

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND FAMILY STUDIES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Faculty

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III. Major in Forensic Science—80 hours

Students must take BIO 112 and MAT 114 for core requirement.

A. Criminal Justice Foundation—

Curriculum

I. Major in Sociology—36 semester hours

The courses in Sociology are designed for two types of students: (1) those who desire pre-professional training for sociology or other related fields of human relations, and (2) those who seek to unP <</LangIMC /P <1Soci ()Tj Eo BDC BT 10 0 0 10 75.6 301.73 Tm [(A)-17.6 (.)]TJ ET BT /Spa

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IV. Major in Forensic Science—80 hours

A. SOC 225, 47, SW 338

B. Select 9 hours from: SOC 325, SOC 356, SOC 370, SOC 419, PSY 219 or 324

VI. Minor in Sociology—18 hours

A. SOC 211, 213

B. Select 2 SOC electives (6 hours of which must be upper-level)

VII. Minor in Human Studies—21 hours

The interdisciplinary Human Studies minor is designed to give flexibility to the student interested in education and human studies.

A. Include two of the following: PSY 213, SOC 211, SE 230.

B. Fifteen hours, 9 of which must be upper-level, from EDU, PSY, SE, SOC, SW.

VIII. Minor in Criminal Justice—21 hours

A. Social Science Foundation—6 hours: PSY 317 or SW 305, SOC/SW 324

B. Criminal Justice Core—9 hours: SOC 250, 311, 312

C. Electives—6 hours from: PSC 340 or PSC 416, PSY 313, SOC 317, SOC 326, SOC/SW 419, SW 310, SW 338

Assessment of Majors

Both Sociology and Family Studies students have the option to round out their program with either SOC 498: Senior Capstone Seminar or SOC 411: Internship. When doing a capstone, senior students engage in original research which draws upon theoretical knowledge acquired in their research methods and theory classes. A major original research paper and oral presentation are the cumulative outcomes of the 498 course. The topic will be focused on a family topic for Family Studies students.

For those students who choose to participate in an internship, SOC 411 gives them the opportunity to apply knowledge from their coursework, clarify their own professional objectives, and gain professional experience in an approved community organization or agency. They will be required to complete a substantive term paper as part of their internship which will incorporate the theories and topics learned throughout their program.

Major of Sociology or Family Studies with Discipline-Specific Honors

The goal of the Department of Sociology and Family Studies' Discipline Specific Honors (DSH) track is to help students to produce a high-quality research paper or community project that is the culmination of their academic coursework and interests. Both sociology and family studies majors will complete 12 hours of honors contracted courses toward this end.

Admission Requirements:

Students must email their intent to join discipline specific honors to the chair of the department. This written declaration must include at least one (more are welcome) general area of study the student hopes to further explore through the DSH track. Students are free to change their general topic but they must enter the program with some proposed area of study. The department chair will make the final decision regarding the student's admission into DSH following a meeting with the student.

Sociology majors will complete the following as honors contracted courses:

- SOC 214: Social Research I or SOC 422: Social Research II (3 hours)
- SOC 417: Social Theory (3 hours)
- One upper-level sociology elective (3 hours)
- SOC 498: Senior Capstone (3 hours)

*Substitutions are allowed if agreed upon by the thesis advisor and department chair.

Family Studies Majors will complete the following as honors contracted courses:

- SOC 425: Strengthening Marriages and Families OR SOC 214: Social Research I OR SOC 422: Social Research II
- SOC 417: Social Theory
- One upper-level sociology elective
- SOC 498: Senior Capstone

*Substitutions are allowed if agreed upon by the thesis advisor and department chair.

The final product of the DSH track will be either:

1. A high-quality research paper that will be submitted to a peer-reviewed academic journal.
2. A community project or professional journal article.

Course Offerings in Sociology (SOC)

() Hours Credit; F-Fall; S-Spring; Su-Summer

211. Principles of Sociology (3) F, S

Designed to introduce students to the sociological study of

322. Sociology of Health and Medicine (3) As Needed
A sociological examination of health, illness, and the social

425. Strengthening Marriage and Families (3) As Needed Available in all prefixes:
 Prerequisites: SOC 211 or 220.
 Family theories from sociological and family studies perspectives exploring historical roots, assumptions, concepts, and applications for strengthening relationships. Emphasizes using Biblical principles to strengthen marriage and families.
- 179-279-379-479. External Domestic Study Programs (1-3) As Needed
 All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to registering.
435. Contemporary Issues in the Family (3) As Needed
 Prerequisite: SOC 211 or 220. Reciprocal credit: PSY 435.
 An in-depth look at the family, life issues, threats and challenges today. Biblical principles related to such issues as parent-child relationships, work and family, divorce and family violence are discussed. Preventive techniques and solutions are considered.
- 179PF-279PF-379PF-479PF. External Domestic Study Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed
 All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to registering.
- 480-280-380-480. Study Abroad Programs (1-4) As Needed
 All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.
498. Senior Capstone Seminar (3) F
 Prerequisites: SOC 211 and permission of instructor; Pre- or corequisites: SOC 417, 422.
 The culminating experience for Sociology majors requiring students to successfully demonstrate an ability to apply research methods and sociological theories to an empirical research problem/question of their own choosing. The application will take the form of a written paper and a presentation in a public format.
- 180PF-280PF-380PF-480PF. Study Abroad Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed
 All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to travel.
- 195-6-7. Special Studies (1-4) As Needed
 295-6-7. Special Studies (1-4) As Needed
 Lower-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.
- 395-6-7. Special Studies (1-4) As Needed
 Upper-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.
- 495-6-7. Independent Study (1-4) As Needed
 Individual research under the guidance of a faculty member(s).
499. Seminar (1-3) F As Needed
 To be used at the discretion of the department for majors only.