

Department of Sociology and Social Work

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The Department of Sociology offers a variety of courses useful to students with diverse professional goals. Sociology is a popular major for students planning careers in such professions as law, business, journalism, health care, education, politics, social work, or public administration. It provides a solid body of knowledge on the nature and problems of human relations and a distinctive way of looking at the world.

The courses offer a range of methodologies and research techniques which can be applied in a variety of fields such as administration, criminal justice, health care, counseling, and social work. In addition, exposure to theoretical and methodological issues and to comparative, historical, and critical analyses provides those students who want to pursue graduate work with a strong academic background.

The department offers a major and a minor in sociology, and a major in social work. For social work major see Social Work Program.

Major in Sociology

A major in sociology consists of a minimum of 30 semester hours in sociology including the following required core courses:

- SOC 100 The Sociological Perspective
- SOC 240 Research Methods
- SOC 320 Social Theory or SOC 420 Critical Theory

At least 15 of the 30 required hours must be at the 300 level or above. Only one internship course may apply towards the 30-hour requirement. A grade point average of 2.01 in all courses taken in the department is needed for graduation. Students may earn either a B.A. or B.S. degree in sociology.

Sociology majors are urged to consult with a department advisor each semester concerning class schedules.

Sociology Minor

The sociology minor requires a minimum of 15 hours as specified below:

1. SOC 100; SOC 240 or SOC 320
2. At least 9 of the 15 hours must be at the 300 level or above.
3. Minimum of 2.01 grade point average in courses taken for the minor.

The following courses in the Department meet University general education requirements: SOC 100, 300, 301, 302, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 321, 325, 326, 420.

Course Descriptions

SOC 100 The Sociological Perspective 3 hrs.
(Gen. Ed. SF)
Sociological insight into study of humans, society, and culture.

SOC 211 Contemporary Social Problems 3 hrs.
Sociological analysis of current social problems in the U.S.: poverty, racism, sexism, agism, medical care, the environment, population, urban disorganization, crime, juvenile delinquency, alcoholism, drug addiction, family disorganization, and mental illness. Use of different perspectives promotes a broad understanding of the study of social problems. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or consent of instructor.

SOC 240 Research Methods 3 hrs.
Social research methods: research design and models of observation, including single subject and program evaluation, quantitative and qualitative methods, sampling techniques, questionnaire construction, types of surveys, measurement problems, and data analysis. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or consent of instructor.

SOC 300 Cross-cultural Perspectives on Gender 3 hrs.
(Gen. Ed. NW)
Examines the construction of gender in non-western societies, concentrating on the way gender shapes and is shaped by power relations in these societies. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or consent of instructor.

SOC 301 Peoples & Cultures of the Non-Western World 3 hrs.
(Gen. Ed. NW)
Course examines modes of social organization and dimensions of culture worldwide. Students are introduced to the diversity of human cultures and to anthropological theories and methods through ethnographic examples drawn from a variety of non-Western cultures. The course focuses on processes and institutions of enculturation, including economic, kinship, religious, political, and aesthetic practices. It also examines cultural changes associated with globalization. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or consent of instructor.

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SOC 302 Sociology of Diversity 3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. CD)

Analyzes nature, forms, and problems of social "diversity" with emphasis on patterns of difference and commonality, advantage, and disadvantage in the area of race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, and physical disability. A particular focus will be on ways inequalities in wealth, education, employment, health, the criminal justice system, popular culture, and the political process are reproduced and challenged in contemporary societies. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or instructor consent.

SOC 310 Sociology of the Family 3 hrs.

An examination of the American family, with two major areas of focus: the structural diversity of families within the U.S. and the ways in which family practices reflect, reproduce, or challenge society's norms, values, and modes of social organization. Prerequisites: SOC 100 or instructor consent.

SOC 311 Comparative Family Systems 3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. NW)

Comparative study of non-Western family systems, with a focus on cross-cultural differences and the potential conflicts of migration. Varying focus on families of Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or instructor consent.

SOC 312 Social Inequality 3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. SF)

Inequality in income, wealth, prestige, and power. Theories explaining roots of and changes in inequality. Emphasis on the U.S.; variations in the extent and forms of inequality across different nations. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or consent of instructor.

SOC 313 Race, Ethnicity, & Power 3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. CD, SF)

Analysis of dominant-minority group relations. The emergence and dynamic of racism. Exploration of the experience of various ethnic "racial" groups.

SOC 314 Native Americans 3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. CD, NW)

Socio-historical analysis of the experience of Native Americans spanning the last 500 years. Focus on a variety of stereotypes and misconceptions regarding native Americans.

SOC 315 Gender and Society 3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. CD, SF)

An examination of gender as a system of stratification, as a social construction, and as a system of meaning which changes trans-historically and differs cross-culturally. Focus on structural and interactional aspects of gender inequality, as well as the relationship between gender and other social hierarchies, including class, race, ethnicity, religion, and sexuality. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or instructor consent.

SOC 316 Sociology of Work and Occupations 3 hrs.

The organization of work, occupational processes, and experiences of workers with a focus on the manufacturing industry and the impact of technology on the structure of work; the rise of the service sector; the emergence of temporary and contract work; professions and professionalization; workplace inequality; and the intersection of gender, family, and work. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or consent of instructor.

SOC 320 Social Theory 3 hrs.

Development of contemporary social thought from its Euro- American past. Emphasis on contemporary social theory and its major strands in American sociology. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or consent of instructor.

SOC 321 Individual and Society 3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. HP)

Various philosophical conceptions of the relationship between the individual and social order; nature and status of individuality in the modern world. Emphasis on critical evaluation of influential systems of thought: Marxism, phenomenology, and critical theory. Prerequisite: junior standing or consent of instructor.

SOC 322 Self and Social Interaction 3 hrs.

Focus on relationship between individuals and the broader society, the formation of personality, and group influences on human perception and behavior. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or instructor consent.

SOC 324 Sociology of Religion 3 hrs.

Analysis of relationship between religion and social structures; emphasis on anthropological and social context of the origin of religion, and relationship of religion to contemporary industrial societies. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or consent of instructor.

SOC 325 Science, Technology, and Modernity 3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. SF)

Analysis of the impact of science and technology on society and culture, the promises and threats of the growth of science and technology, as well as the ethical and social issues raised by technological progress. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or consent of instructor.

SOC 326 Sociology of Globalization 3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. SF)

Analysis of the process of global integration and its impact on communities, social institutions, and culture. Emphasis on theories of social change and social conflict over the nature and pace of globalization and its impact on non-Western societies. Focus on social class, ethnicity, gender, media, religion, the environment, and social problems confronting non-Western Societies. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or consent of instructor.

- SOC 331 Correctional Policies and Society** 3 hrs.
Analysis of theoretical and practical aspects of corrections, concepts of punishment and treatment, and their variations in practice. Includes analysis and evaluation of specific alternatives: prisons, probation, treatment centers, and sentencing. Prerequisite: SOC 100.
- SOC 332 Juvenile Delinquency** 3 hrs.
Analysis of the nature and origin of juvenile delinquency within an historical and theoretical context with emphasis on causation of delinquency and evaluation of different responses to it. Prerequisite: SOC 100.
- SOC 333 Sociology of Violence** 3 hrs.
Sociological analysis of the concept and nature of violence in a macro and micro setting, its various manifestations, and evaluation of responses to it. Prerequisite: SOC 100.
- SOC 334 Crime and Society** 3 hrs.
Analysis of the concept and nature of crime, the relationship between social structures, social institutions, and crime with a focus on social forces and social controls involved in the creation of crime. Prerequisite: SOC 100.
- SOC 340 Urban Life and Culture** 3 hrs.
Examination of past and present population trends within the United States including fertility, mortality, immigration, and urbanization. Application of classic and contemporary theoretical perspectives to current patterns of urban development, with an emphasis on the spatial structure of cities, the social and economic characteristics of urban populations, and the impact of structural environmental characteristics on perception and behavior. Discussion of current social issues associated with urban developments (e.g., poverty and discrimination) and their implications for urban policy and planning. Prerequisite: SOC 100.
- SOC 341 Medical Sociology** 3 hrs.
Application of a critical perspective to the institution of medicine. Focus on epidemiology, the social construction of illness, and current healthcare trends. Prerequisite: SOC 100.
- SOC 342 Social Policy** 3 hrs.
Focuses on the major institutions of social structure, such as education, family, government, healthcare, work, and the legal system. Investigates why social policies are developed, how social policy is implemented, and the direct and indirect effects of policy. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or consent of instructor.
- SOC 343 Sociology of Mental Health** 3 hrs.
Emphasis on social, cultural, and political factors involved in the definition and control of mental illness. Topics include labeling theory, the impact of status characteristics and social relationships on levels of stress, and legal and ethical issues associated with current modes of treatment. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or consent of instructor.
- SOC 390 Topics in Sociology** 3 hrs.
Topics of special interest which may vary each time course is offered. Topic stated in current Schedule of Classes. May be repeated under a different topic for maximum of 9 hrs. credit.
- SOC 391, 392 Internship in Applied Sociology** 3 hrs.
Supervised work in applied settings; study of practical problems from the perspective of the discipline. Prerequisites: prior arrangement, consent of Department Chair. SOC 391 is prerequisite for SOC 392.
- SOC 420 Critical Theory (Gen. Ed. HP)** 3 hrs.
Analysis of major intellectual traditions in sociology with a focus on critiques of social and cultural forms of domination and analysis of types of emancipatory and life-style politics. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or consent of instructor.
- SOC 421 Culture, Identity, and Cyberspace** 3 hrs.
The contemporary revolution in human interaction via computer. The social construction of virtual communities and the new culture, institutions, and norms emerging in the experience of cyberspace. New concepts of space, time, and social order; electronic subjectivity and anonymity; new representations of gender, race, and class; emergence of new languages of expression; and the revolutionary impact of hypertext and multimedia technologies on human thinking and learning. Prerequisite: junior/senior standing.
- SOC 430 Perspectives on Deviance** 3 hrs.
Analysis of the concept and nature of deviance and its various forms, with emphasis on various theoretical perspectives on nature and causation of deviance. Prerequisite: SOC 100.
- SOC 490 Individual Study in Sociology** 1-3 hrs.
Special study on topics with faculty supervision. For sociology majors; non-majors require approval of the Department Chair. Prerequisite: consent of Department Chair.
- SOC 499 Honors Colloquium** 3 hrs.
Special study or projects with faculty supervision. Oral presentation. Prerequisite: 3.5 GPA in sociology and consent of Department Chair.
- SOC 571 Field Studies** 1-3 hrs.
Individual research. Prerequisite: senior or graduate standing and consent of Department Chair.

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Social Work Program

FACULTY Associate Professor Evens (Director); Instructors Amos (Field Coordinator), Moody.

The purpose of the social work major is to prepare students for beginning practice in social work and to provide an educational foundation for students planning to pursue graduate studies in social work or other helping professions. The major provides a well-rounded academic and practice background in the generalist social work practice model. The social work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

The curriculum requires majors to complete 72 credit hours, including 21 hours of liberal arts requirements, 45 hours of social work requirements, and 6 hours of electives. A student may declare a social work major when admitted to Bradley; however, in order to progress to the professional practice component of the curriculum, a formal admission is required during the junior year.

The professional practice component includes practice courses and a field practicum. Students will complete a minimum of 420 field hours in an approved community agency.

It is important for students to consult with their social work advisor each semester to ensure that the requirements for the major are scheduled in the proper sequence. An overall grade point average of 2.25 is needed to graduate with a B.A. or B.S. in social work. A student must attain at least a "C" in all required social work courses.

Requirements

Liberal Arts Courses (21 hrs.)

MTH 111 Elementary Statistics **or**
PSY 205 Quantitative Methods
ECO 100 Intro to Economics **or**
ECO 221 Microeconomics **and**
ECO 222 Macroeconomics
PLS 105 Introduction to American Government
SOC 313 Race, Ethnicity, and Power **or**
ETE 280 Exploring Diversity: Learners, Families, and Communities
SOC 100 The Sociological Perspective
BIO 121 Life Science I
PSY 104 Principles of Psychology

Social Work Core Requirements (45 hrs.)

Social Welfare Policy and Services6 hrs.

SW 250 Introduction to Social Welfare
SW 355 Social Welfare Policy

Human Behavior & the Social Environment 12 hrs.

SOC 310 Sociology of the Family
PSY 445 Abnormal Psychology
SW 354 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I
SW 358 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II

Research3 hrs.

SW 260 Research Methods

Social Work Practice 12 hrs.

SW 350 Foundation for Social Work Practice
SW 351, 352 Social Work Practice I, II
SW 353 Social Work Practice III

Field Practicums..... 12 hrs.

SW 393 Social Work Practicum
SW 395 Social Work Seminar

Electives (6 hrs.)

SW 310 Child Welfare I
SW 320 Child Welfare II
SW 356 Topics in Social Work
SW 490 Individual Study in Social Work
SW 499 Honors Colloquium
SOC 211 Contemporary Social Problems
SOC 311 Comparative Family Systems
SOC 312 Social Inequality
SOC 314 Native Americans
SOC 315 Gender and Society
SOC 321 Individual and Society
SOC 332 Juvenile Delinquency
SOC 333 Sociology of Violence
SOC 341 Medical Sociology
SOC 343 Sociology of Mental Health
AAS 200 Intro. to African-American Studies
NUR 221 Substance Abuse
PSY 402 Human Sexuality

Students should consult the Social Work Student Handbook for recommendations regarding general education selections, electives, and BA/BS requirements, and for sample 4-year and 2-year course plans.

Course Descriptions

SW 250 Introduction to Social Welfare 3 hrs.

Overview of historical development and contemporary forces shaping the social welfare system in the U.S. Examines social policies, social conditions affecting vulnerable populations, and service delivery systems in which social work is practiced. Includes community agency contact.

SW 260 Research Methods 3 hrs.

Social research methods: research design and models of observation, including single subject and program evaluation, quantitative and qualitative methods, sampling techniques, questionnaire construction, types of surveys, measurement problems, and data analysis. Prerequisites: Sociology or social work major or consent of instructor; MTH 111 or PSY 205.

SW 310 Child Welfare I 3 hrs.
Examines the theory and knowledge associated with practice in the field of child welfare. This course covers the areas of policy, normative child development, disruptions in child development, and the continuum of services for children in society.

SW 350 Foundations for Social Work Practice 3 hrs.
Historical development of social work. Introduction of generalist social work practice; systems perspective; knowledge, skills, values, and ethics required for practice; communication skills and the helping relationship as foundation for the problem-solving process. Overview of fields of practice. Includes required volunteer experience. Prerequisite: SW 250.

SW 351 Social Work Practice I 3 hrs.
Assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, termination, and follow-up phases of the problem-solving process. Students develop interviewing skills and apply knowledge of social systems, human development, diversity, and ethics with focus on the micro level. Prerequisite: SW 350, social work major or consent of social work program director.

SW 352 Social Work Practice II 3 hrs.
Generalist practice with focus on families and groups as well as individuals in group contexts. Includes required volunteer experience in group setting. Prerequisites: SW 350; social work major or consent of social work program director.

SW 353 Social Work Practice III 3 hrs.
Generalist practice with focus on organizations, communities, and large social systems. Assessment, planning, intervention, and evaluation skills for macro-level practice. Emphasis on issues of diversity, discrimination, and oppression. Prerequisites: SW 350; social work major or consent of social work program director.

SW 354 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I 3 hrs.
Current research and theory concerning interaction of environment with individual behavior. Life span development, strengths, approach, and issues of diversity as influences on individual development.

SW 355 Social Welfare Policy 3 hrs.
Analysis of social welfare policy from the social work perspective. Impact of social policy on recipients and constituents of social welfare programs. Institutional responses to social problems, social justice, and human needs. Analysis and evaluation of policy at the organizational, community, and legislative levels. Prerequisites: ECO 100; PLS 105; SW 250.

SW 356 Topics in Social Work 3 hrs.
Topics of special interest which may vary each time the course is offered. Topic stated in current Schedule of Classes. May be repeated under a different topic for maximum of 6 hours credit.

SW 358 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II 3 hrs.
Current research and theory concerning interaction of environment with families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social and cultural causes and impact of diversity, discrimination, and oppression. Prerequisite: SW 354.

SW 393 Social Work Practicum 9 hrs.
Supervised experience in an approved community agency; use of knowledge and skills common to generalist practice; 420 field hours required. Pass/fail. Prerequisites: SW 351; social work major. Corequisite: SW 395.

SW 395 Social Work Seminar 3 hrs.
Seminar that integrates theory and principles learned in academic courses with field and practice experience. Prerequisites: SW 351; social work major. Corequisite: SW 393.

SW 490 Individual Study in Social Work 1-3 hrs.
Special study on topics with faculty supervision. For social work majors; non-majors require approval of Department Chair. May be repeated under a different topic up to a maximum of 3 credit hours. Prerequisite: consent of director of social work program.

SW 499 Honors Colloquium 3 hrs.
Special study or project conducted under faculty supervision. Oral presentation before a faculty committee. Prerequisite: 3.5 GPA in social work major and consent of department chair.