



FACULTY OF ARTS

SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is a social science that uses theoretical and scientific methods of research to investigate the social world.

Sociology is an examination of the relations between the individual and society. Studying sociology can help you to develop a “sociological imagination” which is a quality of mind that gives us the ability to understand our own personal experiences as they are shaped by the society in which we live. Sociology tells us how and why certain ideas are taken for granted and become popular and dominant during different social, economic, and historical time periods. Sociology is often referred to as the “queen of the social sciences” because it uses history, philosophy, economics, and statistics to understand social phenomena like crime rates, social inequality, student protest, and changes taking place in capitalist democracies.

Sociology students learn a variety of rigorous methods used by contemporary sociologists to understand and explain the social world. In part, this involves developing foundational skills in statistical reasoning, qualitative research methods, and sociological theory. A degree in sociology provides the analytical tools required for engaged citizenship.

This program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year, 4-year, or Honours)** with a Major in Sociology. Students taking a degree in another Major may choose to add a **Minor in Sociology** as a secondary area of interest. Also available through the Sociology Department is a **Research Methods Certificate**.

SAMPLE CAREERS

Students who graduate with an undergraduate honours degree in sociology go on to advanced study in a variety of areas such as law, journalism, social work, criminology, business, labour relations, politics, and gerontology. Others find employment in government and non-governmental organizations doing advocacy work, social scientific research, and community service.

SAMPLE COURSES

Introduction to Sociology I is a required first-year course that provides an introduction to the discipline of sociology. Topics include classical and contemporary sociological theory, quantitative and qualitative methodologies, and the foundational concepts of social structure, culture, and socialization.

Criminological Theory is a popular second-year course that examines biological, psychological and sociological explanations used to explain crime and develop punishment policy. The course provides a foundation for the advanced study in undergraduate criminology.

Sociology of Development & Underdevelopment is a second-year course which focuses on the problems faced by industrializing countries. Topics may include the unequal allocation of natural and agricultural resources and the basis of social & political inequalities between industrialized & industrializing countries.

Immigrant Families is a third-year course that systematically discusses the unique dynamics of families of recent immigrants in their process of immigration and integration into Canadian society.

MORE SAMPLE COURSES

- Sociology of the Environment
- Sociological Research Methodologies
- Mass Communication & Media
- Popular Culture
- Sociology of Deviance
- Race, Ethnic, & Aboriginal Relations
- Sociology of Sport
- Technology & Society
- Socialization & Development
- Sociology of Youth
- Sociology of Families
- Green Criminology & Green Justice

SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

SOC-1006(3) Beginnings in Law and Criminology

SOC-1100(3) Introduction to Sociology I

RHET-1102(3) Academic Writing: Social Sciences or any other section of Academic Writing (if required)

6 credit hours Humanities (e.g., Classics, Philosophy, History, English)

15 credit hours Electives, depending on interest (e.g. Psychology, Conflict Resolution, Political Science)

***NOTE:** This sample first year is representative of the courses you may take. For many of our programs, you may choose another set of courses and still be well on your way to a degree. Also, for most programs you do not have to take 30 credit hours (five full courses) in your first year.*

“As a Sociology graduate of The University of Winnipeg, I was able to apply the skills I learned to conduct research with the Correctional Service of Canada, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, and as a Gladue report writer with Manitoba Justice. In my current role as Director at Circles of Support and Accountability, much of what I learned at the University has informed my work at this restorative justice initiative, which supports people to safely integrate into the community after incarceration.”

- Natalia Ilyniak (BA Honours)

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

You must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements. No specific courses required.

HOW TO APPLY

For details on application requirements and deadlines, and to apply online, please visit:
uwinnipeg.ca/apply

For more information student recruitment officer at welcome@uwinnipeg.ca or 204.786.9844. In any case where the University's Academic Calendar and this fact sheet differ, the current Calendar takes precedence.

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