

Sociology, Minor

The Minor in Sociology

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Overview

Why do some communities thrive while others struggle? How do families, organizations, social networks, and institutions shape the opportunities available to individuals? Why do technological and social change transform the way people live, work, and interact? Sociology explores these questions by studying how people influence society and how society influences people.

Students examine topics including social networks, organizations, work, technology, inequality, medical sociology, gender, family, and social psychology while learning the empirical methods used to study social behavior. The Sociology minor complements a wide range of majors by providing students with the tools to understand complex social systems and the evidence needed to analyze and address today's most important social challenges.

Students may double-count two courses with another major or minor.

Curriculum

Minor in Sociology

54 units

Core Courses

18 units

A. Organizations (complete one course):

Units

88-140	Introduction to Sociology	9
or 70-311	Organizational Behavior	

B. Methodology (complete one course):

36-202	Methods for Statistics & Data Science	9
70-208	Regression Analysis	9
85-310	Research Methods in Cognitive Psychology	9
85-350	Social Research Methods	12
88-251	Empirical Research Methods	9
88-252	Causal Inference: from Data to Decisions	9

Elective Courses

36 units

Complete four courses (a minimum of 36 units) from the following list. Two courses (18 units) must be taken from one category to complete the depth requirement. One course (9 units) must be taken from the other category. The remaining course (9 units) may be taken from either category. Appropriate courses offered by the Department of Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh (available during the academic year through cross-registration) may also be included as part of this option. Contact the Sociology program advisor for more information. Some courses have additional prerequisites.

1. Sociology of Gender, Family, and Culture

70-342	Managing Across Cultures	9
70-385	Consumer Behavior	9
76-241	Introduction to Gender Studies	9
79-261	The Last Emperors: Chinese History and Society, 1600-1900	9
79-320	Women, Politics, and Protest	9
79-331	Body Politics: Women and Health in America	9
79-343	Education, Democracy, and the Arts	9
79-377	Food, Culture, and Power: A History of Eating	9
80-245	Medical Ethics	9
80-246	Moral Psychology	9

80-305	Game Theory	9
80-335	Social and Political Philosophy	9
80-348	Health, Human Rights, and International Development	9
84-369	Decision Science for International Relations	9
85-350	Social Research Methods	12
85-446	Psychology of Gender	9
85-454	Health Psychology	9
88-230	Human Intelligence and Human Stupidity	9
88-231	Thinking in Person vs. Thinking Online	9
88-285	Deconstructing and Dismantling Discrimination	9
88-290	Confessions, Lies, and Gossip	9

2. Sociology of Work, Organizations, and Technology

70-332	Business, Society and Ethics	9
79-275	Introduction to Global Studies	9
88-234	Negotiation: International Focus	9
88-235	Negotiation: Strategies and Behavioral Insights	9
88-237	The Happy Cyborg	9
88-255	Strategic Decision Making	9
88-261	Health Policy and Decision Making	9
88-262	Rationality and Irrationality in Medicine	9
88-270	AI and Social Upheaval	9
88-275	Bubbles: Data Science for Human Minds	9
88-341	Team Dynamics and Leadership	9
88-344	Systems Analysis: Environmental Policy	9
88-365	Behavioral Economics and Public Policy	9
88-366	Behavioral Economics of Poverty and Development	9
88-367	Designing Economics Experiments in the Wild	9
88-451	Policy Analysis Senior Project	12
88-452	Policy Analysis Senior Project	12
88-454	Decision Science Capstone	9