

Sociology

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Why Should I Major in Sociology at Seton Hall?

Sociology is a broad academic field that focuses on group life and people's interactions with one another, and teaches critical thinking and research skills. Studying sociology requires developing the "sociological imagination," that is, recognizing the relationship between personal circumstances and social conditions that affect opportunities and options. Being trained in sociology equips students to contribute in a meaningful way to the betterment of society and to the groups in which they participate. In the sociology program at Seton Hall University, the emphasis is on developing in students an awareness of themselves and the world around them that is social, historical and multicultural. Sociology majors may be eligible for induction into Alpha Kappa Delta Student Honor Society of the American Sociological Association or receive the Sociology Service Award for demonstrating a commitment to volunteer service in the community.

The Curriculum:

The sociology program offers an introductory course and electives on marriage and family life, schooling, law, illness and wellness, population and ecology, city life, formal organizations, mass media, religious experience, aging, social inequality, inter-group relations, Latinos/Latinas in the United States, social problems, social change, politics and society, strategies of transformation, American society, human sexuality, socialization over the life course, social research methods, sociological theory, sociological practice, the sociology of knowledge, gender, and deviance and conformity. All majors in the program will have a 100-hour internship experience. Students may modify the major program in consultation with a department adviser. The Department of Sociology and Anthropology also offers a five-year accelerated Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/Master of Public Administration degree.

What Does It Take to Graduate?

The program requires that students demonstrate the capacity to analyze social life in an intellectually rigorous and critical manner, drawing on the rich tradition of the discipline, and apply sociological insights to the problems and issues of our day. Students should be competent in communicating (both oral and written) their ideas and arguments, and mastery of up-to-date methods in data gathering, interpretation and presentation.

Career Opportunities:

Career opportunities for those with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology include business, education, law, management (business, nonprofit, government), public health, urban planning, journalism, human resources, counseling and social research (statistical, market, policy). Many work as criminologists, parole officers, counselors, demographers, policy analysts, media and public relations specialists, and healthcare providers.

A bachelor's degree in sociology provides an excellent foundation for graduate study in sociology and in any of the human services.

How Do I Apply for Admission?

Complete your application to Seton Hall University and include the \$55 non-refundable application fee (\$45 if applying online). Freshman applicants must submit official high school transcripts and any college or university transcripts where credit was attempted, plus the results of the SAT I or ACT assessments. Transfer students must submit transcripts from each college or university where credit was attempted. Those with fewer than 24 earned credits must complete the freshman requirements. Applications are available at admissions.shu.edu.

Can I Get Financial Aid?

Almost 90 percent of the students who entered Seton Hall last year received some form of financial aid, and 75 percent of these students received money directly from the University. The four types of financial aid include scholarships, grants and discounts, loans, and part-time jobs on campus. For further information, visit admissions.shu.edu/FinancialAid.htm or call (973) 761-9332.

Sociology Requirements:

Core Curriculum Requirements*

- A. English Language (6 credits)
- B. Communication (3 credits)
- C. Mathematics (3 credits and prerequisites)
- D. Natural Sciences (6 credits) and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)
- E. Western Civilization (6 credits), Foreign Language (6 credits) and American Civilization/African, Asian and Latino Civilizations/Foreign Literature/Advanced Language (6 credits)
- F. Ethical Questions (3 credits)
- G. Philosophy and Religious Studies (9 credits)

* Please see Undergraduate Catalogue

Sociology Major — 40 hours, including:

- SOCI 1101 Understanding Society
- SOCI 2910 Doing Social Research (MATH 1203 prerequisite)
- SOCI 3310 Theories of Society
- SOCI 3891 Internship (4 credits)
- SOCI 5988 Senior Seminar in Sociology

Four SOCI 2000-level courses

One SOCI 3000-level courses

Three social science electives selected from anthropology, Africana and Diaspora studies, criminal justice, economics, political science, psychology and social work. (No more than 3 credits may be taken in any one discipline.)

Sociology Minor — 18 hours, including:

- SOCI 1101 Understanding Society
- SOCI 2601 Social Problems and Solutions

or

- SOCI 2211 Marriage and Family Life

Three SOCI 2000-level courses

One SOCI 3000-level courses

Degree Requirements: 130 total credit hours

Students can minor or double major in any of the College of Arts and Sciences disciplines.

For more information, call an admissions counselor at **1-800-THE-HALL**, send an e-mail to thehall@shu.edu or visit admissions.shu.edu. To talk to a faculty adviser, contact Philip M. Kayal, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, at kayalphi@shu.edu or (973) 761-9170. Website: artsci.shu.edu/soc-anth