

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 minors in Social Work/Life Span Services according to your personal and career interests
- Complete a field placement at an off-campus agency when you choose a concentration in Criminal Justice or minors in Social Work/Life Span Services
- Pursue research of your own interest or to help faculty members with a research program and to present the results of your work at both on-campus and off-campus meetings
- Participate in the campus chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, the national honor society for social sciences that 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 where people organize themselves and behave in society. You will achieve a cross-cultural perspective to understanding human behavior and learn the statistical and research methods of professional sociologists.

What careers are available with a Sociology degree?

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 will 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 current 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 among 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

Writing Colloquium	3
Mathematics (MATH S105, S108 or S110)	3
Principles of Sociology	3
Natural Science core elective	3
Fine Arts/Music core elective	3
	15

Speech Communication	3
Research Writing	3
Survey of Psychology core elective	3
Philosophy core elective	3
Elective	3
	15

JUNIOR

Social Theory	3
Cultural Heritage (HUMN 240)	3
Physical Sciences core elective	3
Statistics II	3
Other elective	3
	15

Social Problems	3
Marriage and Family	3
Natural Sciences core elective	3
Social and Cultural Change	3
Literature/Foreign Language	
Literature core elective	3
	15

SOPHOMORE

Introduction to Statistics	3
Medical Sociology	3
Religious Studies core elective	3
Anthropology/Political Science core elective	3
Cultural Heritage (HUMN 220)	3
	15

Social Psychology	3
Death and Dying	3
Business/Economics core elective	3
Life Sciences core elective	3
Cultural Heritage (HUMN 230)	3
	15

SENIOR

Social, Psychological and Cultural Aspects of Aging	3
Crime and Delinquency	3
Research Methods	3
Other electives	3
Cultural Heritage (HUMN 250)	3
	15

Senior Thesis	3
Field Placement	3
Racial and Ethnic Groups	3
Other electives	6
	15

**Concentration in Criminal Justice and minors in Social Work/Life Span Services will require some different sociology classes than the above schedule indicates.*