

Sociology

In the College of Arts and Letters

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Offered by the Department

Master of Arts degree in sociology.

Master of Science degree in criminal justice and criminology. (Jointly with the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts.)

Major in sociology with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.

Minor in sociology.

The Major

Sociology is the study of human social behavior. Among other things, it includes the study of intimate personal relationships to large-scale social institutions which constitute societies and world systems; the shared cultural beliefs which hold societies together and make life meaningful; the cleavages of race, class, gender, and ethnicity and the inequalities and conflicts associated with them; and the causes and consequences of crime and other forms of social deviance.

While the sociology department offers a wide variety of courses, the focus of its curriculum is community issues. Communities consist of networks of personal relationships that underlie the large scale organizational and institutional structures that constitute societies. These social ties constitute the power resources – or “social capital” – through which things get done. They provide a kind of interpersonal glue that creates social cohesion and enables people within organizations and institutions to form coalitions, initiate processes for social change, and consolidate power resources in seeking to change social structure.

Impacted Program

The sociology major is an impacted program. Students must enter the University under the sociology premajor code (22080). To be admitted to the sociology major, students must meet the following criteria:

- Complete with a grade of C or higher: Sociology 101, 150, 201, 250, and three units from the following one-unit courses taught through the Social Science Research Laboratory: Social Science 201A (required) and any two units selected from Social Science 201B, 201C, 201D, 201E. These courses cannot be taken for credit/no credit (Cr/NC);
- Complete a minimum of 30 transferable semester units;
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.40 or higher;
- To gain entry into the major, students must fulfill the premajor requirements described in the catalog in effect at the time they declare the premajor at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment).

To complete the major, students must fulfill the degree requirements for the major described in the catalog in effect at the time they are accepted into the premajor at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment).

Advising

All College of Arts and Letters majors are urged to consult with their department adviser as soon as possible; they are required to meet with their department adviser within the first two semesters after declaration or change of major.

Sociology Major

**With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
(Premajor Code: 22080) (Major Code: 22081)**

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on “Graduation Requirements.” No more than 48 units in sociology courses can apply to the degree.

A minor is not required with this major.

Preparation for the Major. Sociology 101, 150, 201, 250, and three units from the following one-unit courses taught through the Social Science Research Laboratory: Social Science 201A (required), and any two selected from Social Science 201B, 201C, 201D, 201E. (15 units)

Foreign Language Requirement. Competency (successfully completing the third college semester or fifth college quarter) is required in one foreign language as part of the preparation for the major. Refer to section of catalog on “Graduation Requirements.”

Upper Division Writing Requirement. Passing the University Writing Examination or completing one of the approved writing courses with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

Major. All majors must complete the core requirements and the requirements for one of five areas of specialization.

Core requirements (12 units) must be completed before courses in the area of specialization:

Sociology 401
Sociology 406, 407, or 408
Sociology 410 or 412
Sociology 430 or 433

Areas of specialization (12 units)

(a) Community Structure and Institutions

Sociology 335, 338, 421, 436, 505, 531, 537, 539, 557.

(b) Inequalities

Sociology 320, 352, 355, 433, 481, 496, 505.

(c) Diversity and Change

Sociology 320, 350, 355, 450, 456, 457, 522.

(d) Crime and Control

Sociology 352, 442, 443, 444, 445, 543.

(e) Microsociology

Sociology 310, 320, 412, 436, 441, 527.

Electives (3 units): One three unit upper division course in sociology.

Sociology Minor

The minor in sociology consists of a minimum of 18 units to include Sociology 101 and either 150, 201, or 250; three units selected from Sociology 401, 406, 407, 408, 410, 430, or 433; six units selected from one of the areas of specialization under the major, and three elective units from among other upper division courses in the department.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

Sociology Honors Thesis

The Department of Sociology offers undergraduates of superior achievement the opportunity to write a sociology honors thesis leading to special recognition upon graduation. Sociology 490, Senior Honors Thesis, is open to students who rank in the top twenty percent of senior sociology majors and who have successfully satisfied the Upper Division Writing Requirement. Interested students should consult with the undergraduate adviser in the Sociology Department.

Courses (soc)

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

101. Introductory Sociology: The Study of Society (3) I, II (CAN SOC 2)

This course is prerequisite to all upper division courses in sociology. Major ideas, concepts, and methods in the study of society to include socialization, culture, social structure, social stratification, deviance, social control, and social change.

150. Introduction to Social Problems (3) I, II (CAN SOC 4)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Contemporary social problems. Topics may include poverty, inequality, unemployment, crime and deviance, population and ecological problems, health, family issues, and the role of ideology and interest groups in the definition of social problems.

201. Elementary Social Statistics (3) I, II

Prerequisites: Course in intermediate algebra. Sociology 101; satisfaction of the Entry Level Mathematics requirement; and qualification on the Mathematics Departmental Placement Examination, Part IA.

Basic statistical techniques in sociology. Tables and graphs, measures of central tendency and variability, correlations, cross-classification, and introduction to multivariate analysis, sampling and statistical inference. Computer applications may be included. Students with credit or concurrent registration in the following lower division statistics courses will be awarded a total of four units for the two (or more) courses: Sociology 201; Biology 215; Civil Engineering 160; Economics 201; Political Science 201; Psychology 270; Statistics 119, 250.

250. Introduction to Social Research (3) I, II

Prerequisites: Sociology 201 and three units from Social Science 201A (required), and 201B, 201C, 201D, or 201E.

Methods of sociological analysis including surveys, participant observation, ethnography, comparative, historical, and content analysis. Methods are linked to sociological theory. (Formerly numbered Sociology 301.)

296. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Intended for Undergraduates)

305. Sociological Laboratory II (1)

Three hours of laboratory.

Prerequisite: Must be taken in conjunction with a three-unit upper division course.

Application of experimental, quantitative or qualitative methods to sociological problems and the use of experimental, social simulation teaching techniques.

310. Love, Jealousy, and Envy: The Sociology of Emotions (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Sociological understanding of human emotions developed through consideration of history of sex and love, social psychology of jealousy, and political implications of envy. Understanding and management of emotions analyzed in context of community and society.

320. Sex/Gender Roles in American Society (3)

Prerequisites: Sociology 101 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Ways femininity and masculinity are constructed through social arrangements associated with interpersonal relations, family, education, occupations, and economic and political systems. How gender relations are portrayed in mass media and how they are accomplished in community life.

335. Mass Communication and Popular Culture (3)

Prerequisites: Sociology 101 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Development of popular culture as influenced by the growth of mass media of communication, including popular music, television, film, newspapers, and advertising. The power, functions, and effects of the mass media in society and in social change.

338. Sociology of Religion (3)

Prerequisites: Sociology 101 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Forms of religious belief, knowledge, practice, and experience tied to different social arrangements and historical periods. Consequences of religion for community and society. Secularization and conversion processes in modern industrial societies.

350. Population and Contemporary Issues (3)

Prerequisites: Sociology 250 with a grade of C (2.0) or better and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Population processes (fertility, mortality, and migration) as they affect and are affected by such contemporary issues as rapid world population growth, environment, urbanization, family, aging, US-Mexico border, and undocumented migration.

352. Contemporary Social Problems (3)

Prerequisites: Sociology 101 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Contemporary social problems in North America and other areas of the world.

355. Minority Group Relations (3) I, II

Prerequisites: Sociology 101 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Historical and comparative analysis of race and ethnic relations. Origins and maintenance of ethnic stratification systems; discrimination and prejudice; the adaptation of minority communities; role of social movements and government policies in promoting civil rights and social change.

401. Social Theory (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Theories of society; classical European and contemporary US theories of modernity and post modernity, and non-Western theories of cultural and economic hegemony. Evolution of modern world system. Practical understanding of sociological tradition.

406. Intermediate Social Statistics (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 250 with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

Statistical techniques in the analysis of social research data and hypothesis testing, including analysis of variance, covariance, partial correlation, multiple and logistic regression, logic and log-linear models, discriminant and factor analysis. Practical application with the use of statistical packages.

407. Survey and Experimental Research Methods (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 250 with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

Research process from research design through data processing, analysis, and interpretation. Quantitative research techniques including universe enumeration, sampling, questionnaire construction, scaling techniques, structured interviews, and experimental designs.

408. Qualitative Research Methods (3)

Prerequisites: Sociology 101 and 250 with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

Ethnographic research methods including interviewing, observation, participant observation, and case studies. Problems in research design; gaining and maintaining rapport; analysis, interpretation, and writing with qualitative data.

410. Social Psychology: Mind, Self, and Society (3)

Prerequisites: Sociology 101 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Major theories, problems, and findings concerning the relationship of the individual and society. Topics include consciousness and construction of meaning, self-concept and social identity, socialization and interaction, group behavior and group membership.

412. Social Construction of Reality (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Analysis of reality as an ongoing social process. Creation and internalization of social worlds through language. Common sense and the multiple realities of everyday life. Dynamic emergence of social structure.

420. Sexuality in Modern Society (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Current research on contemporary sexual attitudes and behaviors, including changing norms in premarital, marital, and extramarital relationships. Controversies and implications for the individual and society.

421. The American Family and Its Alternatives (3)

Prerequisites: Sociology 101 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Changes in intimacy in American family. Selection of mating partners, spousal and parenting relationships, and alternatives to traditional family forms. Changing functions of the family viewed in historical perspective. Present diverse family arrangements and future prospects.

430. Social Organization (3)

Prerequisites: Sociology 250 with a grade of C (2.0) or better and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Social structure of societies. Historical examination of structure and development of social institutions, communities, and other large scale organizations.

433. Wealth, Status, and Power (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 250 with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

Social inequality as an institutional process. Patterns of unequal distribution of wealth, power, privilege and prestige, their causes, and impact this has on communities and societies.

436. Sociology of Health and Illness (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Social, cultural, and political factors in definitions of health, disease, healing, and provision of services. Comparative study of medical practices and organizational structures in America and selected international settings. Emphasis on change, socialization of practitioners, relationships between health related occupations.

441. Sociology of Mental Illness (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Social, cultural, historical, and political factors involved in definition of "madness" and theories of mental illness in various societies. Review of research about incidence, prevalence, and social epidemiology of mental illness, as a community problem, and its distribution by social class, gender, age, geographical region, and country.

442. Sociology of Murder (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Characteristics and distribution of murder, including historical and cross-cultural comparisons. Social psychological, structural, cultural and situational explanations of causes and consequences of juvenile, gang, domestic, mass, serial and sexual murders.

443. Crime and Society (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Social origins, forms, and functions of criminal law. Sociological theories about causes and consequences of crime. Measurement and distribution of violent crimes, property crimes, victimless crimes, white collar crime, and their impact on communities and society.

444. Juvenile Delinquency (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Sociological theories about causes and consequences of juvenile delinquency. Social origins of juvenile justice system, with attention to methods of control and prevention at community and national levels.

445. Sociology of Deviance (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Conformity and nonconformity; the relationship between individual liberty and social control; stigma and the labeling of deviant behavior such as prostitution, alcoholism, drug addiction, and crime.

450. Social Change (3)

Prerequisites: Sociology 101 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Social change at the interpersonal, institutional, and societal levels of analysis. Major economic, political, technological, and demographic forces that have shaped the contemporary world. Topics may include modernization, industrialization, urbanization, revolution, and prospects of social change in rich and poor nations.

456. Collective Behavior: Crowds, Cults, and Crazes (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Processes of social behavior in masses and groups, including crowd behavior, mass hysteria, riots, mobs, fads, fashions, crazes, panics, rumors, and scapegoating. Sects and cults; social movements; the effects of mass communications and propaganda.

457. Protests, Reforms, and Revolutions (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Revolutionary and reform movements in relationship to the larger society. Conditions leading to development of social movements, emergence of leadership, ideologies, strategies, recruitment of members, and social consequences; case studies.

480. Field Internship (3-6)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Supervised field placement of students in community agencies. Practical experiences related to studies within the sociology curriculum. Maximum credit six units.

481. Community Poverty Workshop (3)

Prerequisites: Sociology 101 and 480.

Poverty dynamics in San Diego area: labor market, location of jobs and location of poor people, needs of poor and delivery of social services. Working with poor single parent families.

490. Senior Honors Thesis (3) I, II

Prerequisites: An upper division writing course offered by the College of Arts and Letters. Open to sociology majors with senior standing and permission of the honors thesis adviser.

Directed research on a sociological topic chosen in consultation with the honors adviser, and completion of a senior honors thesis. Required of students wishing to graduate with a Certificate of Recognition in Sociology with Honors.

496. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor.

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

499. Special Study (1-3) I, II

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Individual study. Maximum credit six units.

**UPPER DIVISION COURSES
(Also Acceptable for Advanced Degrees)**

505. Applied Sociological Research (3)

Prerequisites: Sociology 250 and Sociology 407 or 408.

Types and methods of applied sociological research; and an overview of their application in substantive areas. Practical research skills.

522. The Family in Comparative and Cross-Cultural Perspectives (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101. Recommended: Sociology 421.

Comparative study of selected family systems in the past and present. Comparative analysis of major social and demographic changes in marriage and family in post-industrial nations and less developed countries. Cross-cultural comparisons of family arrangements in contemporary America by social classes and racial-ethnic groups.

527. Aging and Society (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Status and roles of men and women in the second half of the life cycle. Ethnic, sex and class variables in aging. Cross-cultural comparisons of occupational, educational, familial, recreational and political opportunities for the aging.

531. Working and Society (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Structure and change in labor force, nationally and internationally. Social drama of work: self, roles, conflict, subcultures. Includes exploration of student work experiences, workers in the community, literacy, and film depictions of work worlds.

532. Workers, Managers, and Bureaucracy (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Sociology of work in formal organizations. From classic theories on division of labor, industrial capitalism, and bureaucracy, to transformation of work in the twentieth century. Experiences of workers and managers in the U.S. and other societies.

537. Political Sociology (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Social organization of political processes. Power and authority, social class, primary groups, collective behavior, social change, and other sociological factors considered in their relationships to political processes.

539. Sociology of Education (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Social organization of education in the United States and other societies. Structure and functions of educational institutions. Formal and informal education. Class, ethnic, and other social factors affecting the educational process. Implications of educational decision making and testing.

543. Police, Courts, and Corrections: The Sociology of Crime and Punishment (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Historical sociology of the American criminal justice system. Development and functions of police, criminal courts, prisons, parole, and probation. Theories and ideologies of punishment and rehabilitation. Review of contemporary research.

555. Immigrants and Refugees in Contemporary American Society (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Contemporary migration to the United States, especially from Latin America and Asia. Political and economic migration. Immigrant and refugee adaptation. Theoretical controversies, research applications, and policy implications.

596. Current Topics in Sociology (1-3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Selected specialized, controversial or currently relevant topics in sociology. Maximum opportunity provided for student initiative in determining course content and procedures. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree. Maximum credit of six units of 596 applicable to a bachelor's degree. Maximum combined credit of six units of 596 and 696 applicable to a 30-unit master's degree.

597. Investigation and Report (3) I, II

Prerequisites: Fifteen units in sociology and consent of instructor.

Analysis of special topics in sociology. Maximum credit six units.

**GRADUATE COURSES
Refer to Bulletin of the Graduate Division.**
