leading to life-long learning in an ever-changing global world.

Descriptions of the General Education Program and of the courses that are included in it are available both in the *University Catalog* and in the *Schedule of Courses*. These documents are available both in hard copy form and online at the WSU Web site: www.wichita.edu. Click on "Browse A-Z" and use C for the *Catalog* and S for the *Schedule of Courses* menu option, and then select "General Education."

When you enter the university, you will work with an academic advisor to select general education courses for your major and your degree choice.

For More Information

To receive more information, or to arrange a campus visit, contact:
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Major Requirements*	
Introduction to Sociology	3
Introduction to Social Research	3
Sociological Statistics	3
Measurements and Analysis	4
Sociological Theory	3
Electives	15
Total	31
*Some courses listed in Major Requirements will count toward the LAS General Education Requirements.	

Minor Requirements	
Introduction to Sociology	3
Upper-division courses (at least 6 hours, 500 level or above)	6
Electives	6
Total	15

Sociology Faculty	
• Twyla J. Hill (PhD, University of California- Irvine). Sociology of Aging, Sociology of Families, sociology Law, Asian-American Sociology, Research Methods.	
• Jodie L. Hertzog (PhD, Purdue University). Family studies, Sociology of Gender, Intimate Violence Prevention.	
• Charles S. Koeber (PhD, State University of New York-Binghamton). Work, Labor Markets, Stratification/Inequality.	
• Ron Matson (PhD, University of Colorado). Department Chair. Undergraduate Program Coordinator. Men and Masculinities, Intimate Relationships, Parenting, Humanism.	
• Kathleen O'Flaherty Perez (PhD, Purdue University). Quantitative Methods, Urban, Demography.	
• Jennifer Pearson (PhD, University of Texas at Austin). Sociology of Gender and Sexuality, Sociology of Education, Adolescence and the Transition to Adulthood.	
• Lisa Thrane (PhD, Iowa State University). Deviance, Mental Health, Social Inequality, Digital Citizenship, Research Methods.	
• David W. Wright (PhD, Purdue University). Analysis, Marxism, Industrial Sociology, Gender Analysis Theory.	