

Sociology

Undergraduate Degree Programs

General B.A., 3- or 4-Year, Sociology

Honours B.A., Sociology, Regular and Co-op

Honours B.A., Sociology, Arts and Business, Regular and Co-op

Honours Sociology and Legal Studies, Criminology Specialization

Joint Honours with Sociology

Minor in Sociology

As a liberal Arts discipline, sociology is concerned with the study of community life in a most comprehensive sense. The subject matter of sociology varies from the analysis of large-scale societies, at the one extreme, to the study of how individuals construct their activities with others, at the other extreme.

Our sociologists pursue a wide variety of interests, reflected in course offerings on issues such as: family and family violence, gender relations, ethnic and racial relations, work and occupations, crime and deviance, social problems, small groups, education and politics, social class and social inequality. In studying these and other topics, sociologists attempt to understand how social life is organized and how it changes, in different kinds of societies around the world.

There is great interest among Waterloo sociologists in sociological research of the ways that information is systematically gathered, analyzed and interpreted. While much of this work involves computer analysis of social surveys, a great deal of attention is also given to the use of observational procedures for studying people in their everyday circumstances. Since there is no single explanation for peoples' lives in society and no single method of study favoured by all sociologists, the Department offers students a solid grounding in the diversity of sociological ideas and methods.

Some sociology majors become professional sociologists in either academic or organizational settings, but must major in sociology as a way of obtaining a liberal arts education centred around a scientific understanding of society. Providing insight into a great many facets of group life, such as formal organizations, work roles, recreation, socialization, co-operation and conflict, deviance and crime, religion and politics, many students find that the Three-Year and Four-Year General B.A. programs lend themselves to a wide range of applications.

Since most graduate programs in sociology require an Honours B.A., the Honours program in Sociology serves as pre-professional training. This program is also frequently taken by students who are interested in pursuing research in fields such as marketing and consumer behaviour, voluntary and religious associations, or urbanization. In addition, Four-Year General and Honours Sociology students have the opportunity to complete specializations in **Crime and Deviance** or **Business and Technology**.

Co-operative Programs in Arts

Honours Sociology students may pursue co-operative education in one of two ways:

Courses in the Major

Introduction to Sociology

Social Problems

An Introduction to the Sociology of Marriage and the Family

Victims and Society

Introduction to Classical Theory

Sociology of Adolescence

Gender Relations

Sociology of Education

Sociology of Sport

Juvenile Delinquency

Deviance: Perspectives and Processes

Poverty in Canada and its Social Consequences

Juvenile Justice

Criminology

Sociology of Corrections

Selected Topics in Criminology

Technology and Social Change

The Knowledge Society and Waterloo Region

Liberal Arts Education and Knowledge Society

Social Psychology and Everyday Life

Collective Behaviour

Introduction to the Sociology of Work

Occupational Sociology

Mass Communication

Health, Illness and Society

Sociology of Mental Disorder

Contemporary Japanese Society

Demographic Change in Canada

Comparative Health Care Systems

Ethnic and Racial Relations

Millennialism and Violence

Religion in Sociological Perspective

Religion in America

Cults and New Religious Movements

Mennonites as a Sociological Community

Social Statistics

Environment and Behaviour

Introduction to Contemporary Theory

Problems in Contemporary Education

Sociology of Science

Class, Status and Power

Introduction to Research Methods

Introduction to Field Research Methods

Sexuality and the Law

Policing in a Democratic Society

Cyberspace and Social Life

Educational Theory and Practice

Sociology of Professions

Sociology of Organizations

1. Arts and Business Co-op - a direct entry program through which students complete their honours major and core Arts and Business courses in areas such as accounting, economics, languages, history, political science, business management, and leadership training. Five paid work terms alternate with academic terms on a four-month rotation. All students spend eight months on campus during their first year.

There are four optional specializations available for Arts and Business Co-op students:

- Digital Arts Communication
- Global Engagement
- Human Resources Management
- International Trade

2. Honours Arts - Departmental Co-op – If you choose Sociology as a major for second year, departmental co-op is available. Selection of candidates occurs in the fall of second year with four paid work terms alternating with academic terms on a four-month rotation. The first work term occurs during the spring term of the second year.

Careers

Here is a small sample of positions held by graduates who majored in Sociology:

- Advertising Representative, *McLean Hunter Ltd.*
- Child & Youth Counsellor, *Nova Vita Women's Shelter*
- Child Care Worker, *Lutherwood Child & Family Foundation*
- Community Support Co-ordinator, *Community Living Association*
- Constable, *Ontario Provincial Police*
- Copy Editor, *Toronto Star*
- Correctional Officer, *Syl Apps Youth Centre*
- Credit Manager, *Toronto Dominion Bank*
- Development Equity Manager, *Confederation C.A.A.T.*
- Director of Correctional Services, *Dellcrest Children's Centre*
- Executive Administrator, *Rongar Holding Inc.*
- Financial Planner, *The Mutual Group*
- Human Resources Counsellor, *Ernst & Young*
- Lawyer, *Ludwig, Lichtenheldt & Eby*
- Legal Assistant, *Stiver, Vale, Leck Monteith*
- Manager of Strategic Planning, *The Boeing Company*
- Manager, Human Resources, *Carrier Canada Ltd.*
- Market Planning Analyst, *Ontario Hydro*
- Occupational Therapist, *Chedoke-McMaster Hospital*
- Parole Officer, *Correctional Services Canada*
- Pastor, *Community Mennonite Church*
- Political Assistant, *Ministry of National Revenue*
- Probation Officer, *Ministry of Community & Social Services*
- Professor, *Nipissing University*
- Rehabilitation Therapist, *Parkwood Hospital*
- Senior Vice President, *Midland Walwyn Capital Inc.*
- Social Worker, *Calgary General Hospital*
- Teacher, *Waterloo Region District School Board*
- Trust Administrator, *Canada Trust Company*
- Vocational Counsellor, *Whitby Psychiatric Hospital*

Courses (cont'd)

- Social Movements
- Sociology of Leisure
- Sociology of Aging
- Power and Parenting
- Canadian Society: Special Topics
- Urban Life and Culture
- The Sociology of Community
- Custodial and Rehabilitative Institutions
- Sociology of Law
- Sociology of Women
- Survey Methodology
- Theoretical Perspectives on Gender
- Sociology of Religion
- Sociology of Knowledge
- Seminar in Classical Sociological Theory
- Seminar in Contemporary Sociological Theory
- Canadian Social Thought
- Contemporary Debates in Sociological Theory
- Knowing and Acting: Social Theory from the Early Greeks to the Present
- Symbolic Interaction and Ethnographic Research
- Sociology of the Body
- Power, Persuasion and Management
- Social Networks
- Seminar in Social Inequality
- Quantitative Methods
- Seminar in Sociology of Health
- Environmental Sociology
- Sociology of Work and Occupations
- Honours Research Practicum
- Directed Studies Courses
- Senior Honours Essay

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