Sociology Minor

Learning Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Sociology majors will demonstrate comprehension of the discipline of sociology and its role in contributing to our understanding of social reality.

Objective 1.1: Students can apply the sociological imagination, sociological principles, and concepts to her/his own life.

Objective 1.2: Students can compare and contrast basic theoretical orientations.

Goal 2: Sociology majors will develop knowledge of sociological research methods.

Objective 2.1: Students can design a research study in an area of choice and explain why various methodological decisions were made.

Objective 2.2: Students can run basic statistical analyses to answer research questions.

Objective 2.3: Students can identify and understand how to apply different methodologies (i.e., quantitative vs. qualitative) to the same subject and determine the benefits of each.

Goal 3: Sociology majors will understand how to communicate within their discipline.

Objective 3.1: Students can engage in social scientific technical writing that accurately conveys data findings.

Objective 3.2: Students can orally present research or course material clearly and concisely.

Goal 4: Sociology majors will incorporate the values from the discipline.

Objective 4.1: Students can assess the impact of the negative effects of social inequality.

Objective 4.2: Students can appraise the utility of the sociological perspective as one of several perspectives on social reality.

Goal 5: Sociology majors will understand the operation of culture and social structure.

Objective 5.1: Students can describe the significance of variations by race, class, gender, sexual orientation, and age, and thus critically assess generalizations or stereotypes for inaccuracy.

Objective 5.2: Students will identify examples of specific policy implications using reasoning about the effects of social structuration.

Goal 6: Sociology majors will be socialized for professional careers and/or further studies.

Objective 6.1: Students can identify a social problem, design ways to address it, and outline feasible steps to accomplish their task.

The minor in sociology requires the following, and any two upper division (201 or above) sociology courses:

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For Criminal Justice majors, the minor in sociology requires SOC 211, and four upper division SOC courses.