

# SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

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The Department of Sociology and Anthropology offers a diverse curriculum exploring the institutions and processes that maintain and change human societies. Our program places special emphasis on the development of students' ability to analyze contemporary social and cultural issues, and their problem-solving and research skills. Students choose a major in either Sociology or Anthropology, but all majors are introduced to the concepts, methods and theories appropriate to research in both disciplines.

## SOCIOLOGY

The basic challenge in sociology is to understand ourselves and others more fully. The discipline asks us to probe beneath the surface and to question why people behave as they do, especially in group situations. The sociological perspective asks us to question what we often take for granted, why our society operates as it does, and how our social arrangements could be different.

### Major in Sociology

Consists of twelve courses:

- SOCI 10000
- ANTH 11000
- One of the following courses: SOCI 20700, 20900, 21400, 21500, or 21700
- SOAN 34000
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- SOCI 35000
- SOCI 35100
- Two elective Sociology courses (see Special Notes below)
- One elective Sociology, Anthropology, or Sociology / Anthropology (SOAN) course (see note below)
- Junior Independent Study: (see Special Notes below)
- Senior Independent Study: SOCI 45100
- Senior Independent Study: SOCI 45200

### Minor in Sociology

Consists of six courses:

- SOCI 10000
- One of the following courses: SOCI 20700, 20900, 21400, 21500, or 21700
- One of the following courses: SOAN 34000 or SOAN 34100

- One of the following courses: SOCI 35000 or 35100
- Two elective Sociology courses (see Special Notes below)

### Special Notes

- A second or third course from SOCI 20700, 20900, 21400, 21500, or 21700 may count as electives for the requirements for the major. A second methods course (SOCI 34200 or ANTH 34100) may count as electives for the requirements for the minor.
- **Junior Independent Study:** The College requirement of a unit of Independent Study in the junior year is satisfied by completing SOCI 35000 or SOCI 35100 prior to Senior Independent Study.
- Sociology majors who elect to participate in the 3-2 program in Social Work at Case Western Reserve University (see *Pre-Professional and Dual Degree Programs*) must complete all requirements in the major except Senior Independent Study. Students should see the department chairperson for more details about this arrangement.
- **Teaching Licensure:** Students should consult with the chairpersons of Sociology and Anthropology and of Education.
- Only grades of C- or better are accepted for the major or minor.
- Students may not major in Sociology and minor in Anthropology, nor are they allowed to double major in the two disciplines. Additionally, Sociology majors may not double major with Archaeology.

## ANTHROPOLOGY

Anthropology explores the variety of human groups and cultures that have developed across the globe and throughout time. Anthropologists hope that by seeing ourselves in the mirror of alternative cultural and historical possibilities, we can come to a better understanding of our own assumptions, values and patterns of behavior.

### Major in Anthropology

Consists of twelve courses:

- ANTH 11000
- SOCI 10000
- One of the following courses: ANTH 21000, 22000, or ARCH 10300
- ANTH 23100
- SOAN 34000
- SOAN 34100
- Two elective Anthropology courses (see Special Notes below)
- One elective Anthropology, Sociology, or Sociology/Anthropology course (see Special Notes below)
- Junior Independent Study Equivalent: ANTH 35200
- Senior Independent Study: ANTH 45100
- Senior Independent Study: ANTH 45200

### Minor in Anthropology

Consists of six courses:

- ANTH 11000
- One of the following courses: ANTH 21000, 22000, or ARCH 10300
- One of the following courses: SOAN 34000 or SOAN 34100
- ANTH 23100
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## SOCIOLOGY COURSES

### SOCI 10000. INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

An examination of sociological principles and methods of investigation, and their relationship to the major issues in society, such as social change, social class, urbanization, and intergroup relations. Attention will also focus upon the major social institutions and the relationship between the individual and society. Class sessions will utilize lectures, seminar discussions, data analysis, and audio-visuals. *Annually. Fall and Spring. [HSS]*

### SOCI 19900-19903. TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY

A seminar focused on a special topic in sociology. Topics are chosen by the instructor and announced in advance. *[HSS]*

### SOAN 20100. EDUCATION IN SOCIOCULTURAL CONTEXT (Education)

An acquaintance with selected anthropological and sociological approaches to the study of education. It seeks to communicate a cross-cultural perspective on the educative process through case studies of education and socialization in diverse societies. Theories and research on the social effects of schooling will also be covered. Special attention will be given to the situation of minorities in the schooling process and to understanding educational policy debates in American society. *Alternate years. [C, HSS]*

### SOAN 20200. GLOBALIZING HEALTH

An examination of public health issues from a global perspective. The twenty-first century has presented numerous public health challenges, such as the AIDS crisis, the rise of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis, and trafficking in human organs and tissues. Such problems can only be addressed by a combination of local and global responses. This course applies contemporary globalization theories to such public health challenges, and critically examines the ways in which Western medical techniques and attitudes toward health are disseminated throughout the world, and the tensions generated in local cultures by this globalization of health. *Every third year. [C, HSS]*

### SOCI 20300. ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY (Environmental Studies)

An investigation of the dynamic relation between society and the environment. Sociology points us beyond mere technical and scientific problems to the social roots of contemporary ecological issues, as well as the justice issues these circumstances entail. We explore the many ways in which environmental issues are, in fact, social issues. The topics we cover include: causes of environmental degradation, environmental movements, environmental activism and organizations, corporate social responsibility, social construction of the environment, collective behavior, Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO), and locavorism. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. [HSS]*

### SOCI 20400. SELF AND SOCIETY

An examination of social psychological perspectives on the interrelationships among the individual, the small group, and the larger culture. Topics emphasized include socialization, the development of self, deviance, the individual and social change, and attitude formation. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or ANTH 11000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. [W, HSS]*

### SOCI 20500. SOCIOLOGY OF LAW

In this course we will read some influential legal cases, but our task will not be the technical application of the law (such as in a law school course). The social science field of law and society is designed to show both the

impacts of the broader social context on law-making and judicial decision-making and the impacts of the law and the courts on society. Students will also be introduced to some classic law and society research. The topics we cover include: courts and social science, courts and economic interests, courts and social expectations, law and citizenship, the death penalty, law and culture, the limits of justice, litigation crisis, and legal globalization. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. [HSS]*

**SOCI 20600. URBAN SOCIOLOGY (Urban Studies)**

An analysis of contemporary urban problems with an emphasis on race, class and gender. The course examines the historical roots of urban areas; global urban development; and present spatial, economic and political trends in cities. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. [HSS]*

**SOCI 20700. SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER (Communication Studies, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies)**

An examination of the role of gender in society, exploring how gender intersects with race, ethnicity, social class, sexuality, and nationality. The course examines biological, psychological, and social structural explanations of gender roles, with emphasis on the experiences of women and men within social institutions such as family, work, and education. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. [HSS]*

**SOCI 20900. INEQUALITY IN AMERICA (Africana Studies, Communication Studies, Education)**

An examination of the structure and process of inequality in the United States. Included will be an analysis and explanation of the extent of lifestyle as well as economic, occupational, and political inequality among groups, including gender and race as dimensions of inequality. Policies aimed at dealing with inequality will also be addressed. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. [HSS]*

**SOCI 29900-29903. ADVANCED TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY** (some sections cross-listed with: **Chinese Studies, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies**) A seminar focusing on a specialized area of sociology. Topics are chosen by the instructor and announced in advance. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000. [HSS]*

**SOCI 21300. DEVIANCE AND CRIMINOLOGY**

An analysis of deviant and criminal behavior. The focus is on definitions and measurement of deviant and criminal behavior. The major types of criminal behavior that occur in the United States are discussed, followed by a review of several sociological theories that explain criminal behavior. The course concludes with a general overview and assessment of major agencies that comprise the Criminal Justice System. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. Annually. [Wt, HSS]*

**SOCI 21400. RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS IN AMERICAN SOCIETY (Africana Studies, Communication Studies, Education)**

An analysis of racial and ethnic groups in the United States. Emphasis is placed on investigating discrimination based on race, gender, and culture; how discrimination develops; and the solutions proposed for solving the problems associated with it. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. Annually. [C, HSS]*

**SOCI 21700. BLACKS IN CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN SOCIETY (Africana Studies)**

A sociological study of the life experiences of African Americans, including a focus upon a critical analysis of race relations as it impacts intra- and intergroup dynamics. The primary focus of the course may vary (i.e., family, community, development, leadership). *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. Every third year. [C, HSS]*

**SOCI 21900: GLOBALIZATION AND CONTEMPORARY CHINA (East Asian Studies)**

An exploration of the social causes, including globalization, and consequences of the economic, cultural, and social changes that China is undergoing today. Following a roughly chronological order, we will focus mainly on events and trends of the past twenty years: from the social movements of 1989 and the economic expansion of the early 1990s to the consequent changes in a consumer-driven popular culture, as well as renewed quests for moral and religious meaning and emerging social activism (e.g., the environment, women's rights, etc.). *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. [C, HSS]*

**SOAN 34000. ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH (Archaeology, Urban Studies)**

This course explores a variety of methods that are essential components of ethnographic research design. The readings for this course include a selection of ethnographies that illustrate the many ways in which ethnographic research can be conducted. Students learn how to design their own ethnographic projects, and gain exposure to content analysis, participant-observation, interviewing, surveying, and research ethics. *Prerequisites: SOCI 100 or ANTH 110, and one other 200- or 300-level Sociology, Anthropology, or SOAN course; or permission of instructor. Annually. Spring and Fall. [HSS]*

**SOAN 34100. SOCIAL STATISTICS (Archaeology, Urban Studies)**

An examination of the statistical analysis of social science data. Students will be trained to use statistical tech-

niques, including chi square, t-tests, and regression in the context of research design. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the logic behind the numbers. The course will enable students to think critically about statistics in social research and in the popular media. *Prerequisites: SOCI 100 or ANTH 110, and one other 200- or 300-level Sociology, Anthropology, or SOAN course; or permission of instructor. Annually, Spring and Fall. [Q, HSS]*

#### **SOCI 35000. CLASSICAL SOCIAL THEORY (Archaeology)**

An examination of classical social theories of the nature of society and of human behavior. Included are the works of Marx, Durkheim, Weber, and Simmel. Emphasis will be placed on understanding these theories and their relevance in contemporary society. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. Annually, Fall. [HSS]*

#### **SOCI 35100. CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL THEORY**

An examination of the wide range of contemporary social theories that developed out of the classical tradition. Among the theories examined in this course are: functionalism, conflict theory, feminist theory, critical race theory, queer theory, globalization theory, and various forms of late- or post-modern theory. Students will be expected to develop an understanding of the relevance of these theories for the critical analysis of contemporary social issues and structures. Over the course of the semester all students will use one or more of these contemporary social theories to develop a theoretical perspective on a research question or topic that the students will examine in their Senior Independent Study thesis. This course, or SOCI 35000, is a prerequisite for enrolling in SOCI 45100. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000, or permission of instructor. Annually. [HSS]*

#### **SOCI 40000. TUTORIAL**

A tutorial course on a special topic(s) offered to an individual student under the supervision of a faculty member. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor; the approval of both the supervising faculty member and the chairperson is required prior to registration.*

#### **SOCI 41000. INTERNSHIPS**

In close consultation with a faculty member in the department, students may arrange for a supervised work situation that relates to their major course of study. It is expected that in addition to the work experience itself, this course will include both regular discussion of a set of readings chosen by the faculty member and written assignments that allow the students to reflect critically on their work experiences. Internship credit will be approved by the chairperson of the department on a case-by-case basis. *S/NC course. Prerequisite: SOCI 10000, ANTH 11000, or permission of instructor.*

#### **SOCI 45100. SENIOR INDEPENDENT STUDY – SEMESTER ONE**

The first semester of the Senior Independent Study project, in which each student engages in creative and independent research guided by a faculty mentor and which culminates in a thesis and an oral examination in the second semester. The student will normally do the thesis during the Fall and Spring semesters of the senior year. The suggested fields include papers or projects in any of the standard subcategories of sociology, such as family, community, race, urban, mental health, or social work. The student is assigned to an appropriate adviser by the chairperson following submission of a proposal. *Prerequisite: SOCI 35000 or 35100.*

#### **SOCI 45200. SENIOR INDEPENDENT STUDY – SEMESTER TWO**

The second semester of the Senior Independent Study project, which culminates in the thesis and an oral examination. *Prerequisite: SOCI 45100.*

## **ANTHROPOLOGY COURSES**

#### **ANTH 11000. INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY (Archaeology)**

An introduction to the five fields used by anthropologists to explore broadly the variety of human groups that have developed across the globe and throughout time. The five fields include biological, cultural, linguistic, applied anthropology, and archaeology. The course will prepare students to take a holistic perspective on contemporary human cultures. It will also foster an appreciation of cultural relativity in the sense of understanding other cultures in their own terms as coherent and meaningful designs for living. *Annually, Fall and Spring. [C, HSS]*

#### **ANTH 19900-19901. TOPICS IN ANTHROPOLOGY**

A seminar focused on a special topic in anthropology. Topics are chosen by the instructor and announced in advance. *[HSS]*

#### **SOAN 20100. EDUCATION IN SOCIOCULTURAL CONTEXT (Education)**

An acquaintance with selected anthropological and sociological approaches to the study of education. It seeks to communicate a cross-cultural perspective on the educative process through case studies of education and socialization in diverse societies. Theories and research on the social effects of schooling will also be covered. Special attention will be given to the situation of minorities in the schooling process and to understanding educational policy debates in American society. *Alternate years. [C, HSS]*

### **SOAN 20201. GLOBALIZING HEALTH**

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### **ANTH 20500. POLITICAL ANTHROPOLOGY (Archaeology)**

A comparative analysis of politics as the cultural process through which people make binding decisions for groups. The course examines this process in western and non-western cultures at all stages of complexity from bands to stages within an evolutionary model. *Prerequisite: ANTH 11000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. [W†, C, HSS]*

### **ANTH 21000. PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY (Archaeology)**

An introduction to the role of physical anthropology in defining humans as biological and cultural entities. This course examines a variety of topics, including the genetic basis for evolution, primate behavior, the process of primate and human development, and contemporary variation among human populations. *Prerequisite: ANTH 11000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. [C, HSS, MNS]*

### **ANTH 21100. MUSEUM ANTHROPOLOGY**

This course explores a variety of kinds of museums from anthropological perspectives. The topics covered include the origins of the modern museum; the cultural and political contents of building ethnographic collections and displays; the emergence of the museum as a focus for anthropological inquiry; the contemporary role(s) of museums as part of identity formation; the legal and ethical issues surrounding the development and use of collections; and, the relationships between museums and communities. *Prerequisite: ANTH 11000 or permission of instructor. Every third year. [HSS]*

### **ANTH 29900. ADVANCED TOPICS IN ANTHROPOLOGY**

A seminar focusing on a specialized area of anthropology. Topics are chosen by the instructor and announced in advance. *Prerequisite: ANTH 11000. [HSS]*

### **ANTH 22000. LINGUISTIC ANTHROPOLOGY (Archaeology, Communication)**

A critical analysis of language and all other forms of human communication within the context of culture and society, human thought, and behavior. Special attention is paid to the relationships between culture and language, the social uses of language, language as a model for interpreting culture, language and all forms of non-verbal communication within speech interactions. *Prerequisite: ANTH 11000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. [C, HSS]*

### **ANTH 22500. GENDER IN WORLD CULTURES (Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies)**

An examination of the ways in which the boundaries of gender construct, reflect, and influence cultural ideology and social interaction from a cross-cultural perspective. This course also examines the development of gender studies within the discipline of anthropology. *Prerequisite: ANTH 11000 or permission of instructor. Every third year. [C, HSS]*

### **ANTH 23000. MAGIC, WITCHCRAFT, AND RELIGION**

Focuses on anthropological approaches to the study of cultural beliefs in the sacred: analysis of what is "religious" in many cultures; covers a variety of anthropological topics related to these practices, including myth, ritual, totemism, magic, and shamanism. Examination of the role that the study of religion, magic, and witchcraft has played in the theoretical development of anthropology. *Prerequisite: ANTH 11000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. [C, R, HSS]*

### **ANTH 23100-23112. PEOPLES AND CULTURES (some sections cross-listed with: Archaeology, East Asian Studies, Latin American Studies)**

An exploration of the richness and diversity of a particular world culture. Readings and lectures provide the historical background for each culture area and an examination of the contemporary cultures. Generally focused on religious beliefs, economics, politics, kinship relationships, gender roles, and medical practices. Consideration of this culture area in the world economic system. *Prerequisite: ANTH 11000 or permission of instructor. Annually. Fall and Spring. [C, HSS]*

### **SOAN 34000. ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH (Archaeology, Urban Studies)**

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#### **ANTH 35200. CONTEMPORARY ANTHROPOLOGICAL THEORY**

An examination of key theoretical perspectives in anthropology from the mid-1900s to the present day. Among the perspectives examined in this course are: evolutionary theory, historical particularism, functionalism, culture and personality, cultural and ecological materialism, ethnohistory, symbolic anthropology, feminist anthropology, practice theory, and postmodernism. Students will be expected to develop an understanding of the relevance of these theories for the critical analysis of contemporary social and cultural issues. Over the course of the semester all students will use relevant concepts and theorists to develop a theoretical perspective on a research question or topic that they will examine in their Senior Independent Study thesis. This course is a prerequisite for enrolling in ANTH 45100. *Prerequisite: ANTH 11000 or permission of instructor. Annually. [HSS]*

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#### **ANTH 45100. SENIOR INDEPENDENT STUDY – SEMESTER ONE**

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#### **ANTH 45200. SENIOR INDEPENDENT STUDY – SEMESTER TWO**

The second semester of the Senior Independent Study project, which culminates in the thesis and an oral examination. *Prerequisite: ANTH 45100.*