

LEARNING GOALS FOR MAJORS

Upon graduation a Sociology Major should be:

1. familiar with the kinds of questions sociologists typically ask, have experience with the primary scientific research methods--both quantitative and qualitative--sociologists use to answer those questions and the major sociological theories they draw on to interpret their research findings;
2. adept at using sociological perspectives in examining major institutions of societies, such as families, schools, religions, mass media and government, and in describing, explaining and critiquing their social world;
3. able to exercise the basic skills of sociological data analyses;
4. able to exercise that quality of mind, the “sociological imagination,” that enables them to grasp the intersection of society and history in biography;
5. knowledgeable in the fundamentals of one substantive area such as criminology or family studies;
6. able to use major sociological theories and research methods to analyze one social phenomenon of individual interest;
7. adept at expressing sociological ideas succinctly and professionally in writing, oral presentation and discussion.

Upon graduation an Anthropology Major should have:

1. a basic familiarity with the four sub-fields of anthropology and their methods.
2. a thorough understanding of the concept of culture and how it unites the four sub-fields, including an awareness of both biological and social determinants of culture and an appreciation of the effects of ethnocentrism.
3. a basic familiarity and understanding of anthropological theory and its relevance to broader social and scientific issues.
4. specific and advanced knowledge of at least one sub-field and cultural area covered by our course offerings.
5. had a field experience and research opportunity in their anthropological area of interest.

