

Sociology

Program Overview

The Department of Sociology and Criminology at Capital University offers majors and minors in both fields of study. Grounded in the scientific studies of both society and crime, students explore the social, cultural, gendered, ethnic, and racial aspects of diversity, dimensions of analytical and critical thinking, and ethical approaches to community engagement and knowledge formation. The program emphasizes research; professional pursuits; theoretical, methodological, and statistical literacy; and the expression of knowledge through oral and written communication. Our curriculum is designed to facilitate a double major in Sociology and Criminology. Many of our students choose to gain expertise in other areas of study, such as Psychology, Military Science, Philosophy, and Spanish.

Careers and Placement

Our curriculum provides students with essential foundations to engage in a range of careers and graduate study. Our graduates hold positions in a number of non-profit social organizations and government agencies. Some of our recent graduates are in positions with the following employers: City of Columbus Attorney's Office, City of Columbus Police Department (and others across the United States), Franklin County Probation Office, Alvis House, St. Vincent Family Services, Ohio Job and Family Services, Equitas Health, and various private law practices. Students who seek to advance beyond the baccalaureate degree continue on to graduate study in fields such as criminology, sociology, law, public policy, education, counseling, and social work.

Experiential Learning

Students have the opportunity to participate in internships and community-engaged learning for one or two semesters. The department recognizes the academic achievements of our Sociology majors by providing an opportunity to join the selective International Sociology Honor Society, Alpha Kappa Delta.



What Our Grads Are Doing Now:

Lawyer

Victim Advocate

Case Worker

Grant Specialist

Social Worker

Counselor

You'll Be Prepared To:

- Identify, describe, and analyze significance and complexity of the diversity of society
- Assess the role of theory in shaping sociological knowledge
- Demonstrate, examine, and critically analyze how social and structural factors influence human behaviors and the development of social existence
- Communicate sociological ideas coherently in a variety of formats to diverse audiences
- Apply critical-thinking skills to social phenomena
- Illustrate the importance of civic and ethical engagement and how applying a sociological perspective can reduce problems in the world
- Recognize and ethically apply basic social science research methods
- Author a culminating artifact that integrates curricular and co-curricular learning

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Four Year Sample Curriculum

First Year, Fall Intro to Sociology Academic Composition First Year Seminar Ethics	Second Year, Fall Foreign Language Deviance Cultural Pluralism Social Science Statistics	Third Year, Fall Career Planning Social Problems Humanities Elective	Fourth Year, Fall Social Movements Capstone Electives
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All courses subject to availability and advisor approval. All undergraduates must demonstrate that Signature Learning goals have been met.

Program Specific Organizations

Student Government

Sociology & Criminology Society

Symposium on Undergraduate Scholarship



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