



Why should I major in sociology at Cal State Fullerton?

Because of its broad scope, contemporary sociology offers exciting employment opportunities in a number of fields such as social work, politics, law, public administration, urban and environmental planning, public relations, personnel, criminal justice, counseling and other service professions. Using systematic and scientific methods, sociologists look beyond individual and unique events to the predictable broad patterns and regular occurrences of social life that influence individuals. Studies range from the profound impact of post-industrial societies on family life, crime, mass communications, gender, race, ethnicity and intergenerational relations to the study of emotions and the values that govern daily social encounters.

The major in sociology at Cal State Fullerton offers:

Great Credentials – Our sociology program is considered by many to be one of the best in the Cal State University system. We offer a wide range of courses that are unmatched by most public or private universities in California.

Outstanding Faculty – Our faculty members are internationally-recognized scholars who hold doctorate degrees from prestigious universities across the United States. They are eager to share their enthusiasm about society and social behavior with their students.

Fantastic Students – Our graduates hold professional positions at schools, colleges and companies around the world. Many students go on to graduate studies and find themselves excelling in their chosen fields, whether it be sociology or another field of interest.

Internet Access – All registered students have access to computer labs with e-mail accounts, linking each student to the World Wide Web.

Flexibility – Classes meet to coincide with work schedules, during the day, in the evening, and on weekends.

What is a sociology major?

A sociology major is generally a person who is intelligent, thoughtful and highly interested in society and social behaviors. Students may choose to major in

sociology in order to enter one of the many fields where relevant sociological knowledge and competence are expected. The major in sociology can also serve as excellent preparation for advanced study in the master's program and beyond.

What courses are required for the major?

All sociology majors must complete a minimum of 36 units of sociology courses. At least 27 units must be upper division. Included in the 36 units are the following:

Required Courses (15 units)

Sociology 101 Introduction to Sociology (3 units)

Sociology 301 Theories of Social Behavior (3 units)

Sociology 302 Social Research Methods (3 units)

Sociology 303 Statistics for the Social Sciences (3 units)

Sociology 309 Computers in Sociology (this course must be taken by sociology majors who started their college careers in fall 2001 or later).

Service Learning

Sociology majors who began their college careers in fall 2002 or later must complete a service-learning component in one of their sociology courses.

Writing Requirement (3 units)

In addition to the 36 units of sociology courses, all majors must complete *one* of the following courses:

Sociology 308 Writing for Sociology (3 units)

English 301 Advanced College Writing (3 units)

English 360 Scientific and Technical Report Writing (3 units)

English 365 Legal Writing (3 units)

OR an adviser-approved equivalent upper-division writing course.

Concentration Options

As part of the 21 units of elective course work, sociology majors may choose a specific emphasis of study by taking 12 units within one of the following concentrations:

Sociology of Class, Race and Gender

Sociology of Deviance and Social Problems

Education

Family

Gerontology

Social Work

Each concentration includes a required core course, as well as a "capstone experience." Come to the Sociology Department office to obtain an information leaflet.

What is a sociology internship?

The internship course, Sociology 495, offers the opportunity for students to participate in supervised field activities. The internship permits students to apply their relevant sociological knowledge to meet challenges of a practical

setting. Each course can be used to earn three units of credit for such experiences. Students must make arrangements with the internship coordinator one semester prior to enrollment in the course. The course may be repeated for a maximum of six units.

Is there a minor in sociology?

To receive a minor in sociology, students must complete 21 units in sociology, including:

Required Courses (9 units)

Sociology 101 Introduction to Sociology (3 units)

Sociology 301 Theories of Social Behavior (3 units)

Sociology 302 Social Research Methods (3 units)

Elective Courses (12 units)

Choose any 12 units of upper-division course work in sociology.

What courses will transfer from my community college?

A maximum total of nine adviser-approved units may be transferred from a community college.

What kind of financial aid is available?

The university offers many types of financial aid, including loans, grants and scholarships. To find out more, call the Office of Financial Aid at (714) 278-3125.

Who are the sociology faculty members and what are their areas of interest?

TAKENORI ASO, Ph.D., Washington State University (Statistics and methods, mathematical sociology, population study and demography)

JOHN BEDELL, Ph.D., Case Western Reserve University (Family, child; chair)

TONY BELL, Ph.D., University of Texas, Austin (Sociology of death and dying, and sociology of sex roles)

DENNIS BERG, Ph.D., University of Southern California (Environmental studies, research methods, and statistics)

ALAN EMERY, Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles (Political sociology, theory, urban sociology)

RONALD HUGHES, Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles (Sociology of the family, introduction to sociology, and writing)

HILLA ISRAELY, Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles (Social theory, statistics, deviance, attitudes and identity, and women's studies)

PERRY JACOBSON, Ph.D., University of Minnesota (Theory, research methods, and statistics)

GANGADHARAPPA NANJUNDAPPA, Ph.D., University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia (Social and technical demography, population analysis, health and social behavior, social stress, family violence, and social research methods)

RAE NEWTON, Ph.D., University of California, Santa Barbara (Experimental social psychology, research methods, statistics, and mental health measurement)

MYRON ORLEANS, Ph.D., The New School for Social Research (Family, theory, stratification, and alcoholism)

MICHAEL P. PEREZ, Ph.D., University of California, Riverside (Minority group relations, Pacific studies, criminology, social psychology)

HOUSHANG POORKAJ, Ph.D., University of Southern California (Crime and delinquency, gerontology, and social problems)

LORRAINE PRINSKY, Ph.D., University of California, Irvine (Juvenile delinquency, law, service learning and applied sociology.)

GERALD ROSEN, Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles (Minority group relations, political sociology, social stratification, and sociology of the child)

MICHAEL STUART, Ph.D., University of Oregon (Methodology, statistics, formal organizations, and social change)

CLARENCE TYGART, Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles (Deviant behavior, and statistics)

JOSEPH A. WEBER, Ph.D., Oklahoma State University (Gerontology, theory, research methods)

TROY ZIMMER, Ph.D., Ohio State University (Emotions and intimate relationships)

Who advises me?

Any faculty member will be happy to answer general questions about the field of sociology, careers and the selection of courses. For specific questions regarding major and minor graduation checks, call the department office or visit our website for contact information and office hours for undergraduate advisers.

How can I learn more?

Visit the Department of Sociology's website at <http://hss.fullerton.edu/sociology/index.html> for an introduction to faculty members and a description of courses, graduation requirements and information about the field of sociology. We also encourage you to visit us in person in Humanities 730M in order to speak with an adviser.

You can also write to us at Department of Sociology, California State University, Fullerton, P.O. Box 6846, Humanities 730M, Fullerton, CA 92834-6846, or call (714) 278-3531.

Come see what our program can do for you. Become a sociology major at Cal State Fullerton!