



SOCIOLOGY | COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

B.A. IN SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is the scientific study of society, social institutions and social relationships. It is the systematic study of the development, structure, interaction, and collective behavior of organized groups of human beings.

The Department of Sociology offers its sociology curriculum to undergraduate students who want to pursue the systematic study of society from the micro-level (the individual in society) to the macro-level (the study of institutions).

Students graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology may enter graduate programs in sociology and social science; enter professional schools, such as law and social work; or enter careers requiring a bachelor's degree in the liberal arts.

Sociology majors are encouraged to draw upon the resources of other departments in the social and behavioral sciences, and upon the humanities and physical/natural sciences. Counseling on programs and career choices is available within the department.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Completion of a B.A. in sociology requires 120 credit hours and a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average.

Sociology majors must also meet the general education requirements as established by the College of Arts and Sciences.

COURSEWORK

Majors in Sociology must complete 30 credits hours as follows:

- Four basic courses in sociology
- One course in methods (quantitative or qualitative)
- One course in theory (counts as capstone)
- Any four additional sociology courses, at least three at the 300 or 400 level.

Additional courses include:

- Sociological Theory
- Sociological and Anthropological Qualitative Theories

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Department of Sociology maintains a chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society (Iota of Indiana Chapter). Students are selected on the basis of excellence in research.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A B.A. IN SOCIOLOGY?

Sociology graduates are well prepared for working in social agencies and social services. Some are caseworkers for programs with a focus on child welfare, child abuse, juvenile services and adoption. Others are employed as probation officers, or as administrators in community development programs, family counseling agencies, outpatient clinics for mental hospitals, and neighborhood centers. Still others work in drug treatment centers and vocational rehabilitation facilities, or in education as teachers and school social workers.

HANDS-ON LEARNING

At the junior/senior level some students may be eligible to enroll in an independent study course and/or the internship program. Internships in the private or public sector are strongly encouraged.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

IU Northwest's Sociology Club encourages informal interaction among faculty and students, provides opportunities for students interested in sociology to meet one another, and provides a forum for relevant activities. Members organize field trips and informal lectures according to their educational interests. Membership is open not only to sociology majors, but to all students who have social concerns and seek a broad understanding of contemporary domestic and global events. Visit www.iun/~socclub for more information.

RELATED DEGREE OPTION

- Minor in Sociology

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