# Sociology

## at Benedictine University

## Why study sociology at Benedictine?

When you choose to major in Sociology at Benedictine University, you will:

- Choose a concentration in Criminal Justice or minor in Social Work/Life Span Services according to personal and career interests.
- Complete a field placement at an off-campus agency for a concentration in Criminal Justice or minor in Social Work/Life Span Services.
- Pursue research or help faculty members with a research program and present the results of your work at both on-and off-campus meetings.
- Participate in the campus chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, the International Honor Society in Social Sciences, which sponsors events to stimulate your interest and competence in sociology.

## What does a degree in Sociology at Benedictine offer?

In Benedictine's Sociology program, you will learn the ways people organize themselves and behave in society. You will achieve a cross-cultural perspective to understanding human behavior and learn statistical and research methods of professional sociologists.

## What careers are available with a degree in Sociology?

When you earn a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, you will be eligible for careers in social work, criminal justice and law enforcement, life span services, and business and industry. By taking a combination of theoretical and applied courses, you will be able to prepare for graduate-level studies in sociology, social work or law.

## How does the program work?

As a Sociology major, you must complete at least 39 credit hours in sociology courses with a grade of "C" or better. You will learn the fundamental concepts of sociological study, statistics, research methods in the social sciences, the origins and development of sociological theory to modern times and how to do a senior thesis in the program's capstone course.

You will also learn the fundamentals of the other social sciences: psychology and economics. You will choose from sociology courses, such as social psychology, social and cultural change, racial and ethnic groups, social welfare services, marriage and family, death and dying and medical sociology. If you choose a concentration in Criminal Justice or a minor in Social Work/Life Span Services, you will complete at least four courses in that concentration, including correctional systems, clinical intervention, introduction to criminal justice or social work, field placements and special topics.

## Demonstrate your social conscience with a certificate in Environmental Studies.

Students with an interest in the environment can earn a certificate in Environmental Studies by choosing specific environmental-focused courses from the anthropology, biochemistry, biology, environmental science, geography, global studies, humanities, literature, management, natural science, philosophy, political science, religious studies, sociology and theology disciplines. Students will learn about the scientific, humanistic, educational and business aspects of sustainability.

# Recommended Program

## Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

### FRESHMAN

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| Academic Writing | 3 |
| Mathematics (MATH 105, 108 or 110) | 3 |
| Principles of Sociology | 3 |
| Physical Scientific (QPS) course | 3 |
| Artistic and Creative (QCA) course | 3 |
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| Basic Speech | 3 |
| Research Writing | 3 |
| Survey of Psychology core elective | 3 |
| Philosophical (QPL) course | 3 |
| Elective | 3 |
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### SOPHOMORE

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| Medical Sociology | 3 |
| Religions/Theological (QRT) course | 3 |
| Life Scientific (QLS) course | 3 |
| Interdisciplinary Seminar 201 | 3 |
| Elective | 3 |
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| Social Psychology | 3 |
| Literary and Rhetorical (QLR) course | 3 |
| Historical (QHT) course | 3 |
| Death and Dying | 3 |
| Elective | 3 |
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### JUNIOR

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| Social Theory | 3 |
| Elective | 3 |
| Social Scientific II: Political, Global and Economic Systems (QPE) | 3 |
| Basic and Applied Statistics | 3 |
| Interdisciplinary Seminar 301 | 3 |
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| Social Problems | 3 |
| Marriage and the Family | 3 |
| Social and Cultural Change | 3 |
| Elective | 3 |
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### SENIOR

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| Social, Psychological and Cultural Aspects of Aging | 3 |
| Crime and Delinquency | 3 |
| Research Methods | 3 |
| Elective | 3 |
| Clinical Practicum/Lab | 4 |
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| Senior Thesis | 3 |
| Sociology Field Placement* | 3 |
| Racial and Ethnic Groups | 3 |
| Electives | 6 |
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**Concentration in Criminal Justice and minors in Social Work/Life Span Services will require some different sociology classes than the above schedule indicates.*