Sociology

Major Overview:
The Sociology Department aims to understand the social changes taking place throughout the world and relate them in a systematic way to the developments in contemporary United States. The curriculum places emphasis on issues of class, race and gender from socio-historical and global perspectives. The department focuses on the division of the world into rich and poor nations, as well as organized attempts to bring about change in the U.S. and globally. Hence, the courses provide a background in perspectives and methods useful in examining the factual basis of assertions about the social world.

Helpful link:

Sociology Department Homepage [http://www.binghamton.edu/sociology/]

Research Areas:
Students may count only one of the following (for a maximum of four credit hours) toward the major requirements:

SOC 395 (Internship),
SOC 397 (Independent Study),
SOC 491 (Teaching Practicum) or
SOC 498 (Independent Research).

Sociology majors can conduct independent research or community projects in the area of their interest with the consent of a chosen faculty member. For internship opportunities, interested students are encouraged to consult with the Fleishman Center for Career and Professional Development.

Other areas of interest:

Sociology Honors Program [http://www.binghamton.edu/sociology/undergraduate-program/honors.html]

Five-year BA/MA Program [http://www.binghamton.edu/sociology/undergraduate-program/5_year_degree.html]

Student clubs:
Peace Action [https://bengaged.binghamton.edu/organization/PeaceAction]
For other student group pursuits, visit:

[Undergraduate Sociology Club](http://www.binghamton.edu/sociology/undergraduate-program/undergradclub.html)

[Voices against Violence](https://bengaged.binghamton.edu/organization/voices-against-violence]

Post-Graduation:
A sociology major provides a foundation for further education and employment in law, politics, social planning and social services, teaching, international development and other professions that require an understanding of social organization and change. In addition, the department’s training and research methods are useful for research in government, business and non-profit organizations. Students develop the ability to problem solve, think critically and conduct independent research. They are able to see problems from multiple perspectives that take into account both the system level considerations of social and cultural contexts, as well as the day to day experiences of themselves and others.
Some of the potential careers listed below will require additional education or training:
Activities director
Admissions counselor
Advocacy outreach specialist
Attorney
Case manager
Communications outreach specialist
Community relations director
Community resource coordinator
Community services director
Congressional aide
Consumer advocate
Data analyst
Demographer
Fund raiser/development officer
Human rights activist
Job analyst
Labor relations specialist
Legal assistant
Legislative correspondent
Market research analyst
Marketing/communications coordinator
Mediator/negotiator
Peace Corps or VISTA worker
Political systems researcher
Population studies researcher
Public health statistician
Public relations specialist
Race relations specialist
Researcher
Social worker
Sociologist
Teacher
Women's services worker
Women's resource counselor
Writer/author/journalist
Youth programs coordinator

Courses:
Courses recommended for first-year students are the 100-level introductory sociology courses as well as any of the 200-level courses.

Access the University Bulletin for an in-depth description of each course.
[http://bulletin.binghamton.edu]
Thank you.

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