

Sociology, Minor

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Learn the vital research skills that are valuable assets in journalism, politics and public administration.

Description

The minor program in sociology, offered by the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, provides students with an understanding of the theory, practice and policy that underlie issues of social change, inequality and diversity. These issues are approached from multiple perspectives, including race or ethnicity, gender, economic position, age, geographic location and position in the global political economy.

The student minoring in sociology learns how sociology enhances one's understanding of social realities and institutions at local, national and international levels and how it contributes to the other social sciences and to the humanities.

Students gain a basic understanding of the assumptions underlying the discipline of sociology and develop the research skills necessary for analysis of complex social issues. These objectives are met by offering a flexible program and by providing the student with individual and group experiences working with faculty members on concrete intellectual and policy issues.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [West Valley](#)

Program requirements

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The minor in sociology consists of 18 credit hours of coursework, of which a minimum of 12 hours must be upper division. A minimum of six upper-division credit hours must be completed through courses offered by the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Credit hours may not be shared between major and minor requirements. All courses used to satisfy requirements for the minor must be passed with a "C" (2.00) or better.

A maximum of three credit hours of SOC 484 or SOC 499 may be used to fulfill the requirements of this minor.

Foundation Requirement -- 3 credit hours

[SOC 101: Introductory Sociology \(SOBE OR SB\)](#) (3)

Select one course -- 3 credit hours

[SBS 302: Qualitative Methods \(SOBE OR SB\)](#) (3)

[SBS 303: Quantitative Methods \(QTRS\)](#) (3)

[SBS 304: Social Statistics I \(QTRS OR CS\)](#) (3)

[SOC 426: Social Inequalities \(CIVI OR SB\)](#) (3)

[SOC 483: Sociological Theories \(SOBE OR L or SB\)](#) (3)

Electives -- 12 credit hours

[SOC Upper Division Elective](#) (9)

[SOC](#) Elective (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment requirements

GPA Requirement: None

Incompatible Majors: BS or BA in sociology

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major or the minor program. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor.

Career opportunities

Graduates are prepared for employment in corporate or governmental organizations and for continuation of their studies in graduate programs in sociology or social science, or in professional schools.

The sociological perspective is applicable to a wide variety of jobs in business, management, government, social services, the criminal justice system and the health professions. Coursework in sociology is valuable preparation for careers in journalism, law, the nonprofit sector, public administration and public relations. These are all fields that involve investigative skills and an ability to work with diverse groups.

Graduates with an advanced degree in sociology may become community activists, community developers, criminologists, demographers, gerontologists, organizational advocates, research analysts, statisticians, survey researchers or urban planners.

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