
Bachelor of Arts in **Sociology**

Sociology is the scientific and systematic study of human behavior. Sociologists explore the social forces that shape modern society, with an eye toward understanding how these dynamics create social inequalities. Students at SUNYIT receive a strong foundation in sociological theory and methods and sharpen these skills in areas that interest them, typically concentrating on the crime and justice or social services fields. However, sociological skills are applicable to a wide range of occupations, from medical research to journalism, from administration to marketing. In other words, the sociological perspective can be useful in many settings.

Your education at SUNYIT takes place on and off campus. The Sociology Program provides students numerous opportunities to work collaboratively with professors on research and writing projects, or to try out career paths through an internship. In these ways, students can engage intellectual ideas in a practical setting and make meaningful connections between classroom learning and the real world that makes them more attractive on the job market. Employers appreciate the practical experience our students can bring to the workplace.

Elective course work is centered around the social services and crime and justice concentrations. Students may take advantage of internships or practicum opportunities within the program.

Students are typically employed in:

Social/Human Services:

chemical dependency
disabilities
veterans
the elderly

Education:

school counseling
tutoring/mentoring programs
special needs/disabilities
alternative schools

Corrections and criminal justice settings:

law enforcement
corrections
probation
homeland security
court officers (family and criminal)
criminological research

Students may also pursue education in the following areas:

Graduate school in Sociology
Law school
Master's in Business Administration (MBA)
Master's in Social Work (MSW)

Will I be Able to Work Closely with Faculty?

Sociology students at SUNYIT have ample opportunities to gain practical research experience that will be valuable to them on the job market. At times, an entire course will plan and conduct a research project, often in conjunction with local organizations. Recent examples include: a survey of SUNYIT students on their satisfaction with campus life; a survey of factors that promote and inhibit economic self-sufficiency of women in the Mohawk Valley (for the Women's Fund of Herkimer and Oneida Counties). Students also have opportunities to work with faculty individually under our Independent Study option. Students are encouraged to participate in a research project that will lead to a professional presentation or publication of a paper.

What do Sociology Majors do for Fun?

SUNYIT has a very active Sociology Club. Students plan and participate in social and community service activities. Club events include midnight bowling, outings with children from the local Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization, Take Back the Night events on campus (including speakers and a rally), fundraising for local charities (including raffles and canned good drives), providing aid to women and children fleeing domestic violence during the holidays, and a Rock the Vote campaign to encourage their fellow students to register for and participate in upcoming elections.

Degree Requirements Overview

1. Students must complete 10 courses in sociology and anthropology--at least seven of which must be completed at SUNYIT
2. Students may elect no more than two courses in anthropology toward the sociology major
3. All majors must take SOC 100 or SOC 110
4. All majors must take one intermediate elective before taking an advanced course
5. All majors must take two electives at the 100-300 level
6. All majors must take three courses (12 credits) at the 400-level
7. Students must receive a grade of "C" or better in all core courses

B.A. Degree Requirements

I. General Education Requirements

All Sociology majors must complete the following General Education Courses:

Mathematics (MAT 111 or equivalent)
Natural Science
Lab Science
Other Science
Social Sciences
American History
Western Civilization
Other World Civilizations
Humanities
The Arts
Foreign Language
Basic Communication
Upper Division Writing (COM 306 or COM 308)

II. Program Requirements

A. Required Courses

SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology
SOC 110 Social Problems

B. Intermediate Course Electives

SOC 210 Sociology of the Family
SOC 314 Sociology of Deviance
SOC 350 Chemical Dependencies and Human Behavior
SOC 351 Sociology of Crime
SOC 360 Sociology of Work
SOC 381 Social Gerontology
ANT 301 General Anthropology
ANT 320 Social Policy
ANT 382 Cultures, Health and Healing

III. Advanced Coursework

Human Services

SOC 410 Power and Violence in the Family
SOC 411 Sociology of Community
SOC 424 Social Welfare Policy
SOC 446 The Individual and Society

Criminal Justice

SOC 450 Sociology of Corrections
SOC 452 White Collar Crime
SOC 455 Sociology of Law and the Courts

Other Advanced Courses

SOC 465 Sociology of Occupations and Professions
SOC 466 Worker Social Psychology
SOC 490 Selected Topics in Sociology (varies each semester)
SOC 491 Independent Study
SOC 495 Practicum in Sociology (offers internship opportunity)
ANT 460 Ethnography

IV. Core Courses (Required of all Majors)

SOC 100 or SOC 110
SOC 310 History of Sociological Theory
SOC 332 Methods of Inquiry
ANT 321 Distinctions: Race, Class, and Gender
SOC 493 Senior Seminar in Sociology
STA 100 Statistical Methods

124 Total Credits

