Sociology and Anthropology

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The Department of Sociology and Anthropology offers a variety of courses that are directed toward understanding the patterns and processes of social life. We focus on perspectives that illuminate and involve students in issues of social justice. As we are living in an increasingly diverse and globalized world, cross-cultural approaches are emphasized. The department offers a number of options for undergraduates. It offers Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees and minors in Sociology and Anthropology. Further, we offer a contract major in Forensic Science. Finally, double majors are offered in Sociology and International Studies and Anthropology and International Studies.

Sociology Major (Bachelor of Arts)
A total of 36 hours are required for the major degree in Sociology. The student must also complete the core curriculum requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences. Any of the approved minors offered by the College of Arts and Sciences can be completed to reach the total of 120 hours required for graduation.

All courses are 3 credit hours unless otherwise specified

Required Courses - 24 hours
SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology,
SOC 111 Introduction to Sociology: Diversity
SOC 200 Research Methods

SOC 210 Classical Social Theory
SOC 301 Quantitative Research Methods
SOC 302 Qualitative Research Methods
SOC 310 Contemporary Sociological Theory

Stratification* – 3 Hours
SOC 150 The Urban Community
SOC 318 Immigration
SOC 323 Gender and Society
SOC 336 Racial and Ethnic Relations
SOC 350 Social Inequality
SOC 351 The Structure of Poverty
SOC 464 Demography

Social Institutions* – 3 Hours
SOC 249 Sociology of Medicine
SOC 338 Political Sociology
SOC 342 Organizations: Theory and Practice
SOC 343 Marriage and the Family
SOC 349 Sociology of Mental Health
SOC 359 Law and Society
SOC 463 Sociology of Religion

Synthesis – 3 Hours
SOC 494 Sociology Capstone

Electives** – 12 Hours
SOC 118 World Geography
SOC 119 Cultural Geography
SOC 150 The Urban Community
SOC 211 Sociology of Sports
SOC 220 Cultural Anthropology
SOC 222 Peace and Conflict Studies
SOC 230 American Pop Culture
SOC 250 Social Ecology
SOC 322 Urban Sociology
SOC 327 Environmental Anthropology
SOC 330 Social Psychology
SOC 335 Social Movements
SOC 394 African American Religious Traditions
SOC 400 Sociology Practicum
SOC 405 Feminist Movements
SOC 420 Urban Ecology
SOC 464 Demography
SOC 480 Research Activity
SOC 498 Independent Study

Other courses may qualify as electives, please speak with your mentor.
* After taking one course to meet this requirement, students may take additional courses from this list as electives.
** With the written approval of the student’s mentor and the department chair, other courses may count as department as electives.
Sociology Minor

Required Courses: 9 Hours
SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology
SOC 200 Research Methodology
SOC 310 Contemporary Sociological Theory

Electives – 12 Hours
See courses listed for Sociology Major

Total: 21 Hours

Anthropology Major (Bachelor of Arts)

Required Courses -- 22 Hours
SOC 120 Introduction to Anthropology
SOC 200 Research Methods
SOC 220 Cultural Anthropology
SOC 221 Biological Anthropology + Lab (4 cr.)
SOC 224 Archaeology
SOC 320 Contemporary Anthropological Theory
SOC 497 Senior Project/Capstone in Anthropology

Electives* -- 15 Hours*
SOC 118 World Geography
SOC 230 American Pop Culture
SOC 260 Survey of Forensic Science
SOC 293 Special Topics
SOC 301 Quantitative Research Methods
SOC 302 Qualitative Analysis
SOC 321 Science and Pseudoscience
SOC 323 Gender and Society
SOC 324 Anthropology of Sex and Gender
SOC 326 Peace and Conflict
SOC 327 Environmental Anthropology
SOC 328 Forensic Anthropology
SOC 329 Native Peoples of North America
SOC 336 Racial and Ethnic Relations
SOC 343 Marriage and the Family
SOC 350 Social Inequality
SOC 371 Archaeology Field School
SOC 372 Archaeology Lab Methods
SOC 393 Special Topics
SOC 424 Primate Social Behavior
SOC 453 Urban Ethnography
SOC 454 Environmental Impact of the City
SOC 480 Research Activity
SOC 493 Special Topics
SOC 498 Advanced Independent Study
Requires permission of the instructor & Chair

Total: 37 Hours
*At least 12 credits must be taken at the 300 or 400 level.

Students should plan their coursework sequentially. SOC 120 is a prerequisite for SOC 220, SOC 221 and SOC 224 and should be taken before other courses for the degree.

Mentors, as well as the department chair, reserve the right to alter any of the above in consultation with each other for the benefit of the Anthropology major or particular needs of the degree candidates. No more than one elective may double-count for another, separate major or minor within the department

Anthropology Minor

Required Courses -- 13 Hours
SOC 120 Introduction to Anthropology
SOC 220 Cultural Anthropology
SOC 221 Biological Anthropology (4 cr.)
SOC 320 Contemporary Anthropological Theory

Electives – 9 Hours
See courses listed for Anthropology Major
Total: 22 Hours

Major (Contract) in Forensic Science

The Department offers a 77 credit BS contract major following the curricular standards of the national accreditation body and provides a unique specialization for science and social science students. See the chair of the department for curricular details.

Minor in Forensic Science

The Forensic Science minor requires 26 credits. These credits combine 20 credits of required courses and 6 credits of electives.

Required (20 credits)
SOC 260 Survey of Forensic Science*
SOC 362 Chemical Forensics with Lab
SOC 363 Forensic Biology with Lab
SOC 461 Death Investigation
SOC 400 Field Work Practicum (100 hours)
SOC 455 Crime Scene Investigation with Lab

*Survey of Forensic Science (SOC 260) is a prerequisite for Forensic Biology (SOC 363) and Chemical Forensics (SOC 362)

Electives: (6 hours from the following):
SOC 221 Biological Anthropology with lab
SOC 224 Archaeology
Minor in Advanced Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
The minor in Geographic Information Systems requires completion of the following requirements.

Core Courses – 9 Hours
SOC 465 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
SOC 466 Intermediate GIS
SOC 470 Applied Spatial Analysis

Specialized Courses – 6 Hours
SOC 464 Demography
SOC 467 Spatial Demography
SOC 468 Forensic GIS

Total: 15 Hours

For all Majors and Minors
A student may double count only those courses that are required for both (2 or more) of the degree programs (including majors and minors) that they pursue within our department (Sociology, Anthropology, GIS and Forensic Science)

Grade Requirements
- We recommend students achieve a “C-“or better in all required courses for the major or minor.
- Students must maintain an average GPA of 2.0 or higher in the courses taken to satisfy their major or minor.
- Students must maintain an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher at SLU.

All courses are 3 credit hours unless otherwise specified