

Programs

Sociology, B.A.

(33 - 42 credits)

The Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, under the Department of History, Political Science and Sociology, is an adaptable discipline that concentrates on all aspects of society for the purpose of making a positive impact in people's lives. A sociological perspective provides an acknowledgement of the importance of diversity, creates informed citizens, and fosters a deep understanding of the many social forces that shape the lives and behaviors of individuals and groups.

Studying sociological theories and methods of inquiry, combined with experiential opportunities, prepares students for rewarding careers in social work, law, government, teaching, public policy, marketing, and more.

Every aspect of the social world is a part of studying Sociology, including topics such as marriage and family, deviation from social norms, roles at work, gender roles, group interaction, social inequality, sexuality, public policy, criminology, aging, attitude development, and more.

Sociology majors are taught to think critically and conduct research about social problems, social phenomena, social dilemmas, and the social world. Using both qualitative research methods and statistical tools, majors gather and analyze data to write reports that will convey research findings and present their perspectives on social issues. By thinking globally about issues and developing strong communication skills, Sociology majors will refine their presentation skills by sharing findings with both their faculty and peers.

As a graduate with a sociology degree, students will have a foundation for cognitive understanding and the ability to better engage with the globalizing world. Albertus strives to equip their sociology students with the tools needed to understand the shifting social world, preparing them to contribute solutions to social problems in society, learn to take a position on issues, and to construct justification to support their perspective with problem-solving skills. We encourage them to exercise their creative abilities to find remedies.

Upon completing the program of study in Sociology, students will:

- Be able to examine the relationship between the individual and society and recognize how race/ethnicity, gender, age and social class affect an individual's life and life choices.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamentals of quantitative research by designing and carrying out a research project.
- Demonstrate an understanding of course content specific to their concentration by successfully completing an internship.

- Demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between theory and qualitative research methods by successfully completing the Qualitative Methods course.
- Demonstrate the ability to apply sociological theories and research skills to issues and concerns they grapple with as active citizens of a democratic society.

Sociology, B.A. - General Sociology

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED CORE (18 credits)

SO 111	Introduction to Sociology
SO 218	Statistics for Behavioral Sciences
SO 219	Research Methods
SO 371	Classical Sociological Theory
SO 372	Contemporary Sociological Theory
SO 391	Senior Seminar

CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS (15 credits)

Select five (15 credits): Sociology (SO) courses in consultation with the advisor.

RECOMMENDED CORRELATIVES

CIS 115	Computer Essentials
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Sociology, B.A. - Social Work and Social Welfare (Traditional Undergraduate Program Only)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED CORE (18 credits)

SO 111	Introduction to Sociology
SO 218	Statistics for Behavioral Sciences
SO 219	Research Methods
SO 371	Classical Sociological Theory
SO 372	Contemporary Sociological Theory
SO 391	Senior Seminar

CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS (24 credits)

SO 121	Contemporary Social Problems
SO 212	Social Work: History and Practice
SO 213	Social Work: Populations and Policies
SO 242	Race, Ethnicity and Racism
SO 380	Internship

Select three (9 credits):

CJ 231	Deviance and Criminology
CJ 232	Juvenile Delinquency
SO 235	Drug and Alcohol Abuse
SO 241	Urban Sociology

RECOMMENDED CORRELATIVES

PY 250	Community Psychology
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WRITING IN THE DISCIPLINE DESIGNATED COURSE

SO 391	Senior Seminar
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