Sociology

Explore inter-group relationships, social change, urban and rural life, contemporary social issues and social movements, all while earning a degree in sociology.

Major
- Sociology - Liberal Arts

Minors
- Sociology - Liberal Arts
- Sociology - Early Adolescence/Adolescence Teaching

Certificate
- Social Diversity

Where you'll find our grads
- Coordinator, Family Support Center, Chippewa Falls, WI
- Juvenile Probation Officer, Florida Dept. of Juvenile Justice, Jacksonville, FL
- Graduate school for Higher Education, Counseling, Law School and Social Work
- Boys Girls Club

Prepared for Success
Gain a deeper understanding of the issues such as the causes and consequences of social inequality, family patterns and relationships, demographic changes, crime and delinquency, and the role of race, class and gender in society.

We'll prepare you for graduate study and/or administrative positions in nonprofit settings, businesses, social service agencies or hospitals. You will be trained to work with people in areas such as family, employment, aging and administration of justice or health services. You’ll learn about various cultures and societies around the world to enhance understanding of intercultural and international issues.

Typical positions held by sociology graduates include working for a nonprofit agency administering programs, a personnel/human resource manager, community worker, social service agency, teacher in secondary schools data analyst for the Census Bureau, social researcher, market researcher, or as a research technician.

The department has administrative responsibility for an interdisciplinary family studies minor and contributes to interdisciplinary programs such as criminal justice major, women’s studies minor, gerontology minor and the LGBTQ certificate.

Why UW-Eau Claire Internships
The on-campus Sociology Organization for Students (SOS) sponsors numerous opportunities for student involvement. Off-campus field practicum opportunities allow students to complete internships in private or public organizations under the supervision of faculty and agency representatives.

Mentoring
Students work with the Blugold Beginnings program, serving as college mentors for area elementary, middle and high school students.

Get Involved / Student Orgs
Sociology Organization for Students (SOS) - Has done international work, raised money to give small loans in other countries, participate in The Community Table, etc.

Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) - Membership by invitation only - based on GPA, credits and class rank.

Research Opportunities
Our outstanding sociology faculty are proud of the individual attention they give their students. You’ll learn in small class settings and get lots of one-on-one attention from professors who inspire learning and truly want you to succeed. In fact, every faculty member engages in collaborative research with students.

Course Work / Pre-Professional Courses
Required courses for liberal arts sociology majors include:
- Introduction to Sociology
- Sociological Data Analysis
- Sociological Research Methods
- Sociological Theory
- Sociology Capstone
Sociology (continued)

Liberal arts majors typically take seven sociology elective courses. The elective courses are varied and examine topics such as race and ethnic relations, women's and men's roles and experiences in society, social class issues, marriages, families and relationships, demography, environmental issues, and media and culture.

Special Admission Guidelines

If you plan to major or minor in sociology, take Sociology 101: Introduction to Sociology, as soon as possible as it is required for both programs and is a prerequisite for most other sociology courses.