Sociology, A.A.

Degree Offered

- Associate of Arts

Nature of the Program

Want to explore societies from the past to the present? We'll teach you about that and more through the lens of social class, poverty, race and ethnicity, and gender.

A degree in sociology and anthropology prepares you for a career in the public or private sector. What's more, your courses help you to better understand human behavior and how to improve quality of life.

Sociologists and anthropologists use their uniquely creative perspective to help make a difference in the world. Sociology and anthropology examine the structure of human societies and of the social processes that operate in all groups, organizations, and institutions. Students learn about how past issues affect the present and how social change can occur.

Career Opportunities

The skills and knowledge you can build with a degree in sociology or anthropology will be in high demand. For the student who earns a bachelor's or master's degree in sociology, jobs often are in government agencies that employ sociologists dealing with subjects such as poverty, crime, public assistance, population growth, education, social rehabilitation, community development, mental health, racial and ethnic relations, drug abuse, school dropouts, and environmental impact studies. Sociologists in the federal government work primarily for the Departments of Health and Human Services, Agriculture, Education, Commerce (Bureau of the Census), Defense, and the General Accounting Office. Graduates also find careers assisting in community development and planning, or using knowledge of social organization and social process in a variety of settings within the United States or abroad.

FACULTY

CHAIR

- Cassandra Pritts - M.A. History
  Year @ PSC (2011)

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

- Catie Snider - M.A. Biological Anthropology
  Year @ PSC (2014)

Admissions

Entering freshmen are admitted directly into the major.

Benchmark Expectations

Students who start as freshmen are expected to complete SOC 101 and ANTH 105 with grades of C- or higher by the end of freshman year. Students must maintain a GPA of 2.0 overall and a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all SOC courses counting toward major requirements for graduation. All majors must meet with their adviser every semester. Students who do not meet these benchmarks may be removed from their major.

General Education Foundations

Please use this link to view a list of courses that meet each GEF requirement. (http://registrar.wvu.edu/gef/)

NOTE: Some major requirements will fulfill specific GEF requirements. Please see the curriculum requirements listed below for details on which GEFs you will need to select.

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Foundations		
F1 - Composition & Rhetoric		3-6
ENGL 101 & ENGL 102	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research	
or ENGL 103	Accelerated Academic Writing	

F2A/F2B - Science & Technology	4-6
F3 - Math & Quantitative Reasoning	3-4
F4 - Society & Connections	3
F5 - Human Inquiry & the Past	3
F6 - The Arts & Creativity	3
F7 - Global Studies & Diversity	3
F8 - Focus (may be satisfied by completion of a minor, double major, or dual degree)	9
Total Hours	**31-37**

Please note that not all of the GEF courses are offered at all campuses. Students should consult with their advisor or academic department regarding the GEF course offerings available at their campus.

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA in all SOCA courses.		
GEF Elective Requirements (2, 5, 6, and 8)		**18**
ENGL 101 & ENGL 102	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research (GEF 1)	6
MATH 124	Algebra with Applications (GEF 3)	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (GEF 4)	3
ANTH 105	Introduction to Anthropology (GEF 7)	3
STAT 211	Elementary Statistical Inference (GEF 8)	3
WVUE 191	First Year Seminar	1
SOC 200-level Elective		6
Foreign Language		6
Elective		11
Total Hours		**60**

Suggested Plan of Study

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
SOC 101 (GEF 4)	3	ENGL 101 (GEF 1)	3
MATH 124 (GEF 3)	3	ANTH 105 (GEF 7)	3
WVUE 191	1	GEF 6	3
Foreign Language	3	Foreign Language	3
Elective	2	GEF 2	3
GEF 5	3		
	15		**15**

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENGL 102	3	SOC 200-level Elective	3
SOC 200-level Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
GEF 8	3	GEF 2	3
STAT 211 (GEF 8)	3	GEF 8	3
	15		**15**

Total credit hours: 60

Major Learning Outcomes

SOCIOLOGY

Upon successful completion of the A.A. degree, **Sociology** majors will be able to:

- Describe the scientific process.
- Explain the diversity of the human condition across the lifespan.
- Describe the societal norms and origins.
- Apply appropriate communication skills.