

Sociology

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religion, gender roles, family, work organizations, occupations, crime and delinquency, urban sociology, political sociology and others described in the course listings below. All majors are required to study sociological methods and statistics using computer software programs and to study sociological theory.

Many sociology majors are transfer students from community colleges and other institutions of higher education. UMBC has articulation agreements with community colleges and public four-year colleges and universities in Maryland that enable students to count most sociology courses taken in those institutions for credit toward the sociology major at UMBC. The department also accepts most sociology courses taken at colleges in other states.

Career and Academic Programs

The undergraduate major is designed to provide a general overview of sociology for students who plan to enter the labor force after graduation and for those planning graduate study. The department has double majors that combine sociology and social work, sociology and anthropology, and sociology and psychology. These programs enable students to complete both majors with fewer credits than are required for each major separately.

The minor in sociology is designed for majors in other disciplines who wish to add a study of social behavior to their other major. Students interested in pursuing the Master of Arts in Applied Sociology offered by the department should consider the combined B.A./M.A. program described below.

Academic Advising

When a student declares a major in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, a copy of the declaration is sent to the department. A staff member then assigns

Courses in this program are listed under SOCY.

The undergraduate major in sociology provides a well established and widely accepted path to careers and professional education in the human services. It is frequently the major of individuals employed in local, state and federal governments and in non-profit organizations. It typically provides appropriate preparation for many professional programs, including law, public health, health services administration, urban and regional planning, social work, human-services administration, human-resources management, advertising, public administration and

public policy. An undergraduate major in sociology is also appropriate preparation for research and policy-oriented graduate programs in sociology, public policy, health services research, criminology, demography and other disciplines that study social behavior.

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology offers undergraduate majors and minors in sociology and cultural anthropology. Information on the sociology major and minor are presented here. For information on the cultural anthropology

major and minor, refer to the section Anthropology, Cultural in this catalog. More detailed information on both majors and minors are provided in the Student's Guide to Sociology and the Student's Guide to Anthropology, which are available in the department office, room 252 in the Public Policy Building.

Sociology is the study of social relationships among people and the institutions and organizations they use to organize these relationships. There are many subfields within sociology, including medical sociology, aging, population,

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the student a faculty advisor. Students should feel free to change advisors. The staff will make the necessary changes.

Every major should meet with his or her advisor at least once each semester to discuss progress and future plans and to obtain electronic permission to register. Advisors have office hours posted outside their offices or can be contacted by e-mail or by leaving a message in their mailboxes with a telephone number and times for them to return the telephone call. Prior to registration, sign-up sheets are posted near the departmental office for students to use for making advisement appointments. Staff usually do not make appointments for faculty members.

Try to see the faculty advisor several days before registration. It is often impossible to have registration approved if the student comes to the department office on the day that he or she is scheduled to register.

We encourage students to meet with their advisors any time they have questions or problems or want to discuss major or career plans. If the advisor cannot help with a problem, he or she may know someone who can.

When students apply for graduation, their advisor makes the final decision as to whether all requirements for the major or minor have been completed. If the advisor has permitted the student to modify the major in any way, such as by substituting courses or waiving requirements, the student should get a written and signed copy of the agreement.

Advisors will be glad to discuss the General Education Requirements, General Distribution Requirements or General Foundation Requirements. However, department advisors have no authority to approve or disapprove courses used to satisfy these requirements. That is done by the Office of Academic Services.

Sociology Major

Total credits: 32

The major program consists of a total of 32 credits. These include four required core courses (14 credits) and 18 credits of electives (normally six courses). The student must receive a grade of "C" or better in all courses that count toward the major. P/F courses do not count toward the major. At least 16 credits must be earned in courses taken at UMBC.

Students are urged to complete all core courses prior to their last semester before graduation.

Core Requirements:

SOCY 101
Basic Concepts in
Sociology [3]

SOCY 300
Methodology of Social
Research [4]

Prerequisites: SOCY 101
and sophomore standing

SOCY 301
Analysis of Sociological
Data [4]
Prerequisites: SOCY 300
and passing score on the
Sociology Statistics
Readiness Test or consent
of the instructor.

SOCY 409
Sociological Theory [3]
Prerequisites: Nine credits
in sociology or anthropol-
ogy, excluding SOCY 396
and all other P/F courses.

Elective Courses:

Eighteen credits of sociol-
ogy or anthropology courses
with a grade of "C" or better,
excluding SOCY 396 and
any other P/F courses. A
maximum of nine credits in
anthropology may be counted
toward this requirement.

Double Majors

The sociology department
offers three double majors:

- ◆ Sociology/Anthropology
- ◆ Sociology/Psychology

◆ Sociology/Social Work

Information about the double
majors can be obtained at
the department office.

Minor Program Sociology Minor

The minor in sociology con-
sists of SOCY 101 plus 15
credits in elective courses
(a total of 18 credits). At
least six credits must be
at the 300 level or higher,
and at least nine credits
must be taken at UMBC.
A grade of "C" or better is
required in each of these
courses. P/F courses do not
count toward the minor.

The minor is also offered at
the Shady Grove Center. Up to
12 credits of the minor may
be completed at Montgomery
College, through selection of
the UMBC equivalent (UMS
articulation agreement)
sociology classes. Upper-level
classes to fulfill the minor
will be taken from among
sociology course offerings
at the Shady Grove Center.

Honors Program

The Department of Sociology
and Anthropology offers a ma-
jor with honors in sociology.
Information describing the
requirements for the major
with honors is available in the
Student's Guide available at
the department office (252
PUP). Students considering
graduate school in sociol-
ogy are particularly encour-
aged to pursue this option.

M.A. and Accelerated B.A./M.A. Programs in Applied Sociology

The M.A. in Applied Sociology
and the accelerated B.A./M.A.
in Applied Sociology focus on
the sociology of health, aging
and diversity. The two pro-
grams are open to students in
all majors and to full-time and
part-time students. The M.A.
program is 30 credits and can
be completed in three semes-
ters plus a summer or winter
course by full-time students.

The accelerated B.A./M.A.
enables UMBC undergradu-
ates to take up to 9 credits
of graduate courses that
count both for the B.A. and
M.A. degrees. This reduces
the number of credits that
must be taken in graduate
school. Students can enter
the accelerated program
no earlier than their junior
year and no later than the
semester when they graduate.

Students can be admitted to
either program in the fall and
spring semesters. Admission
requirements include a
GPA of 3.0 or higher and
an undergraduate course in
statistics in any department.
GRE scores are not required
for UMBC undergraduates.
The graduate school applica-
tion fee is waived for UMBC
undergraduates who apply
for the accelerated program.
Some research, teaching
and other assistantships are
available and provide tuition
remission, health insurance
and a stipend. For details,
contact the Department of
Sociology and Anthropology.

Evening and Part-time Options

The department offers a
variety of advanced courses
in the evening every semester
but does not offer an evening
major. Students who are able
to take some courses during
the day can complete the
degree on a part-time basis.

Student Organizations

Council of Majors

Membership in the Council of
Majors is open to all declared
majors. The council meets
throughout the academic year.

Alpha Kappa Delta

International Sociology Honor Society: Iota of Maryland

To become a member, an
undergraduate student must:
be an officially declared
sociology major, be a junior
(60-89 total credits) or senior
(90 or more total credits),
have an overall UMBC GPA
of 3.0 or better, and have a

GPA in all UMBC (and UMCP) sociology courses of 3.0 or better. Further details and applications are available from the department office (252 PUP). The induction ceremony is held in May of each year.

Special Opportunities

Internships for all students are available through SOCY 396, which is offered in cooperation with The Shriver Center. Students wishing to undertake individual research projects can do so in independent study courses with faculty members of their choice (SOCY 299, 399 or 499). Sociology majors seeking a more substantial research opportunity may complete the honors program.

An international field research experience is offered annually. The International Field Research Program helps undergraduate and graduate students prepare for the requirements of a global economy, develop an international perspective on important policy issues and gain experience using social science field research methods. Program participants earn academic credit while developing independent research projects in connection with linked courses in the United States and an international travel experience. Previously, students have attended workshops and conducted exploratory research in Switzerland, Denmark, France and Portugal on issues ranging from disability, rehabilitation and long-term care to economic development and attitudes toward transportation and pollution control. Contact Cathy McDonnell at cat@umbc.edu for more information.