

Sociology

In the College of Arts and Letters

OFFICE: Nasatir Hall 203

TELEPHONE: 619-594-5449 / **FAX:** 619-594-1325

E-MAIL: msannwal@mail.sdsu.edu

<http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/sdsusoci/index.html>

Faculty

Emeritus: Bloomberg, Buck, Chandler, Cottrell, DeLora, El-Assal, Emerick, Gillette, Hough, Ima, Milne, Preston, Sandlin, Scheck, Schulze, Sorensen, Stephenson, Wendling, Werner, Winslow, Wood

Chair: Gay

Professors: Finch, Gay, Kolody, Liu, Pershing, Wong, Zhang

Associate Professors: Choi, Esbenshade, Johnston, Ojeda, Sargent

Assistant Professors: McCall, Roberts

Lecturer: Clanton

Offered by the Department

Master of Arts degree in sociology.

Master of Science degree in criminal justice and criminology. (Jointly with the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts.)

Major in sociology with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.

Minor in sociology.

The Major

Sociology is the study of human social behavior. Among other things, it includes the study of intimate personal relationships to large-scale social institutions which constitute societies and world systems; the shared cultural beliefs which hold societies together and make life meaningful; the cleavages of race, class, gender, and ethnicity and the inequalities and conflicts associated with them; and the causes and consequences of crime and other forms of social deviance.

While the sociology department offers a wide variety of courses, the focus of its curriculum is community issues. Communities consist of networks of personal relationships that underlie the large scale organizational and institutional structures that constitute societies. These social ties constitute the power resources – or “social capital” – through which things get done. They provide a kind of interpersonal glue that creates social cohesion and enables people within organizations and institutions to form coalitions, initiate processes for social change, and consolidate power resources in seeking to change social structure.

A bachelor's degree in sociology provides an excellent liberal arts foundation for embarking on a wide range of career paths. A major in sociology provides the graduate with the skills necessary to work effectively with groups of people. Some possible areas of employment are public and private agencies, college settings, publishing, businesses, research facilities, human resources, human services, corrections, local/state/federal governments, health facilities. The degree also prepares students to enter graduate programs in sociology, teaching, law, and public health, to name a few.

Impacted Program

The sociology major is an impacted program. To be admitted to the sociology major, students must meet the following criteria:

- Complete with a grade of C or higher: Sociology 101, 150, 201, 250, and three units from the following one-unit courses: Sociology 200A (required) and Information and Decision Systems 180 or any two units selected from Sociology 200B through 200J. **Note:** Statistics 119 or 250, or Biology 215, will be accepted in lieu of Sociology 201. These courses cannot be taken for credit/no credit (Cr/NC);

- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher.

To complete the major, students must fulfill the degree requirements for the major described in the catalog in effect at the time they are accepted into the premajor at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment).

Advising

All College of Arts and Letters majors are urged to consult with their department adviser as soon as possible; they are required to meet with their department adviser within the first two semesters after declaration or change of major.

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs Web site was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

Sociology Major

With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
(Major Code: 22081)

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on “Graduation Requirements.” No more than 48 units in sociology courses can apply to the degree.

A minor is not required with this major.

Preparation for the Major. Sociology 101, 150, 201, 250, and three units from the following one-unit courses: Sociology 200A (required), and Information and Decision Systems 180 or any two units selected from Sociology 200B through 200J. **Note:** Statistics 119 or 250, or Biology 215, will be accepted in lieu of Sociology 201. (15 units)

These prerequisite courses may not be taken Cr/NC. The minimum grade in each class is C or higher.

Language Requirement. Competency (successfully completing the third college semester or fifth college quarter) is required in one foreign language to fulfill the graduation requirement. Refer to section of catalog on “Graduation Requirements.”

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See “Graduation Requirements” section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. Complete 15 units of core requirements and 12 units from an area of specialization. (27 units).

Core requirements (15 units) should be completed before courses in the area of specialization:

Sociology 401 and 403
Sociology 406 or 407 or 408
Sociology 410 or 412
Sociology 430 or 433

Areas of specialization (12 units)

(a) Community Structure and Institutions

Sociology 335, 338, 421, 436, 480 (with approval of undergraduate adviser), 490, 531, 537, 539.

(b) Inequalities

Sociology 320, 352, 355, 433, 480 (with approval of undergraduate adviser), 481, 490, 496, 555.

(c) Diversity and Change

Sociology 320, 350, 355, 450, 456, 457, 480 (with approval of undergraduate adviser), 490, 522, 555.

(d) Crime and Control

Sociology 352, 442, 443, 444, 445, 480 (with approval of undergraduate adviser), 490, 543.

(e) Microsociology

Sociology 310, 320, 412, 436, 441, 480 (with approval of undergraduate adviser), 490.

Sociology Minor

The minor in sociology consists of a minimum of 18 units to include Sociology 101 and either 150, 201, or 250; three units selected from Sociology 401, 406, 407, 408, 410, 430, or 433; six units selected from

one of the areas of specialization under the major, and three elective units from among other upper division courses in the department. **Note:** Economics 201, Political Science 201, Statistics 119 or 250 will be accepted in lieu of Sociology 201.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

Sociology Honors Thesis

The Department of Sociology offers undergraduates of superior achievement the opportunity to write a sociology honors thesis leading to special recognition upon graduation. Sociology 490, Senior Honors Thesis, is open to students who rank in the top twenty percent of senior sociology majors and who have successfully satisfied the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Interested students should consult with the undergraduate adviser in the Sociology Department.



SOC