Sociology—the scientific study of society and human interaction—is an opportunity to learn a great deal about yourself and the society around you. The Department of Sociology at Wichita State University offers strong undergraduate and graduate programs and gives you the option to study society in general by taking one course, or in more depth by completing the 15-hour minor or the 31-hour major.

The study of society mandates specific skills for interpreting information and observations. As a sociology major, you are required to take research methods, statistics and theory, plus 15 hours of electives. With this flexibility, you can select specific areas of concentration in deviant behavior, family, gender, gerontology, social organization, intimate relations and others. Or you may prefer some combination of these specialties. Depending on your needs, interests, and goals, you may take courses in related fields, such as social work, psychology, political science or ethnic studies, or in other colleges such as business or education.

Sociology is an excellent general degree in the social sciences that may be tailored to your specific needs as you prepare for graduate or professional schools.

**Admission**
When you choose to study sociology you will be admitted to the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. You will be assigned a faculty advisor in sociology who will help you develop your program of study.

If you are still deciding on a major when you begin taking classes at WSU, the Liberal Arts and Sciences Advising Center can help you explore career and major options.

**Related Opportunities**
You may participate in the cooperative education program, internships, directed research projects and independent readings. Some students are selected to work directly with faculty on research and projects of common interest. Through faculty-based community service, you can gain hands-on experience in social agencies, volunteering and cooperative education employment opportunities.

If eligible, you may be selected for university academic honor societies such as Phi Kappa Phi and Mortar Board. Sociology also has its own honor society, Alpha Kappa Delta, and all students are encouraged to get involved in Shocker Soc Club.

**After Graduation**
Sociology graduates are very successful in the work force after graduation. Some of our students participate in Cooperative Education, a program that helps you find a part-time job—with pay—in an area related to sociology and your interests. You earn three hours of sociology credit, build experience and test your career choice—all before you graduate. Relevant experience increases your career options after graduation. Many times experience turns into a full-time job. About 75 percent of our bachelor of arts graduates work in human service delivery, a diverse area with many opportunities.

**General Education Program Requirements**

**What is the overall goal?**
The goal of general education is to enable you to live a rich, meaningful life by developing: an informed appreciation of the arts, humanities, and natural and social sciences; an ability to intelligently follow and participate in current events; and a sensitive and tutored appreciation of diverse cultures and ways of living.

**What are the expected outcomes?**
Embedded throughout general education and furthered in the major are the skills that enable graduates to contribute productively to society and the on-going culture. Therefore, upon graduation the faculty expects you to:

1. Have acquired knowledge in the arts, humanities, and natural and social sciences
2. Think critically and independently
3. Write and speak effectively
4. Employ analytical reasoning and problem solving techniques
Major Requirements

1. Introduction to Sociology - 3 credit hours
2. Introduction to Social Research - 3 credit hours
3. Sociological Statistics - 3 credit hours
4. Measurements & Analysis - 4 credit hours
5. Sociological Theory - 3 credit hours
6. Electives - 15 credit hours

Some courses listed in Major Requirements will count toward the LAS General Education Requirements.

Minor Requirements

1. Introduction to Sociology - 3 credit hours
2. Upper-division courses (at least 3 hours, 500 level or above) - 3 credit hours
3. Electives - 9 credit hours

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For more information
If you have further questions or would like to schedule a campus visit, please contact the Office of Admissions.

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