The B.A. Sociology Program is housed within the Department of Sociology, which also includes the Criminal Justice Program.

Description/Objective:
Through carefully planned courses, B.A. Sociology majors develop a sense of the intellectual tradition in Sociology, gain knowledge of the main body of sociological theory, acquire marketable proficiency in social research methods, gain knowledge of practical real-world skills, and obtain an understanding of how different sociological perspectives and concepts can be used to describe and analyze social phenomena. One of the goals of the Sociology faculty is to introduce B.A. Sociology majors and minors to the diverse ways in which sociological perspectives can be used to develop and enhance academic preparation for professional employment. Majors complete their education with a better understanding of both their own experiences as well as the complex social forces that influence change in an increasingly interconnected world.

Career Opportunities:
Career choices are important to both students and faculty, and research evidence shows that a sound foundation in sociological knowledge gives students many marketable skills which are useful in business and industry, governmental services, family-related services, the helping professions, not-for-profit organizations, graduate school and many other areas.

High School Background:
A well-rounded high school education is recommended for B.A. Sociology majors. Students should be interested in working with others and have an interest in understanding human behavior and the role of social structure in this behavior. Good communication skills are important for this major.

Sociology Courses Approved for University Studies:

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Sociology Programs:
B.A. Major: Sociology – General (SOC), minor required
B.A. Major: Sociology – Family Studies (SOCF), minor required
B.A. Major: Sociology – Gerontology (SGER), minor required
B.A. Major: Sociology – Human Services (SOCH), minor required

Minor: Sociology – General (SOCG)
Minor: Sociology – Gerontology (SGER)

Declaring a Sociology Major:
Students may declare a major or minor in the Sociology Program by using the standard “purple sheet.” Once students have successfully completed (a grade of “C” or better) the Foundation Courses (ENG 111, SOC 150, STAT 110 or PSY 231), an application for admission must be completed and signed by the student’s advisor and turned into the main sociology office.

First-Year Sample Program:
It is recommended that first year sociology students take ENG 111, SOC 150 and STAT 110 in addition to their general education requirements. The majority of major courses will be completed during the junior and senior years.