

SOCIOLOGY PROGRAM GOALS AND LEARNING OBJECTIVES FOR STUDENTS

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<p>Students will have gained an understanding of the concepts, empirical generalizations, and theories of Sociology</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe how the sociological perspective contributes to an understanding of social life (A); • Define and give examples of such basic concepts as culture, social structure, institutions, ethnic identity, and social inequality (A); • Describe how social institutions are interrelated; • Demonstrate the ways in which the social environment shapes our perceptions of self and our behavior (A); • Describe how the social world is created and recreated through interaction and interactions are shaped through larger social forces (A); • Describe the significance of variations by race, class, and gender; • Define what theory is and describe its role in building sociological knowledge; • Compare and contrast the basic theoretical perspectives in Sociology and identify their underlying assumptions (A); and, • Identify the major sociological theorists and describe the basic ideas in their theories. 	<p>Introduction to Sociology American Culture Social Movements and Change Sociology of Marriage and Family Ethnic and Minority Group Relations Men, Women, and Society Contemporary Sociological Theory Urban Sociology The U.S. and Globalization Environmental Sociology Organizations in Society Social Psychology</p>

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Students will have gained abilities to engage in analytical and scientific and quantitative thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculate and interpret descriptive and inferential statistics (A); • Use SPSS to produce descriptive statistics and interpret results (A); • Use SPSS to test hypotheses and interpret results (A); • Find patterns in a cultural scene, develop categories, and link concepts to the scholarly literature (A); • Understand ethical concerns and abide by ethical guidelines in the development and implementation of quantitative or qualitative research; • Design and carry out a qualitative research study and prepare a research report based on that study; and, • Design and carry out a quantitative research study and prepare a research report based on that study (A). 	Qualitative Research Methods Quantitative Research Methods Social Statistics Capstone in Sociology
Students will be better prepared for either graduate study or for a career	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain knowledge in finding careers that reflect their interests, abilities, and sociology preparation and develop a paper in which they reflect on their progress (A); • Prepare a model job application letter or letter of application to a graduate program (A); • Prepare a professional resume (A); • Find and complete an internship or a thesis. 	Career Preparation Capstone in Sociology

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