

Sociology: *Studying People, Society, & Cultures*

Classes for Spring



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THE SOCIOLOGY MAJOR AND MINOR

The Department of Sociology promotes a challenging atmosphere in which students are encouraged to recognize, understand, and think critically about social processes, issues, and cultural diversity. Through rigorous coursework, the program teaches students how to gather, analyze and interpret qualitative and quantitative data. Through research-in-service and internships students learn how to apply their knowledge and skills to problems and needs in businesses, organizations, and communities. A central part of our mission is to provide opportunities for independent student research as well as faculty and student collaborative research. We teach from the philosophy that active engagement in real-world research enhances employment opportunities and opens doors to graduate school. The department engages in sound career planning and preparation with each major.

SOCIOLOGY MAJOR, B.A. OR B.S. DEGREE (36 credit hours)

**The following major requirements have changed beginning with the 2023-2024 catalog. The change applies to you if you began studies at RU in the 2023-2024 academic year. See Dr. Page for clarification.*

Required Courses (21 credit hours)

- SOCY 110 Introduction to Sociology (3)
- SOCY 250 Social Inequality (3)
- SOCY 360 Sociological Theory (3)
- SOCY 365 Individual and Society (3)
- SOCY 380 Introduction to Social Research Methods (3)
- SOCY 480 Survey Research Methods (3)
- SOCY 497 Senior Seminar in Sociology (3)

STAT 130 Understanding Statistics in Society, or STAT 200 Introduction to Statistics.
All majors in the department must successfully complete either of these courses, which is a prerequisite for SOCY 380.

Sociology Electives (15 credit hours)

Five additional elective courses not listed above must include at least four 300-400 level courses. One elective must be satisfied by an approved internship or other designated applied sociology course selected in consultation with your advisor.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate with a major in Sociology, a student must have a grade point average

