Sociology applies systematic research approaches to study human beings in their social contexts in order to explain behavior.
WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?

Sociology is the study of relationships between people as they participate in interactions in groups ranging in size and intimacy, from dyads to families, organizations, communities, nations, and even globally.
WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?

*Sociology is an “imagination,” a way of seeing, a way of “connecting biography to history.”*  
-- C. Wright Mills
“The fascination of sociology lies in the fact that its perspective makes us see in a new light the very world in which we have lived all our lives... It can be said that the first wisdom of sociology is this—**things are not what they seem**.”

-Peter Berger
WHY SOCIOLOGY?

- The most important problems of the 21st century will be social. How can we:
  - Avoid war and promote lasting peace?
  - Fight poverty and crime?
  - Advance democracy?
  - Minimize environmental destruction?
  - Advance civil and human rights?
- Sociologists will be on the forefront in the search for answers
WHY SOCIOLOGY?

It’s a terrific Interdisciplinary or Double Major combined with:

- Biology
- Psychology
- Political Science
- Languages
- Global Studies
- Communication
- History
- Writing
- Speech Pathology
- Statistics
WHY STUDY SOCIOLOGY?

Sociology is now a significant part of the MCAT - Studying sociology is important for students interested in medical fields.
WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BA IN SOCIOLOGY?

Sociology majors pursue employment in many differing fields! Such as …

- Social research
- Teaching
- Policy analysis & development
- Legal Practice
  - Attorneys & paralegals
- Law enforcement
  - Federal, state, and local
- Non-profit and for-profit management
- Public relations
- Human relations
- Direct client services
- Social work & healthcare
WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY?

Pursue graduate studies in a variety of fields!

- Sociology MA or PhD
- Public Policy
- Public Health
- Criminology
- Education
- Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies
- Gender Studies
- Ethnic Studies
- Law
- Social Work
Loyola sociology graduates are ready! They have an advantage competing with other liberal arts students who directly enter the job market – they understand social factors, know how to design, research, and collect data, and have experience in a work setting.
MEET OUR DEPARTMENT!
Dr. Joshua Hendrick, Department Chair and Associate Professor
- Religion; development, social movements; Turkey

Dr. H. Lovell Smith, Assistant Professor
- Sociology of education, urban populations, and race

Dr. Michelle I. Gawerc, Associate Professor
- Sociology of peace, war, and social conflict; social movements; Israel-Palestine

Dr. Amanda Konradi, Associate Professor
- Deviance, criminal justice, gender, rare disease

Dr. Nicole A. Shoenberger, Assistant Professor
- Criminal justice, deviance, criminological theory, delinquency, and research methods
- **William Sheppard, MA**, Affiliate Instructor
  - Ethnicity, race, and religion in historic archaeology; cultural anthropology

- **Dr. Christopher Turner**, Lecturer
  - Medical sociology, mental health, qualitative methods
SC 100 Introduction to Sociology: The fundamentals of sociological inquiry, including the history of the discipline, primary theories, and methods.
A research methods course provides a systematic introduction to the basic skills of sociological analysis.

A theory course introduces students to classical, modern and contemporary theories.

Two upper-level courses provide in-depth exploration of topics.

A junior/senior seminar works toward synthesis.

Four additional electives encourage students to pursue their own special interests.

A practicum helps students develop career relevant skills.
RESEARCH METHODS

SC342: An introduction to the logic, ethics, and techniques of social research.

Elective: Advanced Survey Design and Analysis

Elective: Advanced Qualitative Sociological Inquiry
Sociological theory: An overview of classical, modern, and contemporary theories

- Functionalism
- Marxian theory
- Symbolic interactionalism
- Globalization theory
- Feminist theory
- Postmodern theory
- and others!
ELECTIVES - U.S. FOCUSED

- SC 100  Introduction to Sociology
- SC 201  Self and Society
- SC 202  Social Power and Social Change
- SC 204  The Family
- SC 205  Education in U.S. Society
- SC 206  Health and Society
- SC 207  Social Problems
- SC 210  Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Studies
- SC 214  Introduction to Social Work
- SC 221  Sociology of Race, Class, and Gender
- SC 233  Juvenile Delinquency
- SC 260  Introduction to Criminal Justice
ELECTIVES - U.S. FOCUSED

- **SC 266**  Sociology of Cinema: Sex, Violence, and Identity
- **SC 276**  Human Health and the Environment
- **SC 309**  Child Welfare
- **SC 330**  Forensics
- **SC 331**  Deviance and Social Control
- **SC 332**  The Sociology of Crime and Criminals
- **SC 334**  Sociology of Policing
- **SC 360**  Critical Analysis of Criminal Justice Outcomes
- **SC 361**  Social Inequality
- **SC 365**  Neighborhood and Community in Urban America
- **SC 366**  Sociology of Sexuality
- **SC 368**  Masculinities
- **SC 369**  Mining the Gap: Determinants of Educational Outcomes
- **SC 371**  Sociology of Serial and Mass Murder
ELECTIVES - INTERNATIONAL

- **SC 339** Conflict, War, and Peace
- **SC 362** Global Inequalities
- **SC 364** Sociology of Health, Illness, and Medicine
- **SC 373** Sociology of Human Rights
- **SC 374** Sociology of Development
- **SC 376** Israel-Palestine: Conflict Narratives, Media Framing, and Peace-Building
- **SC 377** Social Movements and Social Protest
- **SC 378** Islam and Politics
- **SC 379** Israel-Palestine: Roots of the Conflict and Prospects for Peace

- **SC 203** Globalization and Society
- **SC 209** Cultural Anthropology
- **SC 224** Sociology of Religion
TOPICAL ELECTIVE SEMINARS FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

- **SC 420**  Race, Class, and Social Construction of Opportunity
- **SC 421**  Race, Class, Gender, Sexuality
- **SC 424**  Privilege and Inequality in Education
- **SC 430**  Gender and Justice
- **SC 434**  Women and Deviance
- **SC 435**  Forensic Sociology
- **SC 440**  Global Sociology
- **SC 441**  Conflict and Reconciliation in Divided Societies
STUDY ABROAD EXPANDS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF SOCIETY! WE ENCOURAGE IT!

- Experience everything Loyola has to offer!
- Almost all programs serve Sociology.
- Here are some highlights!
  - Copenhagen, Denmark
    - Study tours and field study visits included in academics
  - Leuven, Belgium
    - Designed for Humanities and Social Sciences
  - Bangkok, Thailand
    - Designed for all majors
Sociology offers an internship each spring. Students benefit in many ways.

- Gain experience related to future employment
- Establish a track record of work habits and attitudes
- Develop professional skills and competence in areas including agency research, practice intervention, policy formation and development, etc.
- Determine how well-suited you are in terms of skill and personality to particular kinds of work
- Integrate sociological theory and analysis with practical experience accrued in a concrete work setting
- Discuss professional issues and concerns that are not covered in other courses

Funds are available to assist students with transportation.
STUDENTS SECURE PLACEMENTS IN A RANGE OF AREAS

- Law and Criminal Justice
- Social Work
- Human Resources, Development, and Public Relations
- Preventing Violence Against Women
- Education Counseling and Children/Youth
Sociology faculty offer:

- Independent studies for students to explore new areas of literature.
- Research credits for students to design and implement studies.
- An opportunity for students to participate in faculty projects.
Sociology students present their research and compete for cash prizes at the Loyola Undergraduate Student Research & Scholarship Colloquium.

The Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) sponsors a four-day Annual Meeting in the early spring. Loyola sociology students submit posters.
EASTERN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY 2020
LOYOLA SOCIOLOGY STUDENT PRESENTERS

Cierra Thurmond & Amanda Debold

Hector Trujillo

Hannah Tubman
LOYOLA SOCIOLOGY CLUB: ANNUAL EVENTS

- Open to all students!
- Resume Workshop
  - Sociology faculty work with majors and minors to develop resumes that sell their unique skills.
- Holiday Dinner
- Career Night
  - Loyola Sociology alumni in various professions (law, teaching, social work, business, etc.) share their career trajectories and tips for success.
OUR MOST TALENTED STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN
ALPHA KAPPA DELTA

AKD is an international sociology society dedicated to promoting, facilitating, and recognizing academic scholarship.

Benefits of activated membership:
- Recognition at graduation (AKD members wear teal honor cords).
- A free one-year subscription to *Sociological Inquiry*.
- Funds to travel to sociology conferences to present research.
- Student paper competitions.

Requirements:
- Junior or Senior Sociology Major/Minor
- Completed 4+ Sociology Courses
- Overall GPA of 3.3 and Sociology GPA of 3.0
WE ARE READY FOR YOU!
COME JOIN OUR PROGRAM.

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