SOCIOLOGY

Description
A major or minor in sociology within the College of Arts and Sciences provides students with vital intellectual and occupational skills. This includes analytical thinking, creative problem solving, effective written and oral communication, collecting, analyzing and interpreting data, and gaining expertise regarding the impact of social and cultural dynamics on individual and societal trends. Students may pursue broad training in sociology, or they may pursue a specific Focus Area, such as Crime/Deviance, Family, Health, Social Inequality, or Social Research. We also encourage students strongly to seize the opportunities provided for internship and a variety of research experiences, which play a key role in helping students define their career trajectory and build a resumé.

Our majors and minors pursue careers in a variety of fields that reflect their substantive expertise, such as:

- Social-Justice Related Activism
- Law and Criminal Justice
- Education and Social/Human Services
- Research—especially, public health and medicine, public opinion research, market research/marketing, as well as occupations requiring data collection, analysis and project direction skills (e.g., nursing, policy work, journalism, engineering, computational sciences)
- Public Service/Government and Administration
- Private-sector for-profit companies and nonprofit organizations
- Management and Human Resources

We also encourage students to combine their interest in sociology with one of the many interdisciplinary programs/certificates offered in the College of Arts and Sciences and beyond. This includes but is not limited to: Conflict Resolution, Environmental Studies, Ethnic Studies, Global Studies, Human Rights, Humanities and Medicine, Public Policy, Women’s and Gender Studies, plus the Center for Great Plains Studies, and the Center for Civic Engagement.

Program Assessment. To assist the department in evaluating the effectiveness of its programs, majors will be asked to complete an exit survey. The Department will inform the students of the scheduling and format of the survey. Results of participation in these assessment activities will not affect a students GPA or graduation in any way.

Advising

Academic and Career Advising
The Academic and Career Advising Center in 107 Oldfather is a centrally located and easily accessed resource for students in all majors in the College of Arts and Sciences. The professional academic advisors and career coaches offer 1-on-1 meetings on a walk-in and appointment basis weekdays. Advisors will provide assistance choosing majors and minors, understanding degree requirements and academic policies, completing paperwork, meeting deadlines, adding/dropping courses, and planning for graduation. In addition, career coaches can help students identify career options related to their interests and connect them with experiences like internships, research, and more that will prepare them for those career options. These specially trained advisors and coaches also serve as first point of contact in the College for all incoming freshmen and transfer students during New Student Enrollment.

For complete and current information on advisors for majors, minors, or pre-professional areas, contact the Arts and Sciences Academic and Career Advising Center, 107 Oldfather Hall, 402-472-4190, http://cas.unl.edu/advising.

College Degree Requirements

College Distribution Requirements
Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science (16 hours + Language)

The College of Arts and Sciences distribution requirements are designed to ensure a breadth of courses within the liberal arts degree. By engaging in study in several different areas within the College, students develop the ability to learn in a variety of ways and apply their knowledge from a variety of perspectives. All requirements are in addition to University ACE requirements.

- A student may not use a single course to satisfy both an ACE outcome and a College distribution requirement.
- A student may not use a single course to satisfy more than one College Distribution Requirement.
- A student may not use a course from their primary major to satisfy the Breadth Requirement (F), but may apply an ancillary requirement of the primary major or a course from their second major toward this requirement.
- Independent study, directed readings, or internship courses cannot be used to satisfy a College Distribution Requirement.

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College Admission

The entrance requirements for the College of Arts and Sciences are the same as the UNL General Admission Requirements. Students who are admitted through the Admission by Review process may have certain conditions attached to their enrollment at UNL. These conditions are explained under “Removal of Deficiencies.”

In addition to these requirements, the College of Arts and Sciences strongly recommends a third and fourth year of one foreign language in high school. Four years of high school coursework in the same language will fulfill the College of Arts and Sciences’ language requirement. It will also allow students to continue language study at a more advanced level at UNL, and provide more opportunity to study abroad.
• Cross-listed courses from interdisciplinary programs will be applied in the same area as courses from the home/cross-listed department.

College Distribution Requirements

CDR A - Written Communication
Select from courses approved for ACE outcome 1. 3

CDR B and BL - Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences with Lab
Select from biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry, computer science, geology, meteorology, mathematics, physics and statistics. Must include one lab in the natural or physical sciences. Lab courses may be selected from biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry, geology, meteorology and physics.

Some courses from geography and anthropology may also be used to satisfy the lab requirement above. 1

CDR C - Humanities
Select from classics, English, history, modern languages and literatures, philosophy, and religious studies. 2

CDR D - Social Science
Select from anthropology, communication studies, geography, political science, psychology, or sociology. 3

CDR E - Language
Fulfilled by the completion of the 6-credit-hour second-year sequence in a single foreign language in one of the following departments: Classics and religious studies, or modern languages and literatures. Instruction is currently available in Arabic, Chinese, Czech, French, German, Greek, Japanese, Latin, Russian, and Spanish.

A student who has completed the fourth-year level of one foreign language in high school is exempt from the languages requirement, but encouraged to continue on in their language study.

CDR F - Additional Breadth
Select from natural, physical and mathematical sciences (Area B), humanities (Area C), or social sciences (Area D). Cannot be a course from the primary major.

Credit Hours Subtotal: 16-32

1 See Degree Audit or a College of Arts and Sciences advisor for approved geography and anthropology courses that apply as natural science.
2 Language courses numbered 210 and below do not fulfill the CDR C.
3 See Degree Audit or College of Arts and Sciences advisor for list of natural/physical science courses in anthropology, geography, and psychology that do not apply as social science.

Scientific Base

Bachelor of Science Only (60 hours)
The bachelor of science degree requires students to complete 60 hours in mathematical, physical and natural sciences. Approved courses for scientific base credit come from the following College of Arts and Sciences disciplines: actuarial science, anthropology (selected courses), astronomy, biochemistry (excluding BIOC 101), biological sciences (excluding BIOS 100 or BIOS 203), chemistry (excluding CHEM 101), computer science (excluding CSCE 10), geography (selected courses), geology, life sciences, mathematics (excluding courses below MATH 104), meteorology, microbiology, physics and statistics.

See your degree audit or a College of Arts and Sciences advisor for a complete list including individual classes that fall outside of the disciplines listed above. Up to 12 hours of scientific and technical courses offered by other colleges may be accepted toward this requirement with approval of a college advisor.

Language Requirement
UNL and the College of Arts and Sciences place great value on academic exposure and proficiency in a second language. The UNL entrance requirement of two years of the same foreign language or the College’s language distribution requirement (CDR E) will rarely be waived and only with relevant documentation. See the main College of Arts and Sciences page for more details.

Minimum Hours Required for Graduation
A minimum of 120 semester hours of credit is required for graduation from the College of Arts and Sciences. A total grade point average of at least 2.0 is required.

Grade Rules
Restrictions on C- and D Grades
The College will accept no more than 15 semester hours of C- and D grades from other domestic institutions except for UNO and UNK. All courses taken at UNO and UNK impact the UNL transcript. No transfer of C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a minor. No UNL C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a minor. International coursework (including education abroad) with a final grade equivalent to a C- or lower will not be validated by College of Arts and Sciences departments to be degree applicable.

Pass/No Pass Privilege
The College of Arts and Sciences adheres to the University regulations for the Pass/No Pass (P/N) privilege with the following additional regulations:

• Pass/No Pass hours can count toward fulfillment of University ACE requirements and college distribution requirements up to the 24-hour maximum.
• Most arts and sciences departments and programs do not allow courses graded Pass/No Pass to apply to the major or minor. Students should refer to the department’s or program’s section of the catalog for clarification. By college rule, departments can allow up to 6 hours of Pass/No Pass in the major or minor.
• Departments may specify that certain courses of theirs can be taken only on a P/N basis.
• The college will permit no more than a total of 24 semester hours of P/N grades to be applied toward degree requirements. This total includes all Pass grades earned at UNL and other U.S. schools. NOTE: This 24-hour limit is more restrictive than the University regulation.

Grading Appeals
A student who feels that he/she has been unfairly graded must ordinarily take the following sequential steps in a timely manner, usually by initiating the appeal in the semester following the awarding of the grade:

1. Talk with the instructor concerned. Most problems are resolved at this point.
2. Talk to the instructor’s department chairperson.
3. Take the case to the Grading Appeal Committee of the department concerned. The Committee should be contacted through the department chairperson.
4. Take the case to the College Grading Appeals Committee by contacting the Dean's Office, 1223 Oldfather Hall.

Course Level Requirements

Courses Numbered at the 300 or 400 Level
Thirty (30) of the 120 semester hours of credit must be in courses numbered at the 300 or 400 level. Of those 30 hours, 15 hours (1/2) must be completed in residence at UNL.

Residency Requirement
Students must complete at least 30 of the 120 total hours for their degree at UNL. Students must complete at least 1/2 of their major coursework including 6 hours at the 300 or 400 level in their major, and 15 of the 30 hours required at the 300 or 400 level in residence. Credit earned during education abroad may be used toward the residency requirement only if students register through UNL.

ACE Requirements
Consistent with the mission and values of the University, ACE is based on a shared set of four institutional objectives and ten student learning outcomes. The ACE program was approved by faculty in all eight undergraduate colleges and endorsed by the Faculty Senate, the student government, and the Academic Planning Committee in January 2008 for implementation in the fall 2009. ACE aligns with current national initiatives in general education.

To meet the ACE Program requirement, a student will complete a minimum of 3 credit hours for each of the ten ACE Student Learning Outcomes (a total of 30 ACE credit hours). See the ACE website at: http://ace.unl.edu for the most current information and the most recently certified courses.

Catalog to Use
Students must fulfill the requirements stated in the catalog for the academic year in which they are first admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at UNL. In consultation with advisors, a student may choose to follow a subsequent catalog for any academic year in which they are admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at UNL in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students must complete all degree requirements from a single catalog year. Beginning in 1990-1991 the catalog which a student follows for degree requirements may not be more than 10 years old at the time of graduation.

Learning Outcomes
Graduates of sociology will be able to:

1. Understand how social context impacts individuals, with an emphasis on the causes and consequences of social inequality.
2. Describe how different types of research methods are used to study society and make claims about society.
3. Conduct basic social research, to include developing hypothesis, collecting and analyzing data, and addressing any ethical issues involved in social research.
4. Write and communicate effectively to diverse audiences, including being able to articulate key theoretical approaches and summarize research findings.
5. Explain how social research can be used to create policy, design specific interventions, and/or address social issues.

Major Requirements
Thirty-three (33) hours of sociology, including a significant research experience and at least 15 hours at the 300 or 400 level. No more than 6 hours from internship and independent study courses (SOCI 396, SOCI 397, and SOCI 399) may be counted toward the major.

Core Requirements

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Total Credit Hours: 12

Specific Major Requirements

Research Requirement
Select one of the following:

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Additional Sociology Courses
Select additional SOCI courses.

Credit Hours Subtotal: 21

1 Examples of recommended courses for specific focus areas:
   - Crime/Deviance: SOCI 209, SOCI 261, SOCI 309, SOCI 311, SOCI 474
   - Family: SOCI 226, SOCI 325, SOCI 448, SOCI 449, SOCI 471
   - Health: SOCI 252, SOCI 353, SOCI 443, SOCI 454, SOCI 444
   - Inequality: SOCI 180, SOCI 209, SOCI 217, SOCI 341, SOCI 346, SOCI 480, SOCI 481, SOCI 490
   - Social Research: SOCI 310A and SOCI 310B, SOCI 362, SOCI 407, SOCI 465

Additional Major Requirements

Grade Rules
C- and D Grades
A grade of C or above is required for all courses in the major and minor.

Pass/No Pass
No course taken Pass/No Pass will be counted toward the major or minor. Exception may be made for independent study and up to 3 hours of fieldwork.

Course Level Requirement
At least 15 hours must be taken at the 300 or 400 level.

Requirements for Minor Offered by Department
Eighteen (18) hours of SOCI courses including SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology and a minimum of 6 hours at the 300 or 400 level.
No more than 3 hours total from internship and independent study courses (SOCI 396, SOCI 397, and SOCI 399) may be counted toward the minor.

**Grade Rules**

**C- and D Grades**
A grade of C or above is required for all courses in the major and minor.

**Pass/No Pass**
No course taken Pass/No Pass will be counted toward the major or minor. Exception may be made for independent study and up to 3 hours of fieldwork.

**SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology**
*Description:* Introduction to the sociological study of human behavior, especially social organization, culture, and the social institutions that comprise society. Attention to social change, differentiation and inequality, and other social issues.
*Credit Hours:* 3
*Max credits per semester:* 3
*Max credits per degree:* 3
*Format:* LEC
*Prerequisite for:* SOCI 355
*ACE:* ACE 6 Social Science

**SOCI 130 Introduction to Social Network Analysis**
*Description:* Introduction to Social Network Analysis (SNA). Learn to identify key concepts and contributions made by prominent SNA scholars. Use network analysis to graph and interpret empirical patterns. Assess network theories in light of empirical network data. Apply the SNA methods introduced to a range of real-world data sources.
*Credit Hours:* 3
*Max credits per semester:* 3
*Max credits per degree:* 3
*Format:* LEC

**SOCI 170 Introduction to Great Plains Studies**
*Crosslisted with:* ANTH 170, GEOG 170, GPSP 170, NRES 170
*Description:* Interdisciplinary study of the natural environment, social environment, human heritage, arts and humanities of the Great Plains.
*Credit Hours:* 3
*Max credits per semester:* 3
*Max credits per degree:* 3
*Format:* LEC
*Groups:* Regional Geography

**SOCI 180 Social Problems**
*Description:* Treatment of the principal "problem" areas in contemporary society. Analysis of processes of disorganization in society, with attention to contrasting processes by which social structures are formed and perpetuated.
*Credit Hours:* 3
*Max credits per semester:* 3
*Max credits per degree:* 3
*Format:* LEC
*ACE:* ACE 9 Global/Diversity

**SOCI 182 Alpha Learning Community Freshman Seminar**
*Description:* Topic varies.
*Credit Hours:* 3
*Max credits per semester:* 3
*Max credits per degree:* 3
*Format:* LEC
*Prerequisite for:* SOCI 183

**SOCI 183 Alpha Learning Community Freshman Seminar**
*Prerequisites:* SOCI 182.
*Description:* Topic varies.
*Credit Hours:* 3
*Max credits per semester:* 3
*Max credits per degree:* 3
*Format:* LEC

**SOCI 189H University Honors Seminar**
*Prerequisites:* Admission to the University Honors Program or by invitation.
*Notes:* University Honors Seminar 189H is required of all students in the University Honors Program.
*Description:* Topics vary.
*Credit Hours:* 3
*Max credits per semester:* 3
*Max credits per degree:* 3
*Format:* LEC
*ACE:* ACE 9 Global/Diversity

**SOCI 198 Special Topics**
*Description:* Wide range of different topics at the undergraduate level.
*Credit Hours:* 3
*Max credits per semester:* 3
*Max credits per degree:* 3
*Format:* LEC

**SOCI 200 Gender in Contemporary Society**
*Crosslisted with:* WMNS 200
*Description:* Examination of how gender matters in the social world. Introduction to sociological theories about gender and related research. Considers how lifelong gender socialization, social institutions, norms, laws, and cultural practices create gendered effects in every aspect of life.
*Credit Hours:* 3
*Max credits per semester:* 3
*Max credits per degree:* 3
*Format:* LEC
*ACE:* ACE 9 Global/Diversity

**SOCI 205 Introduction to Social Research Methods**
*Prerequisites:* Sociology Major OR Sociology Minor OR Sophomore, Junior or Senior Standing
*Notes:* SOCI 205 and CRIM 251 cannot both be applied toward the degree in arts and sciences.
*Description:* Introduction to the techniques of collecting and analyzing data and techniques of research reporting. Emphasis on interpretation and evaluation of sociological research.
*Credit Hours:* 3
*Max credits per semester:* 3
*Max credits per degree:* 3
*Format:* LEC
*Prerequisite for:* SOCI 495
Sociology

SOCI 206 Introduction to Social Statistics
Prerequisites: Sociology Major OR Sociology Minor OR Sophomore, Junior or Senior Standing
Description: Practical exercises in the actual conduct of sociological research projects. Emphasis on training and development of skills, techniques, and methods of data analysis, and interpretation of findings in light of sociological theories.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: SOCI 333; SOCI 495; STAT 318
ACE: ACE 3 Math/Stat/Reasoning

SOCI 209 Sociology of Crime
Description: Introduction to the sociological approach to the study of crime, including the definition of crime, approaches to its measurement, and the major theories of crime. Social institutions intended to prevent or correct criminal behavior.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
ACE: ACE 6 Social Science

SOCI 217 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
Crosslisted with: ETHN 217
Description: Overview of sociological theories and research on the experiences of different racial, religious, and ethnic groups. Concepts of race and ethnicity, including their social construction. Historical and contemporary racial and ethnic relations and patterns of inequality. Intersections of race, social institutions, and social policies.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
ACE: ACE 6 Social Science ACE 9 Global/Diversity

SOCI 226 Families and Society
Crosslisted with: WMNS 226
Description: Overview of the sociological study of families. Family and marriage patterns over time. Socialization, economic exchange, and social support functions of family roles. The effect of the economy, public policy, and other social institutions on families. Emphasis on gender, sexuality, social class, and racial/ethnic diversity in U.S. families.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity ACE 6 Social Science

SOCI 241 Rural Sociology
Crosslisted with: AECN 276
Prerequisites: Open to second semester freshmen and above.
Description: The rural environment and its people; its groups and associations; and its social institutions.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 252 Health, Medicine, and Society
Description: Introduction to the sociological approach to understanding health and medicine. The relationship between social conditions and physical and mental health. Differences in health across social groups. Medical care and health care policies.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 261 Conflict and Conflict Resolution
Crosslisted with: ANTH 261, POLS 261
Description: Introduction to the study of the biological, economic, political-historical, and cultural bases of war and group conflict.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Groups: International Relations&Compar

SOCI 309 Drugs and Society
Prerequisites: Sophomore, Junior, or Senior standing.
Description: Historical and contemporary patterns of drug use. Analysis of the antecedents and consequences of various forms of drug abuse. Examination of the types and effectiveness of legal responses to specific classes of drugs including prohibition, decriminalization, and legalization. Prevention and treatment approaches to drug use.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 310A Applied Sociology: Community-based Research I
Prerequisites: SOCI 101 and 205, or permission.
Description: Research methods organized around an applied research project. Conduct research in an applied setting, preparation of interview schedules, problem definition, review of research techniques, and research design and measurement.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: SOCI 310B

SOCI 310B Applied Sociology: Community-based Research II
Prerequisites: SOCI 310A with a C or higher
Description: Continuation of SOCI 310A.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product
SOCI 311 Sociology of Juvenile Delinquency
Prerequisites: 6 hours of SOCI, or Junior standing or Senior standing.
Notes: CRIM 337 and SOCI 311 cannot both be applied toward the degree.
Description: Nature and extent of juvenile delinquency, considered in relation to the role of adolescents in modern society. Includes a review of the methods used to study delinquency, theories of delinquency, social influences on delinquent behavior, and the nature of the juvenile justice system.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 320 Sociology of Sport
Prerequisites: 6 hours of SOCI, or Junior standing or Senior standing.
Description: Social, cultural, political, and economic aspects of sport as a social institution. Gender, race, and social class issues related to sport.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 325 Contemporary Family Issues
Crosslisted with: WMNS 325
Prerequisites: 6 hours of SOCI, or Junior standing or Senior standing.
Description: In-depth examination of select contemporary issues confronting families and family research. Adolescent pregnancy, union formation, parenting, work-family, divorce and family instability, and family violence. Topics vary by instructor.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 326 Families in Crisis
Prerequisites: Sophomore, junior, or senior standing.
Description: Focuses on challenges experienced by contemporary working-class families in the United States.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 333 Applied Research in Public Opinion Research
Prerequisites: SOCI 206
Notes: Letter grade only
Description: Practical experience in analyzing public opinion data and writing about the results for a range of audiences. Review and discuss work conducted by leading research and policy centers. Design, plan, and carry out research projects, reporting results in policy-oriented briefs.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 341 Social Psychology of Inequality
Prerequisites: 6 hours of SOCI, or Junior standing or Senior standing.
Description: Analysis of social structures and social processes that contribute to, maintain, or change social inequalities across social categories such as gender and race.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 345 Cities and Communities
Prerequisites: 6 hrs sociology, or Junior standing or Senior standing.
Description: Examines the effects of geographic settings on social interactions, behaviors, and attitudes, causes and consequences of disparities. Focus on how existing social, economic, political, and cultural systems shape these dynamics.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 346 Environmental Sociology
Prerequisites: 6 hours of SOCI, or Junior standing or Senior standing.
Description: Role of humans in the ecosystem, especially the interaction of human societies with the natural environment, including other species and other human societies. Theories of the sociocultural causes of environmentally-related problems and the policies designed to deal with these problems.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 353 Sociology of Health Care and Health Professions
Prerequisites: 6 hrs sociology or related social sciences
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 355 Sociological Theory
Prerequisites: SOCI 101
Description: Introduction to sociological theories written by key classical and contemporary social theorists. Emphasis on how sociologists try to understand and make predictions about the social world. Analysis of a range of issues, such as how social contexts shape people’s identities, how people form connections with one another, and inequalities related to race, class, and gender.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 362 Ethics and the Responsible Conduct of Research
Prerequisites: 6 hours of SOCI and/or BIOS, or Junior standing or Senior standing.
Description: Ethical decision making in research. Comprehensive review of the responsible conduct of research. Identify, define, and analyze ethical issues in the conduct of human subject research. Study civic responsibility and stewardship in the context of the responsible conduct of research. Examine emergent areas of human subjects in an increasingly interdisciplinary research environment.
Credit Hours: 3
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<td>Strategies of Social Research: Qualitative Methods</td>
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<td>Systematic review and application of qualitative research methods, including participant observation, unstructured interviewing, audiovisual techniques and personal document analysis; data collection and interpretation emphasized as well as different theoretical assumptions underlying their various approaches.</td>
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<td>Mass Communication</td>
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<td>Analysis of the structure and effects of the media of mass communication.</td>
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<td>Personality and Social Structure</td>
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<td>Social origins of mental health and illness; social distribution of mental health by race, class, and gender; social construction of mental health; mental health care systems.</td>
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<td>Population Dynamics</td>
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<td>Historical and cross-cultural approach to population issues by linking changes in fertility and mortality to social institutions. Focuses on the link between population processes and such issues as gender roles, the role of the family, the Third World, and poverty and inequality.</td>
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SOCI 448 Family Diversity
Crosslisted with: ETHN 448, SOCI 848, ETHN 848
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Analyzes diversity in family structure and family choices. Includes: rural families, gay/lesbian families, Native American families, African American families, Latino families, working class and working poor families and cohabitation.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 449 Perspectives on Families
Crosslisted with: SOCI 849
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Sociological perspectives on marriage and different family types. Focuses on formation and organization of families, and issues confronting families. Emphasizes contemporary research and theory.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 452 Sociology of Religion
Crosslisted with: SOCI 852
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Consideration of sources and nature of religion, drawing on contributions of anthropologists, sociologists, psychologists, and others. Emphasis on interaction of religion and society.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 454 Physical Health Disparities
Crosslisted with: SOCI 854, ETHN 454
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Contribution of social inequality to health outcomes; intersection of individual and social factors through which racial, economic, and gender differences in health emerge.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 455 History of Sociological Theory
Crosslisted with: SOCI 855
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Survey of the nineteenth- and early twentieth-century writers whose ideas have had a strong impact on the development of contemporary sociology and sociological theories. Emphasis on the work of such persons as Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, Max Weber, George Herbert Mead, and Georg Simmel.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 460 Education and Society
Crosslisted with: SOCI 860
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Analysis of education as a social institution and its relationship to other institutions, e.g., economy, polity, religion, and the family. Emphasizes the role of the educational institution as an agent of stability and change. Emphasis on research and policy evaluation.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 465 Survey Design and Analysis
Crosslisted with: SOCI 865, SRAM 465, SRAM 865
Prerequisites: SOCI 205 and SOCI 206.
Description: Basic issues related to the design and analysis of sample surveys. The basics of questionnaire construction, sampling, data collection, analysis and data presentation.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 466 Pro-seminar in International Relations I
Crosslisted with: ECON 466, POLS 466, ANTH 479, HIST 479, HIST 879, SOCI 866
Prerequisites: Senior standing and permission.
Notes: Open to students with an interest in international relations.
Description: Topic varies.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Groups: Comp Intrntnl & Reg Developmnt Integrative Courses, Research Variable group based on topic Human-Economic Geography International Relations&Compar

SOCI 470 Sociology of Occupations and Professions
Crosslisted with: SOCI 870
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Presentation of frameworks for occupations and professions; analysis of occupational structure and mobility in American society and its relation to adult socialization and career development; occupational and professional associations and society.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
SOCI 471 Human Sexuality and Society
Crosslisted with: CYAF 471, EDPS 471, PSYC 471, CYAF 871, EDPS 871, PSYC 871, SOCI 871
Prerequisites: Junior or Senior standing
Notes: Open to advanced students planning careers in the professions in which knowledge of human behavior and society is important (e.g., helping professions, medicine, law, ministry, education, etc.).
Description: Interdisciplinary approach to the study of human sexuality in terms of the psychological, social, cultural, anthropological, legal, historical, and physical characteristics of individual sexuality and sex in society.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 474 Sociology of Deviance
Crosslisted with: SOCI 874
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Notes: CRIM 413 and SOCI 474 cannot both be applied toward the degree.
Description: Theory and empirical research on conformity and deviance. Survey of the development of scholarly thinking on the nature and sources of deviance, societal reactions to deviance, and processes of social control.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 475 Water Quality Strategy
Crosslisted with: NRES 475, NRES 875, SOCI 875, SOIL 475, WATS 475, AGRO 475, AGRO 875, CIVE 475, CIVE 875, CRPL 475, CRPL 875, GEOL 475, GEOL 875, MSYM 475, MSYM 875, POLS 475, POLS 875
Prerequisites: Senior standing.
Notes: Capstone course.
Description: Holistic approach to the selection and analysis of planning strategies for protecting water quality from nonpoint sources of contamination. Introduction to the use of methods of analyzing the impact of strategies on whole systems and subsystems; for selecting strategies; and for evaluating present strategies.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 478 Social Inequality: Stratification and Life Chances
Crosslisted with: SOCI 880
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Structured inequalities, including social class, race/ethnicity, gender and age stratification. The intersections of these as institutionalized inequalities examined for their causes and effects on individuals and groups. Emphasis on the role of social power, economic resources and occupational structures in the nature of inequality and social mobility in the United States.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 480 Social Inequality: Stratification and Life Chances
Crosslisted with: SOCI 880
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Structured inequalities, including social class, race/ethnicity, gender and age stratification. The intersections of these as institutionalized inequalities examined for their causes and effects on individuals and groups. Emphasis on the role of social power, economic resources and occupational structures in the nature of inequality and social mobility in the United States.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 481 Minority Groups
Crosslisted with: ETHN 881, SOCI 881, ETHN 881
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Systematic examination of racial, ethnic, and other minority groups. History and present status of such groups, the origins of prejudice and discrimination, and the application of social science knowledge toward the elimination of minority group problems.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 485 International Relations
Crosslisted with: ETHN 485, ETHN 885
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Application of sociological analysis to the problem of power; power structures and elite formation as they relate to democratic society and political extremism.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 486 Qualitative Research Fieldwork
Crosslisted with: ETHN 486
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Application of sociological analysis to the problem of power; power structures and elite formation as they relate to democratic society and political extremism.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 487 Comparative Social Policy
Crosslisted with: ETHN 487
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Application of sociological analysis to the problem of power; power structures and elite formation as they relate to democratic society and political extremism.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOC 488 Special Topics in Sociology
Crosslisted with: ETHN 488
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Application of sociological analysis to the problem of power; power structures and elite formation as they relate to democratic society and political extremism.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 489 Social Inequality and Stratification
Crosslisted with: SOCI 889
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Structured inequalities, including social class, race/ethnicity, gender and age stratification. The intersections of these as institutionalized inequalities examined for their causes and effects on individuals and groups. Emphasis on the role of social power, economic resources and occupational structures in the nature of inequality and social mobility in the United States.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 490 Sociology of Gender
Crosslisted with: SOCI 890, WMNS 490, WMNS 890
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Notes: SOCI 200 is strongly recommended.
Description: Evaluation and application of scholarly theory and research on gender in societal context. The nature and effects of sex stratification, gendered culture, institutionalized sexism, feminist theory and sociology of knowledge.
Credit Hours: 3
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Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 491 Political Sociology
Crosslisted with: SOCI 891
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Application of sociological analysis to the problem of power; power structures and elite formation as they relate to democratic society and political extremism.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 495 Senior Seminar
Prerequisites: Senior standing; SOCI 205; SOCI 206; SOCI 355.
Description: A senior-level overview of the discipline of sociology, including theory, methods, and substantive areas. The development of sociology, new directions in the discipline, and current research and literature critically analyzed. Satisfies research experience requirement for Sociology majors.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

Groups: American Government and Public Policy

SOCI 478 Pro-seminar in Latin American Studies
Crosslisted with: ANTH 478, GEOG 478, HIST 478, LAMS 478, POLS 478, MODL 478, EDPS 478, ANTH 878, GEOG 878, HIST 878, POLS 878, SOCI 878, MODL 878, EDPS 878
Prerequisites: Junior standing and permission.
Notes: Topical seminar required for all Latin American Studies majors.
Description: An interdisciplinary analysis of topical issues in Latin American Studies.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 6
Format: LEC
Groups: Lat Am, Asian, Middle East Hist & International Relations
Integrative Courses, Research Regional Geography

SOCI 480 Social Inequality: Stratification and Life Chances
Crosslisted with: SOCI 880
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Structured inequalities, including social class, race/ethnicity, gender and age stratification. The intersections of these as institutionalized inequalities examined for their causes and effects on individuals and groups. Emphasis on the role of social power, economic resources and occupational structures in the nature of inequality and social mobility in the United States.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
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Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product
Sociology (B.A.)

Career Information

The following represents a sample of the internships, jobs and graduate school programs that current students and recent graduates have reported.

Transferable Skills

- Advocate for marginalized or underrepresented groups
- Examine and address social problems, and implement creative solutions
- Develop and defend evidence based arguments
- Defend and discuss complex issues from multiple angles
- Analyze and explain data
- Compose convincing arguments and present logical information
- Contextualize political, social, and historical events
- Perform analysis of social and cultural issues
- Demonstrate ethical conduct in research activities
- Apply mathematical and scientific skills to solve real-world problems
- Evaluate human behavior and explain social phenomena
- Communicate results of scientific experiments to scientific and non-scientific audiences
- Make decisions carefully, using appropriate theoretical frameworks
- Collaborate with a team to develop solutions
- Research, identify and knowledgeably discuss current issues and trends in the field

Jobs of Recent Graduates

- Family Support Worker, Better Living Counseling Services - Fremont NE
- Research Assistant, Stanford University - Stanford CA
- New Business Contact Representative, Assurity Life Insurance - Lincoln NE
- Youth Specialist II, Cedars Youth Services - Lincoln NE
- Surveillance Investigator, Veracity Research Corporation - Houston TX
- Mental Health Technician, Bryan Medical Center - Lincoln NE
- Outreach and Enrollment Specialist, Denver Public Schools Medicaid Department - Denver CO

- Children’s Service Worker, Missouri Department of Social Services - Kansas City MO
- Community Support Professional, Region V Services - Lincoln NE
- Director of Juvenile Justice Institute, University of Nebraska-Omaha - Omaha NE
- Sustainability Associate, Cleaner Greener Lincoln - Lincoln NE
- Associate Attorney, Koley Jessen PC LLO - Omaha NE
- Special Education-Elementary K-8, Teach for America - Phoenix AZ
- Behavioral Health Technician, Boys Town National Research Hospital - Omaha NE
- Fellow, Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation - Seattle WA

Internships

- Youth on The Move, AmeriCorps - Lincoln NE
- Evaluation Assistant, Survey, Statistics, and Psychometrics Core Facilit - Lincoln NE
- Chronic Disease Evaluation Intern, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services - Lincoln NE
- Intern, Nebraska Attorney General Bruning - Lincoln NE
- Survey Research Intern, UNL Bureau of Sociological Research - Lincoln NE
- Intern, Nebraska Appleseed - Lincoln NE

Graduate & Professional Schools

- Juris Doctorate, Harvard Law School - Cambridge MA
- Master’s Degree, Criminology, Law, and Society, University of California-Irvine - Irvine CA
- Master’s Degree, Social Work, University of Nebraska-Omaha - Omaha NE
- Master’s Degree, Adult Education, James Madison University - Harrisonburg VA
- Master’s Degree, Computational Science & Engineering, Harvard University - Cambridge MA
- Master’s Degree, Public Health/Epidemiology, University of Texas School of Public Health - Austin TX
- Master’s Degree, Business Administration, Northeastern State University - Tahlequah OK
- Master’s Degree, Public Affairs, University of Minnesota - Minneapolis MN
- Doctor of Dental Surgery, University of Nebraska Medical Center - Omaha NE
- Master’s Degree, Human Development & Family Science, University of Missouri-Columbia - Columbia MO
- Master’s Degree, Public Health, University of Arizona - Tucson AZ
- Master’s Degree, Survey Research and Methodology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Lincoln NE
- Juris Doctorate, University of Chicago Law School - Chicago IL
- Ph.D., Sociology, University of North Carolina - Raleigh NC
- Ph.D., Quantitative, Qualitative, Psychometric Methods, University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Lincoln NE