

# SOCIOLOGY @ WAGNER

Sociology majors can choose concentrations in Criminal Justice or Family Studies, study the broad, general spectrum of Sociology, or create their own focus by adding any minor or double major. A **common core curriculum** for all concentrations and a capstone internship insure that all students will have a broad-based and practical understanding of sociology. Graduates of Wagner's sociology major have gone on to pursue advanced degrees in law and education as well as careers in social services, law enforcement, mental health services, journalism and have entered professions in the court system at the local, district, and federal levels.

Wagner College is a competitive, four-year private college founded in 1883. The broad liberal arts curriculum is enhanced by a rich array of internship and other professional and cultural opportunities readily available in New York City.



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*In addition to the core requirements in the Sociology Major, students are required to have one of the following concentrations.*

■ **Academic Sociology**  
Students explore and analyze the functioning of societies and the ways in which specific cultures and beliefs influence the behavior and reflect the dynamics of individuals, groups and societies.

■ **Criminal Justice**  
Focuses on law enforcement theory and practice, correctional theory and practice, and criminal law. Prepares students for entry level positions in the criminal justice system as well as graduate work toward MS, MSW, and JD degrees.

■ **Family Studies/Social Work Emphasis**  
Explores the dynamics of the modern family in historical, economic, psychological, and cultural contexts. Prepares students for professions in social work, teaching, journalism, government and health services, among others.

■ **Dual Major in Sociology and Childhood Education**

## SAMPLE CLASSES

*American Society and Its Social Problems*

Examines the structure and functioning of contemporary American society and specifically emphasizes selected social problems associated with the changing values of society.

*The Family*

Explores the family as an emotional, economic, historical, and sociocultural institution. Examines cultural notions of what families "should be" versus the realities of what families are.

*Race and Ethnic Relations*

Examines the relations between various racial, national, cultural, and religious subgroups in present-day society. Attention is paid to adjustment, assimilation, and conflict within American society.

## FIRST YEAR LEARNING COMMUNITY EXAMPLES

*Society and the City*

This LC examines the structure of contemporary American society, its social problems, and how these problems emerged historically out of race, gender, class, religious, and ethnic conflicts. Historical and contemporary New York City will be the special focus for study.

*Race Matters & Gendered Selves in American Society*

We will explore contemporary aspects of the modern self with a particular focus on gender, social class and race/ethnicity. Learning about and simultaneously critiquing the disciplines of psychology and sociology, we will examine both individual and social experience in our modern historical context. For the experiential component, students will analyze issues of race, class and gender in a nursing home while engaging in service learning.

## INTERNSHIP EXAMPLES

The National Council on Research for Women  
New York Foundling-Youth Development Department  
NY State Supreme Court  
Perth Amboy Police Department

## RESEARCH TOPICS

- "Dealing with the emergence of women in the work place"
- "The Sociology of Knowledge versus Gender"
- "Academic Affects of Afterschool Programs on Participants"

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