The Department of Sociology is committed to helping students acquire a broad understanding of human social behavior, society, and culture. Sociology majors learn sociological concepts and methodological techniques, gain theoretical insights, review research evidence, and participate in research. The Department offers degree programs in Sociology and Social Work, as well as a Certificate in Disaster and Coastal Studies.

The curriculum prepares students for graduate study in Sociology or other closely related field, and for careers that require strong research skills. Our department graduates go on to careers with community, educational, governmental or business organizations, and many continue on to graduate programs in Sociology, Anthropology, Public Administration, Political Science, and Business Administration.

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Criminal Justice  
Research  
Social Work  
Disaster Planning  
Public Health

**PROGRAMS OF STUDY**

**Bachelor of Arts in Sociology**

Sociology majors take 33 semester hours in Sociology and 37-39 hours of General Education requirements. Major coursework includes eight core courses and three electives.

**Bachelor of Arts in Social Work**

The Bachelor of Arts in Social Work is a selective program that prepares students for the state licensing exam and graduate study in Social Work. Qualified students may apply for admission to the program in the Fall semester. Social Work students take 54 semester hours in the major. The program provides students with a strong foundation in the principles of social work, as well as more than 40 hours of practical experience.

**Certificate in Disaster and Coastal Studies**

Disaster & Coastal Studies (DCS) allows students to examine natural and man-made disasters from a multidisciplinary perspective. The certificate prepares students for careers and graduate work in disaster and emergency planning, management, response, and recovery. Students from any major are eligible to pursue the DCS certificate, which consists of four (4) courses and forty (40) hours of practical internship experiences with local, state or federal agencies or NGOs.

**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

- Alpha Kappa Delta: International Sociology Honor Society  
- Sociology Club

**SOCIOLGY**

* Required Courses (24 hours)
  - Introduction to Sociology
  - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
  - Foundations of Statistical Thinking
  - Social Problems
  - Sociological Theory
  - Methods of Social Research
  - Senior Seminar I and II

* Electives (Select 3 courses; 9 hours)
  - Sociology of the Family
  - Sociology of Medicine
  - Race, Ethnicity, Class & Gender
  - Rural and Urban Sociology

**SOCIAL WORK**

* Required Courses
  - Introduction to Social Work
  - Social Welfare Policy
  - Human Behavior & Social Environment
  - Social Work Practice
  - Social Work with At-Risk Populations
  - Professional Behavior and Ethics
  - Foundations of Statistics
  - Sociological Theories
  - Methods of Social Research
  - Internship/Praacticum
  - Skills in Interview & Licensure Exam
  - Senior Seminar

**DISASTER AND COASTAL STUDIES**

* Required Courses
  - Intro. to Natural & Man Made Disasters
  - Emergency Preparedness, Planning, & Response
  - Internship

* Electives
  - Public Policy & Legal Issues
  - Health Psychology
  - Social, Community Organizations