**Sociology • Bachelor of Arts**

**Why Choose Sociology?**
Sociology, the study of human society, gives students the ability and knowledge to understand social systems and their influence on individuals. It gives students the tools and knowledge they need to do social research, to identify and devise solutions to social problems, to identify group influences, and to understand group dynamics. Above all, it gives students the ability and knowledge they need to understand the complexities of modern life in an ever-changing swirl of economic, political, and cultural dynamics, and to take positive action on behalf of their employer, community, or interests.

Students in the Sociology major complete core courses in social theory and research methods. They also choose from an array of courses dealing with different topics such as marriage and family, minority groups, health and illness, social change, deviant behavior, and urban sociology. Advanced students often participate in undergraduate research projects or internships.

**Professional Opportunities**
The Sociology major is excellent preparation for a variety of career paths. These include careers in law, government, human services, marketing research, education, health-related systems, management, and the mass media. Many graduates continue their education in graduate or professional school in a variety of fields, while others use their analytic, research, and organizational skills to find immediate employment in a variety of settings.

**Admission Requirements**
First year student admission is open to high school graduates (or equivalent) who demonstrate academic preparedness, maturity and seriousness of purpose with educational backgrounds appropriate to their chosen program of study. High school courses and grade point average, ACT composite score, and Act reading and mathematics subscores will be considered in the admission and placement process. Transfer students must have at least 12 credits at the time of application with a minimum 2.0 overall GPA including an English and mathematics course, or they must provide their high school records and ACT scores for admission review.

**Graduation Requirements**
In order to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, a student must complete a minimum of 126 credit hours including the Sociology major, an academic minor in another field of study, and all general education requirements for FSU's Bachelor of Arts degree. No grade lower than 'C' will count toward the Sociology major.

**Required Courses**

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Choose six courses; at least two must be at the 300- or 400-level.

| SOCY 122 Social Problems * RS | 3 |
| SOCY 225 Marriage & the Family *GRS | 3 |
| SOCY 230 Gender Roles in Society * RS | 3 |
| SOCY 242 Soc of Deviant Behavior * RS | 3 |
| SOCY 340 Minority Groups in America * RS | 3 |
| SOCY 341 Community Studies * RS | 3 |
| SOCY 344 World Urban Sociology *GRS | 3 |
| SOCY 345 The Field of Aging * RS | 3 |
| SOCY 350 Black Images in Popular Culture | 3 |
| SOCY 355 Sociology of the Handicapped *S | 3 |
| SOCY 361 Leisure & Society * RS | 3 |
| SOCY 373 Health/Illness in Society * RS | 3 |
| SOCY 410 Asia-Pacific Rim *GS | 3 |
| SOCY 443 Soc Stratification & Inequality * RS | 3 |
| SOCY 450 Criminology * RS | 3 |
| SOCY 460 Social Change *GRS | 3 |

Additional General Education Courses (63 credit minimum)

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