

SOCIOLOGY

Department Website (<http://www.cas.sc.edu/socy/>)

Sociology looks at the many ways in which society shapes the behaviors and outcomes of individuals and groups. Our faculty engage in research using a wide range of data analysis techniques to better understand how race, gender, social class and the groups and networks individuals are embedded in impact people's health, social mobility, family formation and life chances. Students learn to apply these research techniques to examine questions about the society they live in and to pursue careers in education, law, politics, research, social work, counseling, and health-related professions, or to pursue graduate work in sociology.

Students entering the department can choose from a variety of degree options including a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science in Sociology. All major students have the opportunity to develop their own research project in the capstone course. Major students who meet the GPA requirements may also pursue a Distinction in Sociology by completing a more extensive independent research project. The sociology minor is available to complement any major course of study by bolstering skills in research, analytical thinking, substantive knowledge of contemporary social challenges, and communication.