

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

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Sociology is the scientific study of how groups of people relate to one another in contemporary society. For most sociologists, this means a focus on unequal outcomes and opportunities on the basis of gender, race, and socioeconomic class. Social change, especially how it can contribute to a better distribution of opportunities, is also a major theme in sociological research.

A degree in sociology will give students the methodological tools and theoretical perspectives that lay the groundwork for a solid data-based understanding of pressing contemporary issues. Here at UVM there are a good selection of courses and concentrations that address some of the most critical themes of the day, including criminal justice, environmental justice, gender and sexuality, health care, and immigration.

Many UVM sociology students also take internships, an important way to put into practice sociological perspectives and research methods. UVM students do well out in the world; some have gone on to attend graduate school, including at Yale Law School, UC Berkeley, and Cornell University. UVM students find work in a wide range of public and private sector occupations, including in web technology, marketing and advertising, caregiving management, education, legal services, and real estate.

MAJORS

SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

Sociology B.A. (<http://catalogue.uvm.edu/undergraduate/artsandsciences/sociology/sociologyba/>)

MINORS

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Gerontology (<http://catalogue.uvm.edu/undergraduate/artsandsciences/sociology/gerontologyminor/>)

Law and Society (<http://catalogue.uvm.edu/undergraduate/artsandsciences/sociology/lawandsocietyminor/>)

Sociology (<http://catalogue.uvm.edu/undergraduate/artsandsciences/sociology/sociologyminor/>)

Courses

SOC 001. SU: Introduction to Sociology. 3 Credits.

Fundamental principles and problems in the sociological analysis of the structure and dynamics of modern society.

SOC 011. Social Problems. 3 Credits.

Sociological analysis of social problems as they occur in American society and around the globe, and how they are defined as problems in the first place. Focus on issues such as migration, the opioid epidemic, climate change, and social inequality.

SOC 014. Deviance & Social Control. 3 Credits.

Analysis of the causes and consequences of social behavior that violates norms. Examines patterns of deviant socialization and social organization and forms of deviance control.

SOC 019. D1: Race Relations in the US. 3 Credits.

Analysis of racial prejudice, discrimination, and other dominant group practices directed toward Native, Asian-, and African-Americans and their social movements for integration, accommodation, and separatism. May not be taken for credit concurrently with, or following receipt of, credit for CRES 065.

SOC 020. Aging: Change & Adaptation. 3 Credits.

Individual and social meanings of aging and old age; physical, physiological, psychological, and sociological changes accompanying aging; individual, family, community, and societal adaptations to aging. Cross-listed with: HDF 020.

SOC 022. Sociology of Sexualities. 3 Credits.

Examination of the social construction of sexuality with emphasis on theories, concepts, and cultural ramifications of a range of sexual practices and identities. Cross-listed with: GSWS 022.

SOC 032. Social Inequality. 3 Credits.

Introduction to structured class inequality in the United States, causes and consequences. Focus on wealth, prestige, and power. Inequalities of age, gender, and ethnicity also examined.

SOC 054. Health Care in America. 3 Credits.

Examination of the organization and financing of the U.S. health care system. Focus on health disparities, health care policy, and cross-national comparisons. Cross-listed with: HSOC 054.

SOC 057. Drugs & Society. 3 Credits.

Patterns of illicit drug distribution, use, abuse, and control in contemporary society. Examines the interaction of cultural, social, psychological, and physiological factors in prohibited drug-taking.

SOC 085. Internship. 1-3 Credits.

On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

SOC 095. Introductory Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

SOC 096. Introductory Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

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SOC 097. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.

A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

SOC 100. Fund of Social Research. 4 Credits.

Introduction to research methods in social science. Includes examination of research design, measurement, data collection, data analysis, and the presentation and theoretical interpretation of research findings. Prerequisites: STAT 051 or STAT 111 or STAT 141 or higher; three hours of Sociology or Political Science; minimum Sophomore standing. Cross-listed with: POLS 181.

SOC 101. Developm't Sociological Theory. 3 Credits.

Classical sociological theory including Marx, Weber, Durkheim, and Mead, as well as DuBois and early female theorists such as Martineau. Reading and writing intensive. Prerequisites: SOC 001; three additional hours of Sociology; minimum Sophomore standing.

SOC 102. Population, Environment & Soc. 3 Credits.

Analysis of the causes and consequences of varying relationships among population size, distribution and composition, social organization, technology, and resource base. Prerequisite: Three hours of Sociology.

SOC 109. The Self & Social Interaction. 3 Credits.

Analysis of the roles of sociocultural and situational factors in individual behavior and experience and the social genesis, development, and functioning of human personality. Prerequisite: Three hours of Sociology.

SOC 112. D2: Global Deviance. 3 Credits.

Studies different theoretical approaches to deviance and social control, empirical patterns of deviant behaviors, and temporal, spatial, and cultural variations in these patterns, in a global context. Prerequisite: Three hours of Sociology or Global and Regional Studies.

SOC 113. Crim Justice & Public Health. 3 Credits.

Examination of the public health consequences and interventions in the criminal justice system, starting with problems that occur within policing, courts (including treatment courts), and corrections' systems. In the process, analyzes the social determinants of health within the justice system, and how such systems manage and approach health (including behavioral health). Prerequisites: SOC 001 and 3 additional hours in Sociology; minimum Sophomore standing.

SOC 115. Crime. 3 Credits.

Analysis of the nature and types of behavior that violates law, the mechanisms for defining such behaviors as criminal, and their causes and consequences. Prerequisite: Three hours of Sociology.

SOC 119. D1: Race & Ethnicity. 3 Credits.

Description and analysis of ethnic, racial, and religious groups in the United States. Examination of social/cultural patterns in the larger society and in these groups themselves. Prerequisite: Three hours of Anthropology or Sociology. Cross-listed with: ANTH 187.

SOC 121. SU:Sociology of Disaster. 3 Credits.

Examination of disasters (natural, technological, intentional) using a sociological, critical lens. Analysis of research, theories, and current debates in the field of disaster sociology. Prerequisite: Three hours of Sociology.

SOC 125. Sociology of the Holocaust. 3 Credits.

Examination of the Holocaust using a sociological lens and discussion of its relevance for current social developments and events. Prerequisites: Three hours of Sociology or three hours of Jewish Studies or HST 016 or HST 139 or HST 190.

SOC 132. Affluence & Poverty in Mod Soc. 3 Credits.

Examination of structured social inequality in contemporary American society with special attention to the distribution of wealth and its relationship to power, prestige, and opportunity. Prerequisite: Three hours of Sociology.

SOC 140. Gender, Sexualities & Medicine. 3 Credits.

Examines medicine through a sociocultural lens, drawing on sociological, historical, anthropological, philosophical, feminist, queer, and critical race studies perspectives in order to explore the intersections of sex, gender, sexuality, and medicine. Prerequisites: Three hours of Sociology; or GSWS 001; or Health and Society major or minor. Cross-listed with: GSWS 140.

SOC 154. Sociology of Death & Dying. 3 Credits.

Comparative examination of sociocultural adaptations to mortality with special attention to family, medical, legal, religious, and economic responses to fatal illness and death in contemporary society. Prerequisite: Three hours of Sociology.

SOC 155. D2:Culture, Health and Healing. 3 Credits.

Introduction to medical anthropology. Social and cultural perspectives on health and illness experiences, doctor-patient interactions, healing practices, and access to health and health care. Prerequisite: Three hours of Sociology or ANTH 021 or ANTH 089. Cross-listed with: ANTH 174.

SOC 157. QR:Population Health Research. 3 Credits.

Overview of research methods used to examine population health dynamics. Topics include measuring health outcomes such as life expectancy and morbidity and examining the impact of sociological variables such as race and gender on health using domestic and international data. Prerequisite: Three hours of Sociology.

SOC 160. Our Consuming Society. 3 Credits.

A critical look at the things we buy and our motivations for buying them, and a consideration of collective action solutions to over-consumption. Prerequisite: Three hours of Sociology.

SOC 185. Internship. 1-18 Credits.

On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisites: Three hours of Sociology; Instructor permission.

SOC 188. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.

Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisites: Three hours of Sociology; Instructor permission.

SOC 195. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

See Schedule of Courses for specific titles. Prerequisite: Three hours of Sociology.

SOC 196. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

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SOC 197. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.

A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisites: Three hours of Sociology; Instructor permission.

SOC 198. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.

Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisites: Three hours of Sociology; Instructor permission.

SOC 212. D2: Int'l Migration & U.S. Soc. 3 Credits.

A comparative approach to the migration of people from the rest of the world to the United States with an emphasis on Mexican immigration. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 216. Criminal Justice. 3 Credits.

Analysis of social structures and processes in criminal justice arenas, the labeling of criminal offenders, and other issues related to crime, punishment, and justice. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing. Declared Law & Society minors may substitute SOC 014 for other prerequisite coursework in Sociology.

SOC 219. D1: Race Relations. 3 Credits.

Examination of American racial subordination in social and historical perspective. Analysis of interracial contacts, racial subcultures and social structures, and responses to racial prejudice and discrimination. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 220. Internship in Gerontology. 3 Credits.

Supervised service or research internship integrating theoretical and practical gerontological issues. Prerequisite: Minimum Junior standing; Instructor permission.

SOC 223. Sociology of Reproduction. 3 Credits.

Examines reproduction of cultural values in relation to social conduct of reproduction of human life (childbearing) under advanced capitalism. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing. Cross-listed with: GSWS 250.

SOC 229. Family as Social Institution. 3 Credits.

Examination of the institution of the American family in cross-cultural and historical perspective. Theories and research on family continuity, change, and institutional relationships explored. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 231. Transgender Studies. 3 Credits.

Introduction to the interdisciplinary field of transgender studies. Exploration of trans studies in the social sciences and gender and queer studies and examination of the field's contributions to shifting understandings of sex, gender, identify, and the body. Prerequisites: SOC 001 or GSWS 001; and one of SOC 100 OR SOC 101 or GSWS 100 OR GSWS 105; minimum Junior standing. Cross-listed with: GSWS 231.

SOC 232. Social Class & Mobility. 3 Credits.

Comparative and historical analysis of causes, forms, and consequences of structured social inequality in societies. Examination of selected problems in contemporary stratification theory and research. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 250. Sociology of Culture. 3 Credits.

The relations of cultural forms and subjective experience to social structure and power; in-depth applications of interpretive approaches in contemporary sociology. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 257. Health: Race, Class, & Gender. 3 Credits.

Rarely considered simultaneously in health research, intersections of race, class, and gender are crucial in health. This course examines political and historical conceptions of race, class, and gender and their intersections in relation to health, learning from key scholars in sociology, science studies, political philosophy, and population health. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 258. Sociology of Law. 3 Credits.

Analysis of sociocultural structure of the legal institution and its relationships to other institutions: the social organization of the legal profession, lawmaking, and the courts. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing. Declared Law & Society minors may substitute SOC 014 for other prerequisite coursework in Sociology.

SOC 272. D2: Soc of African Societies. 3 Credits.

Current social, cultural, political, and economic changes occurring in African societies, including issues of development, the state and civil society, social class, ethnonationalism, and democratization. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 274. Qualitative Research Methods. 3 Credits.

Principles of qualitative research design and ethics and data collection, analysis, and presentation. Students will complete a research project over the course of the semester. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 285. Internship. 1-18 Credits.

On-site supervised work experience with structured academic learning plan directed by faculty/ faculty-staff team with faculty as instructor of record, for credit. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing; Instructor permission. Declared Law & Society minors may substitute SOC 014 for other prerequisite Sociology coursework.

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Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing; Instructor permission.

SOC 295. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

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