



COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is the study of human society and social behavior. It explores the structure of and social dynamics within groups, communities and institutions. An education in sociology **teaches in-demand critical thinking, analytical and cultural competency skills** to succeed in a wide variety of careers.

DEPARTMENT STRENGTHS

- **Flexible Options.** Students may pursue a traditional Bachelor's, earn a minor or get a headstart on a Master's with the Accelerated BS/MA program.
- **Award-Winning Faculty.** Faculty in the Department of Sociology have won a number of university awards for teaching and academic advising.
- **Practical Learning.** The department promotes engaged research, applied learning and technical expertise to prepare graduates for the workforce.

SAMPLE CURRICULUM

Core Courses

- SOCI 1010 Intro to Sociology
- SOCI 3300 Careers in Sociology
- SOCI 3301 Writing in Sociology
- SOCI 3311 Social Statistics
- SOCI 3322 Methods of Social Research
- SOCI 4200 Sociological Theory
- SOCI 4995 Senior Capstone Seminar

Electives

- SOCI 3442 Love, Sex and Relationships
- SOCI 4541 Sociology of Aging and the Life Course
- SOCI 4703 Social Psychology of Sports

DEGREE OPTIONS

- BS in Sociology*
 - Honors in Sociology
- Minor in Sociology
- Accelerated BS/MA in Sociology
- MA in Sociology

FOCUS AREAS & EXPERTISE

- Comparative Social Change
- Deviance & Social Psychology
- Institutions & Organizations
- Medical Sociology
- Research Methodology
- Social Inequality

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Applied Learning Opportunities
- Community Outreach
- Community Service
- Directed Readings & Research
- Internships
- Special Topics & Freshman Forums
- Study Abroad

SOCIOLOGY

MAJOR FACT SHEET

BY THE NUMBERS (Spring 2024)

Student Enrollment

96

Total

84

Undergraduate

12

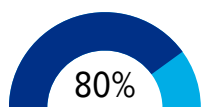
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Number of Minors

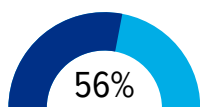
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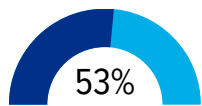
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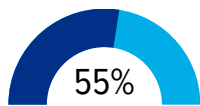
Female



Under 25



Pell Grant



First Gen

Faculty Employed

7:1

Student-Faculty Ratio[†]

14

Full-Time

9

Part-Time

8

Grad Asst

31

Total

Degrees Awarded

35

Total

31

Bachelor's

4

Master's

Career Outcomes[‡]

\$83K

Avg Expected Salary
First Destination

\$48K

Avg Annual Salary
1-3 Years Post-Grad

77%

Employed in TN

75%

Employed in Memphis

TN Employment Outlook

16.5%

10-Year Job Growth

1,630

Avg Annual Job Openings

WHO YOU ARE

Personality

- Analytical
- Collaborative
- Investigative
- Observant
- Open-Minded
- Sociable

Interests & Hobbies

- Activism
- Cultural Diversity
- Human Behavior
- Reading
- Social Issues
- Volunteering

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Core Skills

- Data & Statistical Analysis
- Project Management
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Sociological Theory
- Technical Report Writing
- Theory Development

Transferable Skills

- Active Listening
- Conflict Resolution
- Critical Thinking
- Social & Cultural Competence
- Teamwork
- Written & Oral Communication

CAREER OPTIONS

Job Titles

- Community Organizer
- Crisis Counselor
- Demographic Analyst
- HR Coordinator
- Journalist
- Paralegal
- Policy Analyst
- Sociologist
- Urban Planner
- Youth Organizer

Industries

- Business
- Law & Advocacy
- Nonprofit
- Research
- Social Services

* Online degree options are available for the specified programs through UofM Global.

† Calculated based on the number of student majors and the number of full-time faculty.

‡ Based on self-reported post-graduation outcomes of UofM students who have earned a Bachelor's degree in the last ten years.