



WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Sociology

Department of Sociology & Anthropology, College of Arts & Sciences

Program of Study

Do the religious values of the rich differ substantially from those of the poor? How is your success related to your father's occupation? Is there a relationship between the crime rate and televised sex and violence? What is education's real relationship to the job market? These are some of the many questions that research sociologists investigate and discover answers to—answers that move beyond what you may believe to be common sense. The sociologist's answers may surprise you and lead you to develop innovative solutions to the social problems facing today's world.

Faculty

In a recent department poll, our students said that our strongest feature was the quality of classroom instruction. From your first courses to your last semester, you will be taught primarily by Ph.D. sociologists and anthropologists. Most have published articles in leading professional journals. Several have published major books and monographs. Four of our faculty have won "Outstanding Teacher" awards, four others have been awarded "Outstanding Researcher" awards, and another attained an "Outstanding Service" award. Our faculty come from diverse academic, social, and ethnic backgrounds. Coupled with extensive professional experience in teaching, research, and publication, this diversity is the real strength of our program.

Scholarships

The Harriet Stull Sociology Scholarship is an annual award (\$500) given to an outstanding Sociology student with sophomore standing or higher. The Kara Leigh Broughton Memorial Scholarship is an annual award (\$1,000) given to an outstanding Sociology junior or senior.

Programs of Study

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology offers the Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. As a **Sociology major**, you will take 11 courses (33 semester hours) in Sociology, six of which are prerequisites for all majors. Your adviser will help you plan the remaining coursework to meet your own career goals.

Since an understanding of human social behavior is essential in many fields, a **Sociology minor** is an excellent companion to many majors. A minimum of 18 semester hours in Sociology, including Sociology 100, is required for the minor. Your minor adviser will help you select courses to best complement your major field of study.

Anthropology is the study of a variety of lifestyles in various nations, regions, and cultures. An **Anthropology minor** is an excellent companion to many majors. A minimum of 18 semester hours in Anthropology is required.

Honors in Sociology

To be eligible for the Centennial Honors College, entering freshmen must have an ACT composite score of at least 28 OR have a 26 or 27 composite ACT and be in the top 15% of their graduating class OR have an ACT composite score of at least 24 and be in the top 10% of their high school graduating class. Transfer students with at least 12 semester hours and up to 59 semester hours of undergraduate courses are admitted with a grade point average of at least 3.3 OR 3.4 for 60 semester hours or more. To find out more, visit wiu.edu/Honors.

HIGHER VALUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

The department's Honors program is a unique opportunity to work closely with instructors on special projects designed to challenge you. Contact the University Honors Program coordinator for more information.

Student Activities

Our majors and minors are active in **WASC**, the Western Anthropology and Sociology Club, which sponsors several activities throughout the academic year. In addition to inviting guest speakers for campus programs, WASC organizes events such as career, résumé, and internship workshops; topical events relating to sociology and anthropology; and social events.

Special Opportunities

From the first introductory courses to graduate-level seminars, you will be taught by Ph.D. sociologists and anthropologists who have established national—and in some cases, international—reputations in their field. Departmental faculty are actively involved in their disciplines, conducting research on a variety of topics within sociology and anthropology. In addition, the department, together with the Departments of Political Science and Psychology and the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, operates the **Western Survey Research Center (WSRC)**. The WSRC is a service outreach of the College and engages in survey, public policy, and opinion research for the University, Macomb community, and region.



After College

All careers which require an ability to relate to people with insight and understanding, combined with skill in developing solutions to human problems, will definitely be enhanced by a foundation in sociology. Western's Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology is a solid foundation for a career in social research or service. Skilled public opinion analysts, survey database managers, and human service specialists are in demand. In business and industry, our graduates typically work in personnel management, market research, and sales. Those who focus on statistics and research methodology frequently become junior analysts in research firms or government agencies. The Sociology undergraduate major also provides excellent preparation for graduate studies in a variety of disciplines.

For More Information

Call the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at (309) 298-1056 or e-mail the adviser at SB-Keeling@wiu.edu. You can learn more about the department by visiting wiu.edu/sociology.

For Your General Outlook

Like all Western programs, studies in Sociology build upon the General Education courses you'll take during your freshman and sophomore years. The University's General Education requirements include courses in composition, speech, and math, plus electives from such disciplines as science, social studies, humanities, health sciences, and physical education. In addition, students seeking a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology are required to take 36 semester hours for the Sociology major (18 SH of required coursework and 18 SH in Directed Electives in Sociology and Anthropology).

Sample Course Planning for Sociology Major (indicates required course for major)*

Semester One:	Sociology 100*
Semester Two:	Anthropology 110*
Semester Three:	Sociology Elective
Semester Four:	Social Research Methods I*
Semester Five:	Two Sociology Electives
Semester Six:	Social Theory*, Sociology Elective
Semester Seven:	Social Research Methods II*, Social Stratification*
Semester Eight:	Sociology Elective

Leslie F. Malpass Library

The library and its five branches house more than one million cataloged volumes, 3,300 current journal subscriptions, and 25 foreign and domestic newspapers. In addition, the library provides computer access to resources worldwide, including 800 other Illinois libraries with more than 22 million volumes. When necessary, the interlibrary loan program can have materials in students' hands within a day or two.

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