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PROGRAMS OFFERED
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology
Concentrations:
  Aging and the Life Course
  Deviance and Social Control
  Education
  Family
  Race, Class and Gender
  Social Work
Minor in Sociology
Master of Arts in Sociology

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INTRODUCTION
Sociology is the systematic and scientific study of society and social behavior. The sociologist looks beyond individual and unique events to the predictable broad patterns and regular occurrences of social life that influence individuals. Studies range from the profound impact of post-industrial societies on family life, crime, mass communications, gender, race, ethnicity and intergenerational relations to the study of emotions and the values that govern daily social encounters.

The sociology major is designed to provide undergraduate preparation leading to careers in social work, politics, law, public administration, the nonprofit sector, international development, marketing, urban and environmental planning, public relations, human resource management, criminal justice, counseling and other social service professions. The Bachelor of Arts in Sociology will also prepare a student for advanced studies in several areas, including sociology, social work, environmental studies, education, public health and urban planning.

LEARNING GOALS AND STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
The following goals and learning outcomes have been established for students pursuing a degree in Sociology:

Sociological perspective
- Define and apply the basic concepts of sociology including culture, status, roles, norms, institutions, social class, race, gender and inequality
- Understand the role of theory in sociology, evaluate the foundations of sociological theory and evaluate major modern theories, such as functionalism, conflict theory, symbolic interactionism and feminist theory
- Understand the macro structure of society, evaluate and apply various theoretical positions explaining social order and social change, evaluate and apply various theoretical positions explaining the functions of social institutions and their interrelatedness
- Understand the microstructure of society, evaluate and apply various theoretical positions explaining the reciprocal relations between individuals and the groups in which they are embedded

Research Methods
- Understand the design of research, including sampling, measurement and data collection, construct a sampling design illustrating the principles of random selection and stratification, identify possible measures of concepts, distinguish between reliability and validity, identify strengths and weaknesses of alternative methods of data collection
- Understand ethical issues that arise in the course of research, identify the critical ethical issues in research, such as confidentiality, informed consent and minimization of risk of subjects, be aware of various professional codes of ethics, such as the code
of ethics of American Sociological Society, identify studies that illustrate the critical ethical issues in research.

**Data Analysis and Computer Competency**

- Understand both quantitative and qualitative analysis of data, present statistical information about one or more variables, compute and interpret various statistics about variables in samples, conduct inferential testing in order to generalize about population parameters using sample statistics, use qualitative data in generating and testing a theory, write a research report using both quantitative and qualitative data.

- Acquire computer competency for analyzing and presenting sociological findings, become familiar and competent in the use of various online databases of published research, become familiar and competent in the use and application of various software packages for both quantitative and qualitative data analysis (e.g., SPSS), become familiar and competent in the use and application of various word processing software for the purpose of writing sociological papers and reports (e.g., Word), become familiar and competent in the use and application of various software packages for the purpose of presentations (e.g., PowerPoint, Excel), become familiar and competent in the use of the Internet and Web pages for the purpose of researching and gathering sociological information.

**Skills**

- Think critically, identify the structure of an argument presented in oral or written form, identify any weaknesses in the structure of an argument, its background, assumptions and its evidence, identify basic fallacies in reasoning.

- Communicate effectively by competent reading, writing and speaking, read and understand professional-level sociological reports, write a clear, grammatical, well-thought out well-organized report of sociological content acquired in small groups, as well as outside of the classroom.

- Identify, locate, evaluate and competently use information, acquire basic understanding of information-seeking practices and retrieval tools from both traditional sources and the expanding of digital sources, acquire skills in accessing, evaluating and using information, recognize the power of information and demonstrate ethical behavior and academic integrity as students, consumers and producers of information.

**Sociological Internship**

SOCI 495 offers opportunities to participate in supervised field activities. Students must make arrangements with the Internship Coordinator during the semester prior to enrollment in the course.

**Independent Study**

SOCI 499 allows students to expand upon their special interests in the field of sociology. Independent studies are usually in areas not covered by the normal course offerings of the department and consists of individual research projects. Enrollment in the course requires that students meet regularly with their faculty supervisors.

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**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY (120 UNITS)**

The Bachelor of Arts in Sociology requires 36 units in the major, including 12 units of core courses and 24 units of adviser-approved electives tailored to each student’s career objectives. SOCI 101 is a required prerequisite for most sociology courses. It is recommended that SOCI 302 be one of the first upper-division Sociology courses, and SOCI 410 be taken after 15 units of sociology.

All courses counting towards the major must be taken for a letter grade. Students must pass core courses and the writing requirement with a "C" (2.0) or better.

**Core Courses (12 units)**

- SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology (3)
- SOCI 302 Social Research Methods (3)
- SOCI 303 Statistics for the Social Sciences (3)
- SOCI 410 Theories of Social Behavior (3)

**Upper-Division Writing Requirement (3 units)**

SOCI 308 Writing for Sociology Students (3)

**Electives (24 units)**

Select coursework in sociology consistent with career objectives.

**Concentration Options**

As part of the electives, sociology majors have the option of selecting one of the following concentrations in consultation with a faculty member. A concentration consists of 12 units selected from the courses listed within each concentration below.

**Aging and The Life Course**

**Required (3 units)**

- SOCI 353 Sociology of Childhood (3)
- OR SOCI 443 Sociology of Aging (3)

**Electives (9 units)**

- SOCI 360, 433, 455; 495 OR 499

**Deviance and Social Control**

**Required (3 units)**

- SOCI 411 Criminology (3)
- OR SOCI 413 Juvenile Delinquency (3)

**Electives (9 units)**

- SOCI 325, 348, 385, 408, 415, 416, 466; 495 499

**Education**

**Required (3 units)**

- SOCI 352 Sociology of Education (3)

**Electives (9 units)**

- SOCI 341, 350, 351, 353, 356, 413, 473; 495 OR 499
Family
Required (3 units)
SOCI 351 Sociology of Families (3)
Electives (9 units)
SOCI 304, 341, 350, 353, 354, 381, 385, 443, 459; 495 OR 499

Race, Class and Gender
Required (3 units)
SOCI 356 Social Inequality (3)
Electives (9 units)
SOCI 304, 354, 355, 357, 381, 443; 495 OR 499

Social Work
Required (3 units)
SOCI 300 Social Work (3)
Electives (9 units)
SOCI 305, 353, 356, 357, 385, 408, 413, 416, 433, 443, 455, 459; 495 OR 306 OR 499

MINOR IN SOCIOLOGY (21 UNITS)
To earn a minor in sociology, a student must have a “C” (2.0) average or better in their sociology curriculum. Up to 12 units of sociology coursework may be transferred from another college or university.

Required (9 units)
SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology (3)
SOCI 302 Social Research Methods (3)
SOCI 410 Theories of Social Behavior (3)

Electives (12 units)
Select 12 units of upper-division coursework in sociology.

MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY (30 UNITS)
The Master of Arts in Sociology provides advanced study in general sociology. It offers an opportunity to broaden one’s knowledge of society, strengthen skills of sociological analysis and conduct research in depth in an area of particular interest. It may be used as preparation for study toward the doctorate in sociology, for community college teaching, participation in research or for a variety of positions in business and industry, corrections, the community or government.

Depending on options chosen by the student, the core course sequence is augmented with requirements for the special emphasis and electives.

Prerequisites
Students must meet the CSU requirements for admission to a master’s degree program. Please consult the Graduate Admissions section in this catalog for complete information. In addition, applicants must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better in the last 60 units of college work and a grade-point average of 3.25 or better for all work in sociology. A minimum of 18 upper-division units in sociology is required, including the following courses or their equivalents:
SOCI 302 Social Research Methods (3)
SOCI 303 Statistics for the Social Sciences (3)
SOCI 410 Theories of Social Behavior (3)

Courses in methods, statistics and theory must have been completed within the last five years prior to application. Three letters of reference attesting to the applicant’s academic potential, a statement of purpose and a writing sample must be sent to the graduate coordinator. In some cases, an interview may be required.

Students may be accepted as conditionally classified sociology majors with either course or GPA deficiencies. Deficiencies must be corrected within one year of admission to the program.

Students will be classified upon the fulfillment of the above prerequisites and after an approved study plan has been developed, in consultation with the Graduate Coordinator.

Study Plan
The study plan for the degree must be completed with a minimum grade-point average of 3.0 with no course below a “C” (2.0). The study plan requires a minimum of 24 units at the 500 level approved by the student’s adviser, and includes the following:

Required Core Courses (15 units)
SOCI 501T Seminar: Topics in Societal Structure and Process (3)
SOCI 502A The Research Process (3)
SOCI 502B The Research Process (3)
SOCI 581 Advanced Theories of Social Behavior (3)
SOCI 585 The Practice of Sociology (3)

Note: SOCI 581 and 585 are designed to be taken during the first semester of graduate studies. SOCI 502A and 585 meet the University Graduate Writing Requirement.

Electives (12 units)
Maximum six units of approved 400-level Sociology courses.
Thesis/Project/Comprehensive Exam (3 units), at least one of the following:
SOCI 597 Project (3)
SOCI 598 Thesis (3)
SOCI 599 Independent Graduate Research plus Comprehensive exam (3)

It is highly recommended that students planning on doctoral studies complete the thesis option.

For further information, consult the graduate coordinator.
SOCIOLOGY COURSES

Courses are designated as SOCI in the class schedule.

101 Introduction to Sociology (3)
Basic concepts of sociology: includes social interaction, culture, personality, social processes, population, social class, the community, social institutions and socio-cultural change. One or more sections offered online.

133 Introduction to Gerontology (3)
Prerequisite: completion of General Education (G.E.) Category D.1. Multidisciplinary overview of characteristics, strengths and problems of older persons; diversity in aging process involving gender, race, ethnicity, subculture; services to older adults; gerontology as an academic discipline and a field of practice. One or more sections offered online. (Same as GERO 133)

300 Social Work (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. History, philosophy, values of social work profession, fields of practice (casework, group work, macro practice); theories of human behavior in social environments. Social work as career objective and qualifications necessary. Recommended for students considering careers in human services, social work, social policy development. One or more sections offered online.

302 Social Research Methods (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Qualitative and quantitative perspectives on social research. Purpose and components of qualitative and quantitative research design, including the role of theory in research, sampling, reflexivity, the practice of mixed methods of data collection, analysis and writing results. One or more sections offered online.

303 Statistics for the Social Sciences (3)
Prerequisites: completion of G.E. Categories B.4 and D.1. Techniques for the elementary statistical analysis of social data. Description and inferential measures include tests, chi-square, analysis of variance, contingency table analysis and linear regression. One or more sections offered online.

304 The Black Family (3)
(Same as AFAM 304)

305 Social Work Practice (3)
Prerequisites: SOCI 101 or equivalent. Theories, methods, principles, ethics, fields of social work practice. Generalist model; micro (individual), mezzo (group), macro (organization, community, advocacy, case management) levels of intervention. Recommended for students considering careers in human services, counseling, social work or social policy development. Methods and theories underlying social work practice.

306 Applying Sociology in the Community (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101, 302. Combines community service with an analysis of select community issues. At least 40 hours of community service required, applying theories and methods to field site. Findings and analysis discussed in weekly meetings. One or more sections offered online.

308 Writing for Sociology Students (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Composition, sources of information and sociological writing for different audiences. Satisfies the classroom portion of the upper-division writing requirement for sociology majors. Instructional fee. One or more sections offered online.

309 Computer Applications in Sociology (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Introduction to using computers in Sociology. Training in using Microsoft applications and microcomputers as it relates to research, data analysis, publications and presentations. Topics include survey analysis with SPSS; constructing and editing data files and word processing. One or more sections offered online.

325 The American Drug Scene (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Uses sociological theory and research to understand drug use in the U.S. Topics include drug subcultures, moral panics, drug policies and their social consequences, and trends in drug use.

341 Social Interaction (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Social and socio-psychological dimensions of group behavior and the socialization of the individual. Social interaction and its impact on the individual and personality formation. One or more sections offered online.

345 Sociology of Communication (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Social processes involved in communicating with symbols-verbal, visual and “body-language” in interpersonal settings and the mass media.

348 Collective Behavior (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Characteristics of crowds, mobs, publics. Social movements and revolutions, their relation to social unrest and their role in developing and changing social organization.

350 Social Relationships and Emotions (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Social relationships, emphasizing emotional bonds as the primary integrating force, including interactions between emotions and relationships.

351 Sociology of Families (3)
Prerequisites: SOCI 101 and completion of G.E. Category D.1. Family as a social institution. Historical and cross-cultural perspectives; social change affecting marriage and the family; analysis of American courtship and marriage patterns; the psycho-dynamics of family life. One or more sections offered online.
352 The Sociology of Education (3)
Prerequisites: SOCI 101 and completion of G.E. Category D.1. Education as a social institution and agent of socialization. Dynamic interplay with economic, political, religious, family institutions and community. Gender, race and class inequality in education. Cross-national perspectives on education and related social problems and social policy. One or more sections offered online.

353 Sociology of Children and Youth (3)
Prerequisites: SOCI 101 and completion of G.E. Category D.1. Historical, cross-national and contemporary views of children, adolescents and youth up to age 25; life course perspectives; inequalities of childhood, adolescence and early adulthood; childhood socialization; social problems of children and youth; recommendations for social policy.

354 Gender, Sex and Society (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Gender as a social and institutional construct, including analyses of identity, sexuality, media, family, work, economy, the state and global relations. One or more sections offered online.

355 Women in Contemporary Societies (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Micro and macro analyses of women’s roles and experiences in contemporary societies. Topics may include gender socialization, institutional inequalities, women’s work, violence against women, resistance to inequality, women’s health and sexuality.

356 Social Inequality (3)
Prerequisites: SOCI 101 and completion of G.E. Category D.1. Development, patterns, structures and consequences of social inequality, with emphasis on social class, race, ethnicity, gender and sexuality in the U.S. Dynamics of resistance and social change. One or more sections offered online.

357 Race and Ethnic Relations (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Development and current conditions of minority/majority relations through study of social, political and economic causes and consequences of prejudice and discrimination. Evolutionary and revolutionary movements for change. One or more sections offered online.

360 Sociology of Death and Dying (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Dying as a social process; functions of bereavement behavior; the grief process; fear of death and dying; death-related rituals, demographic aspects of mortality; American death acceptance-denial controversy. One or more sections offered online.

361 Population and the Environment (3)

365 Law and Society (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Relationship between a society and its laws using sociological theory and major concepts. Analysis of court process, legal professions and related social institutions.

371 Sociology of City Life (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Ecology, patterns of growth, institutional inequalities, social problems, cultures and organized resistances of urban communities in global contexts. One or more sections offered online.

376 Sociology of Children and Youth (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Historical, cross-national and contemporary views of children, adolescents and youth up to age 25; life course perspectives; inequalities of childhood, adolescence and early adulthood; childhood socialization; social problems of children and youth; recommendations for social policy.

381 Sociology of Sexualities (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Sociological aspects of sexualities, socio-historical and comparative perspectives; relationships of sexual constructs to life cycle, gender, race, class, nation and power. One or more sections offered online.

385 Family Violence (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Contemporary issues of family violence: victims, perpetrators and societal responses. Causes, intervention and prevention of all types of abuse – child, sibling, spouse, parent and elder – through the examination of theories, research findings and practical field application.

408 Sexual Abuse in American Society (3)
Prerequisites: SOCI 101, 466. Sociological examination of sexual abuse in contemporary society, specifically patterns of forcible rape and child sexual victimization. Theories and research findings regarding causes, consequences and other dynamics of sexual victimization, including responses of social groups to such victimization.

410 Theories of Social Behavior (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101 or junior or senior standing. Main schools of sociological thought, both European and American. Systems of theory, methodology of theorists, cultural change and social institutions. One or more sections offered online.

411 Criminology (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Extent, causes and control of criminal behavior. Criminal law, causal factors and theories, correctional institutions, probation and parole and preventive efforts.
413 Juvenile Delinquency (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Juvenile delinquency as a social problem. Sociological study of the causes of delinquent behavior and programs of control, treatment and prevention.

415 Sociology of Corrections (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101, 411 or 413. Current problems and programs in probation, parole and correctional institutions. For students planning careers in corrections.

416 Sociology of Alcoholism (4)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Sociological analysis of alcoholism. Socio-emotional causes and consequences of this type of drug addiction. (3 hours seminar; 2 hours activity)

429 Sociology of the Welfare State: Politics, Policy and Inequalities (3)
Prerequisites: SOCI 101; SOCI 354, 355, 356, 357 or 463. State interventions in social inequalities based on class, race and gender, focusing on the welfare state and social policy as the major vehicles for redressing inequality in advanced industrial societies.

433 Aging and Social Services (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101 or junior or senior standing. Sociological analysis of social problems of aging with special emphasis on strategies of intervention and barriers to service utilization. Critical examination of community service delivery systems. Review career opportunities and qualifications required. (Same as GERO 433)

443 Sociology of Aging (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Population age structure; theories of aging; aging in family, economic, political, religious, educational, leisure/esthetic institutions, aging and ethnicity, social policy and the future of aging. One or more sections offered online. (Same as GERO 443)

445 Gender and Work in Global Perspective (3)
Prerequisites: SOCI 101, WMST 205. Gendered work in global contexts, analyzing the intersections of race/class/gender/sexuality/nation in shaping men’s and women’s relationships to work, home and the global economy.

455 Sociology of Health and Illness (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Comprehensive sociological perspective for interpreting medicine and medical behavior. Multifaceted approach to disease processes as they affect the individual and others in his environment, health practice and petitioners, health institutions, and the cost and service of health services.

458 Sociology of Religious Behavior (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Religious behavior examined by social science theories. Religious rituals/beliefs to cope with anxiety and powerlessness before natural forces and social structures and processes. Religion’s contributions to individual identity, societal order and change. One or sections offered online. (Same as CPRL 458)

459 The Sociology of Marital Dissolution (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Social-psychological causes and consequences of voluntary marital dissolution (separation, divorce). Topics include: erosion of attachment, personal identity changes, changing and new relationships with others, starting over, dating again, sexuality changes, loneliness, anxieties.

463 Political Sociology (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Theoretical perspectives; nature of power and authority; social structure and political institutions; elites and decision making; social influences on political behavior; political movements.

466 Deviant Behavior (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Social construction, nature and patterns of deviance. Topics include theories of deviance, research on deviance, types of deviance, constructing deviance, deviant identity, relations among deviants, deviant acts and deviant careers.

467 Sociology of Sport (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101. Nature, position, functions and growing importance of sports in contemporary industrial society. Particular emphasis given to relationships between structure, variety and extent of sports activity and other institutional sectors in society.

473 Formal Organizations (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 101 or equivalent. Sociological analysis of formal organizations (industrial, governmental, welfare, military, medical, educational, correctional, etc.) as systems of social interaction. Topics include blueprint vs. informal organization, structure, authority, decision-making, role conflicts, communication and morals.

476 Sociology of Charity and Nonprofits (3)
Prerequisite: completion of G.E. Category D.1. Sociological perspectives on giving and volunteering; roles of charitable organizations in the U.S.; forms of generosity; purpose and characteristics of U.S. nonprofits; how local nonprofits address social problems; theories of social capital and civic engagement. Service-learning option at local nonprofit.

495 Sociological Internship (3)
Prerequisites: completion of 12 upper-division units of Sociology and minimum 3.0 GPA in the major. Supervised field experience permitting application of relevant sociological material in practical settings. Requires 120 hours in the field. One or more sections offered online.

499 Independent Study (1-3)
Prerequisites: completion of 12 units of Sociology and minimum 3.0 GPA. Individual research project, either library or field. Student must enroll with an instructor whose recognized interests are in the area of the planned independent study. Conferences with the instructor as necessary and the work culminated in one or more papers. May be repeated for credit.
500 Process of Adult Development and Aging (3)
(Same as GERO 500)

501T Seminar: Topics in Societal Structure and Process (3)
Prerequisite: consent of instructor. Analysis of a specialization within the study of society such as: socialization and personality; deviance; social change; institutional structure and process. May be repeated for credit.

502A The Research Process (3)
Requires the completion of a research project, including such elements as theory construction, hypotheses formation, sampling, survey construction, data collection and data analysis. Meets the University Graduate Writing Requirement. Instructional fee.

502B The Research Process (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 502A. Problems of social research. Causal inferences, value bias and measurement, construction of scales. Instructional fee.

503 Aging and Public Policy (3)
(Same as GERO 503)

504T Selected Topics in Gerontology (3)
(Same as GERO 504T)

508 Social and Ethical Issues in Aging (3)
(Same as GERO 508)

581 Advanced Theories of Social Behavior (3)
Prerequisite: SOCI 301 or equivalent. Basic elements and key problems in constructing and evaluating sociological theories.

585 The Practice of Sociology (3)
Prerequisite: graduate standing in sociology. Nexus between theory and methods in current sociological research. Uses applied skills to critically analyze specified studies in sociology. Meets the University Graduate Writing Requirement.

596 Teaching Symposium (3)
Prerequisite: consent of adviser. Placement with mentor for training to each college-level sociology classes. Pedagogy, course design and assessment.

597 Project (3)
Prerequisites: classified standing in the M.A. in Sociology program and proposal approved by supervising faculty member and the Sociology Department Graduate Studies committee. Under the direction of a faculty member, a topic that integrates learning in the program with an applied area of student's interest will be selected, and a major project on the topic will be developed and submitted.

598 Thesis (3)
Prerequisites: acceptance as a candidate for the Master of Arts in Sociology, and approval of topic. Individual research under supervision, reported in a thesis and defended successfully in an oral examination conducted by a faculty committee.

599 Independent Graduate Research (3)
Prerequisites: consent of graduate adviser and instructor. Individual research on a library or empirical project, with conferences with instructor as necessary, culminating in one or more papers. May be repeated for credit.