

# Sociology

**The purpose of sociology is to describe, explain, and understand how the social world works. . .**

A bachelor's degree with a major in Sociology provides a liberal arts background with exposure to sociological perspectives that lead to an improved understanding of our social world and our relationship to the macro- and micro-social environments in which we live. Sociology majors have opportunities to study the methods and perspectives of the discipline as well as to sample a number of the substantive specialties of the field such as deviance, medical sociology, family, and formal organizations. Undergraduate majors should expect to become critical consumers of information, well informed about the diversity of American society and the world and well versed in the dominant social issues of the times.

## What you can do with a degree in Sociology. . .

A bachelor's degree in sociology provides an excellent liberal arts foundation for embarking on a wide range of employment opportunities. Graduates who hold a B.A. in Sociology are often found working in business and industry (market analyst, human resource manager, planning assistant, technical writer), the justice system (corrections officer, juvenile court worker, rehabilitation counselor) and community and social services (environmental organizer, hospital administrator, recreation worker, housing coordinator). Prominent graduates of the UND Sociology Department are employed in the FBI, as university professors, community health workers, research and data analysts, the CEO of a research firm, and as an academic dean.

## Unique characteristics of UND's Sociology program. . .

- We offer courses designed to help students make sense of the social world.
- Students interact with an active welcoming faculty who are involved in diverse research activities.
- Students have hands on research opportunities with individual faculty members and through the Social Science Research Institute housed within the Department.
- Sociology majors regularly present research papers at local and regional conferences.
- The Department also offers Co-op internships and research practicum opportunities.
- The Department has strong ties to the American College of Norway in Oslo and students from both programs often take advantage of this opportunity to study abroad.
- We recognize academic excellence through our chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society.
- We encourage our students to learn more about what sociologists do by traveling to regional professional meetings.
- We also have an active sociology club, Sociologists on Campus, that sponsors events of interest to a wide range of people.

## It's A Fact. . .

- The first sociology course at UND was offered in 1895.
- Dr. John M. Gillette, the "dean of rural sociology," founded the Department of Sociology and Anthropology in 1908. The building that houses the department was named after Dr. Gillette.
- There are 9 full time faculty members in the department who are actively engaged in diverse research and teaching activities.
- Faculty presented 20 conference papers, published one book, 4 articles, 2 research reports, and sought 14 external grants last year.
- Students worked with faculty to present 9 research papers at conferences and 2 publications.
- Lower division courses are often taught in large lectures with smaller recitation sections. Upper division classes are smaller in size and generally use a lecture/discussion format.
- Juvenile Delinquency and Criminology are offered as online courses.
- Average class size is 30 in upper division classes.
- Students have opportunities for independent study in areas of interest shared with faculty.
- Students are expected to read extensively and to present their thoughts in written and oral forms.
- Academic excellence is recognized through membership in Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society and through Department awards.
- The Dr. John M. Gillette Award and the Ina Montgomery Memorial Scholarship are given to outstanding sociology majors.
- Students may work with faculty on research projects or at the Social Science Research Institute to gain practical experience before entering graduate school or the job market.
- The University of North Dakota is offering more online courses and degree programs than ever before to provide you with additional flexibility. Please visit [www.distance.und.edu](http://www.distance.und.edu) for more information or call toll free at 800-342-8230 or 701-777-3044.

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### Getting in. . .

Students declare the Sociology major through the College of Arts and Sciences. Majors complete 33 credit hours that include a foundation in basic sociological theory, research methods, statistics and social psychology. The minor requires 22 credit hours that include theory and research methods. Additional hours are earned in students' areas of interest.

### For more information. . .

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