

# Sociology

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 30-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, urban sociology, 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

minority 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'll be admitted to Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. You'll be assigned a faculty advisor who will help you develop your program of study.

If you're still deciding on a major when you're admitted to the University, the Liberal Arts and Sciences Advising Center can help you explore career 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 community service, you can

gain hands-on experience in social agencies, volunteering, and Cooperative Education employment opportunities.

## After Graduation

Sociology graduates are very successful in the work force after graduation. Most of our students participate in Cooperative Education, a program that helps you find a part-time job—with pay—in an area relevant 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 a co-op experience turns into a full-time job. About 75 percent of our BA graduates work in human service delivery, a diverse area with many opportunities.

## Contact Us

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**GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM  
REQUIREMENTS**

The General Education Program, an integral component of degree requirements in all Wichita State University undergraduate colleges, comprises approximately one-third of the total credit hours necessary for graduation. The goals of the program include the following:

- **To study and apply basic mathematical principles**
- **To study and apply principles of written and oral communication**
- **To study and apply basic library research skills including basic assessment of various kinds of sources**
- **To study the natural sciences, social and behavioral sciences, and humanities and fine arts**

Successful completion of the General Education Program and LAS College requirements supplies the elemental knowledge and skills for life-long learning in an ever-changing, global world. Education empowers us to become masters, not merely users, of our unfolding destiny.

Detailed outlines of General Education Program Requirements are provided in the University Catalog, each semester's Schedule of Courses and on the website: [http://webs.wichita.edu/success/general\\_edu\\_program/generaleducation.htm](http://webs.wichita.edu/success/general_edu_program/generaleducation.htm). When you enter the university, your academic advisor will assist in selecting GFP courses appropriate to your choice of major and degree.

**For More Information**

To receive more information or to arrange a campus visit, contact:  
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The University reserves the right to revise or change rules, charges, fees, schedules, courses, requirements for degrees and any other regulations affecting students whenever considered necessary or desirable.

<b>Major Requirements*</b>	
Introduction to Sociology	3
Introduction to Social Research	3
Sociological Statistics	3
Measurements and Analysis	3
Sociological Theory	3
Electives	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>
*Some courses listed in Major Requirements will count toward the LAS General Education Requirements.	

<b>Minor Requirements</b>	
Introduction to Sociology	3
Upper-division courses (at least 6 hours, 5000 level or above)	6
Electives	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Faculty</b>	
• <b>Twyla J. Hill</b> (PhD, University of California- Irvine). Sociology of Aging, Sociology of Families, sociology Law, Asian-American Sociology, Research Methods.	
• <b>Jodie L. Hertzog</b> (PhD, Purdue University). Family studies, Sociology of Gender, Intimate Violence Prevention.	
• <b>Charles S. Koeber</b> (PhD, State University of New York-Binghamton). Work, Labor Markets, Stratification/Inequality.	
• <b>Ron Matson</b> (PhD, University of Colorado). Department Chair. Undergraduate Program Coordinator. Men and Masculinities, Intimate Relationships, Parenting, Humanism.	
• <b>Kathleen O'Flaherty Perez</b> (PhD, Purdue University). Quantitative Methods, Urban, Demography.	
• <b>Lisa Thrane</b> (PhD, Iowa State University). Deviance, Mental Health, Social Inequity, Digital Citizenship, Research Methods.	
• <b>David W. Wright</b> (PhD, Purdue University). Analysis, Marxism, Industrial Sociology, Gender Analysis Theory	

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