**PROGRAM OVERVIEW: Sociology majors**

****Our students connect intellectually and personally with sociology coursework. They think critically about their classroom experiences, consider the larger social world, and identify the moral and ethical implications of sociological knowledge. In sum, they cultivate sociological imaginations—the ability to make connections between personal experiences, social structures, culture, and history.

Sociology examines the complexity of social life through an exploration of topics that range from enduring forms of inequality to interactions between individuals. How is the world socially organized? What is society’s impact on individuals? How do culture and power shape the way we define social issues? How do societies differ around the world? How are inequalities based on race, class, gender, sexuality, disability, and age constructed and maintained? Sociology explores the formation of personal identities, social institutions, collective movements for social change, as well as how such micro and macro forces interact.

At Drake, sociology students thoughtfully engage with critical social issues. The program combines social theory and research design coursework with elective classes chosen by the student based on personal interests. Community-engaged learning provides hands-on experience with local, national, and global contexts. The major prepares students for graduate school and professional work in nonprofit sectors, government service, social services, law, human resources, higher education, and other fields.

SOCIOLOGY OFFERS THREE OPTIONS FOR MAJORS

Sociology Major (36 credits)

Sociology Major with a Track in Crime, Violence, and Justice (42 credits)

Sociology Major with a Track in Social Services, Policy, and Advocacy (42 credits)

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

**Sociology Major (all dept courses are 3 credits)**

**Core Requirements (15 credits)**

SOC 01: Introduction to Sociology

SOC 42: Sociological Inquiry

SOC 65: Social Science Data Literacy

SOC 175: Theories of Inequality

SOC 199: Sociology Capstone

**One additional methods course from the following list: (3 credits)**

SOC 159: Methods of Social Research

ANTH 156: Ethnographic Methods

SOC 77: The Art of the Interview

ANTH 78: Practice of Oral History

**Sociology Electives (12 credits)**

•At least 6 credits need to be above 100 level. Up to 6 credits can be Anthropology courses.

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| SOC 90: Effective ListeningSOC 78: Sociology of ChildhoodSOC 80: Social ProblemsSOC 81: Medical SociologySOC 85: Sociology of Everyday LifeSOC 105: Race, Gender and PovertySOC 122: Making Families PublicSOC 137: Women, Madness, and CultureSOC 50: Sociology of FamilySOC 162: Women and Work SOC 154: Poverty and SocietySOC 171: Grief and LossSOC 181: Death and SocietySOC 146: Restorative JusticeSOC 140: Youth and Crime | SCS 179: Mass IncarcerationSOC 170: DevianceSOC 177: Gender and ViolenceSOC 161: Race and EthnicitySOC 60: Intro to Crime and Justice Studies ANTH 24: Anthropology of ReligionANTH 156: Representing RaceANTH 175: Medical AnthropologyANTH 180: Ritual and MythANTH 125: Traveling CulturesANTH 145: Global Reproductive PoliticsANTH 170: Global Political Violence |

**Interdisciplinary Electives (6 credits)**

Two courses from other disciplines. See approved list below.

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| EDUC 162: Urban Education and ImmigrationEDUC 183: Social Context of Urban SchoolsEDUC 186: Youth, Culture, and SocietyEDUC 164: Perspectives on Race, Ethnicity, and GenderLPS 135: Justice ReformLPS 113: Law and Social ChangeSCSR 60: Media Culture and CommunicationSCSR 114: Rhetorics of RacePOLS 117: Race and American PoliticsPOLS 127: Global HealthPOLS 136: Racial Justice & Human Rights in the U.S. Since WW IIPOLS 157: Crime and Punishment in United States | POLS 175: Human TraffickingPSY 135: Psychology of PrejudicePSY 044: Adult Development and AgingPHIL 136: Theories of JusticeREL 117: Religious Models of Restorative JusticeWLC 148: Intercultural CommunicationENSS 107: Civic Environmentalism and Smart GrowthENSS 135: Global Change: The Science and Policy of Global WarmingENSS 157: Environmental JusticeHIST 185: Public Health and Medical HistoryHIST 188: Urban Environmental HistoryREL 119: Death & Dying |

TOTAL credits: 36