DEGREE(S)

+ Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in sociology
+ Minor in sociology

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Sociology is the scientific study of human groups and their characteristics, changes, causes and consequences. Through teaching, research and service, sociology reveals a critical understanding of the different ways people relate to one another through the organization of society and how its structures and cultures influence our lives. At Saint Louis University, the sociology program’s subject matter ranges from family life to large-scale organizations, from crime to religion, from the divisions of race and social class to the shared beliefs of a common culture, from poverty to prosperity, and from the sociology of work to the sociology of sport. Few fields have such a broad and exciting scope.

Our department maintains important links with the community and beyond. Our curricula include exciting fieldwork practicum courses and service learning. We offer students opportunities to gain invaluable on-site experience at places such as the Metropolitan Employment and Rehabilitation Service, the Missouri Attorney General’s Office, the St. Louis City Crime Lab, the International Institute, and dozens more public and private industry locations.

St. Louis boasts an excellent research laboratory for how social behavior is determined by social structure and physical environment, how community is a major factor in shaping human behavior, and how humans adapt to their community. The sociology major provides a strong background in social science education that combines theory and empirical methods of analysis with an emphasis on social inequality and institutions. Students’ learning experiences may be enhanced through practical fieldwork experiences with St. Louis nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies.

ABOUT THE FACULTY

The department of sociology and anthropology at Saint Louis University is comprised of full-time faculty members who all hold the highest degrees in their field. Faculty members are eager and available to assist students as mentors and academic and internship advisors.

CURRICULUM

The department offers a major and minor in sociology. The major requires 30 credit hours, and the minor requires 21 credit hours. The department offers areas of concentration, including: health and medical law, crime and deviance; immigration, urbanization and demography; and gender, sexuality and the body. In addition to offering undergraduate courses, the department maintains an active internship program that provides interested students with research and work experience in community organizations.

Some examples of sociology courses offered include:
+ SOC 1500: The Urban Community
+ SOC 2000: Research Methodology
+ SOC 2110: Sociology of Sports
+ SOC 2490: Sociology of Medicine
+ SOC 2600: Survey of Forensic Science
+ SOC 3010: Quantitative Analysis
+ SOC 3020: Qualitative Research
+ SOC 3100: Sociological Theory
+ SOC 3180: Immigration
+ SOC 3230: Gender and Society
+ SOC 3270: Environmental Anthropology
+ SOC 3360: Racial and Ethnic Relations
+ SOC 3430: Marriage and the Family
+ SOC 3480: Sociology of Mental Health
+ SOC 3510: Structure of Poverty
+ SOC 3580: Deviant Behavior
+ SOC 3590: Law and Society
+ SOC 4540: Environmental Impact of the City
+ SOC 4550: Crime Scene Investigation
+ SOC 4640: Demography: Population Characteristics and Trends

In addition to a traditional major in sociology, one can emphasize the application of sociology to contemporary health, environmental and urban problems. Sociology is a popular double major at SLU and can be combined with a wide variety of other disciplines to strengthen analytic skills and methodological depth.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Freshman: All applications are thoroughly and carefully reviewed. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary criterion in reviewing a freshman applicant's file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student's ability to meet the University's academic requirements and to qualify the student for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be approaching graduation from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant's file, the office of admission holistically examines the student's academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAM?

The department has many connections with social agencies throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area. Fieldwork practicums are available for sociology majors, including working at neighborhood centers in St. Louis or performing social research projects. Fieldwork practicums also provide an opportunity for students to be involved in agencies and organizations. Students meet with the department internship director for assistance in applying to any of the numerous local employment opportunities in St. Louis.

Graduates of the sociology program are involved in diverse careers, including as president of a management consulting firm, methodologist for a health organization and directors of community centers.

Students can also continue with graduate work in sociology in a wide range of programs such as social work, law and health service fields.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.

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Graduate Programs

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