

# School of Natural and Social Sciences

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### Program Objectives

The courses and curriculum of the sociology program are designed to achieve the following student outcomes:

- evidence a sociological imagination with which to understand and critically apply sociological perspectives to the study of social institutions and problems;
- master the inquiry skills of research design, data collection, and data analysis;
- acquire a basic understanding of the major theoretical traditions in sociology (e.g., conflict, functionalist, symbolic interactionist, and rational choice perspectives) and the meta-theory underlying them;
- apply sociological perspectives in critical and reflective ways in examining social institutions and social problems; and
- articulate how sociological knowledge applies to or informs the practice of Christian faith, values, and ethics in work, community and personal life.

### Sociology (SOC)

**SOC1013G Introduction to Sociology [3].** An introduction to basic principles in understanding patterns of social relations. Includes the major theoretical perspectives and methods for obtaining sociological knowledge. Special emphasis is given to the sociological examination of the major institutions in society.

**SOC1023 Social Problems [3].** A study of selected social problems emphasizing their analysis and evaluation of attempted solutions in relation to basic concepts and theoretical perspectives. Prerequisite: SOC1013G.

**SOC/PSY2083 Group Behavior and Processes [3].** A study of small groups, their development, behavior and processes within the social environment. Topics include social structure, decision-making, communication, morale, leadership, interdependency, conflict resolution, goal establishment and membership resources.

**SOC/SWK3003 Social Science Research Methods [3].** A study of the concepts and methods used in sociology, criminal justice, and social work for research in community needs, intervention, and program effectiveness. Emphasis is given to both quantitative and qualitative research paradigms. Prerequisites: (SOC1013G or COM2053) and MAT2063G. Co-requisite: SOC/SWK3000.

**SOC/PSY3053 Social Psychology [3].** A study of the person as a social individual, with special emphasis given to how people conceptualize, influence, and relate to one another. Prerequisite: SOC1013G.

**SOC3073 Sociology of Community [3].** A sociological analysis of human life in urban, suburban, and rural society. Special emphasis is given to the changes in community and solidarity as a result of modernization. Prerequisite: SOC1013G.

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**SOC/MAN/PSY3083 Organizational Behavior [3].** A study of behavior in organizational settings as affected by individual, group and organizational processes. Special emphasis is given to learning, motivation, attitudes, stress, organizational culture, group processes, and decision making. Prerequisite: SOC1013G.

**aSOC3093 Sociology of Deviance [3].** An exploration of deviant behaviors such as alcohol abuse, illicit drug use, mental illness, violent crime, prostitution, and homosexuality focusing on social definition and causal explanation. Prerequisite: SOC1013G is strongly recommended.

**aSOC4003 Sociology of Religion [3].** An analysis of religion as a social form including the rise of Christianity; sociological perspectives on religion, conversion and commitment processes; sects and cults; charisma and its routinization; religion's relationship to other social institutions, and secularization. Prerequisite: SOC1013G is strongly recommended.

**SOC4013 Sociology of the Family [3].** An advanced exploration of the nature of the institution of the family in society. The course will examine the evolution of the family institution as a result of modernization, and current issues and crises applicable to public discourse. Prerequisite: SOC1013G is strongly recommended.

**SOC4023 Sociology of Early Christianity [3].** An examination of the sociological factors associated with the rapid rise of Christianity as the dominant religion of the Western world. Emphasis is given to the urban environment of early Christian churches, the Roman religious landscape, epidemics and urban chaos, and Christian versus pagan theologies.

**SOC4033 Sociology and the New Testament [3].** An exploration of how the sociological perspective can shed light on New Testament interpretation. Special emphasis is given to the impact of modernization and social context on contemporary interpretive efforts.

**SOC4043 Classical Sociological Theory [3].** An exploration of major theoretical issues raised by classical theorists such as Weber, Simmel, Marx, Durkheim, and Mead, and their influence on contemporary theorizing. Prerequisite: SOC1013G.

**aSOC4063 Medical Sociology [3].** A study of the relationship between modernization and the development of medicine as a sovereign profession and a social institution. Special emphasis is given to the social demography of health, physician-patient interaction, and ethical dilemmas resulting from rapid technological innovation.

**SOC4089 Special Topics in Sociology [1-3].** Small group discussions of readings in current research literature. Topics vary from year to year; the course may be repeated. Prerequisite: instructor's permission.

**SOC4091 Sociology Capstone Seminar: Sociology and Faith [1].** A capstone reflection on the discipline of sociology and the application of the sociological imagination to understanding the world. Special emphasis is given to faith and sociological perspectives intersecting in developing a worldview to understand human life. Prerequisites: SOC1013G, and senior classification with a major in sociology.

**SOC5019 Independent Study [1-4].**

**SOC5029 Sociology Internship [1-6].** A supervised experience performed in a professional environment representing a student's major discipline. Prerequisite: Senior standing and departmental application and approval.

**SOC5091 Sociology Honors Research Project [1-2].** A capstone research project within the major for honor students. It is supervised by a faculty mentor and evaluated by a committee of three faculty. The course is repeatable for up to four (4) hours of credit. Prerequisite: Approval of the application of Intent for Honors Research Project by the Honors Program Director.

### Departmental Programs

#### Associate in Applied Science in Human Services

#### Required Courses

SOC1013G Introduction to Sociology	3
SWK2073 Social Welfare Systems	3
SOC/FCS3033 Marriage and the Family	3

Select two of the following:	6
PSY/MAN/SOC3083 Organizational Behavior	
SOC3073 Sociology of Community	
SOC3093 Sociology of Deviance	
PSY/SOC3053 Social Psychology	
PSY1013G General Psychology	3
PED3043 Community Health	3
FIN/FCS3063 Consumer Finance	3
FCS2012 Contemporary Nutrition	2

Total	26 Hours
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## Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

### Required Courses

SOC1013G Introduction to Sociology	3
MAT2063G Introduction to Statistics	3
SOC/SWK3003 Social Science Research Methods*	3
SOC4043 Classical Sociological Theory	3
SOC4091 Sociology Capstone Seminar: Sociology and Faith	1

### Elective Courses

Sociology electives	27
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At least 9 hours of the sociology electives must be courses numbered 3000 or above. Electives may include the criminal justice courses:

- CJU1003 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CJU3023 Criminology and Victimology.

Total	40 Hours
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\*(Students who choose to complete double majors in sociology and criminal justice must complete Social Science Research Methods as the required research methods course. Students who choose to complete double majors in psychology and sociology must complete both Research Design in Psychology and Social Science Research Methods as required research methods courses.)

The student with a major in sociology must complete a minor in another field.

### Sociology Minor

SOC1013G Introduction to Sociology	3
MAT2063G Introduction to Statistics	3
Sociology electives	12

Total	18 Hours
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