



FACULTY OF ARTS

# SOCIOLOGY

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**Sociology is a social science that uses theoretical and scientific methods of research to investigate the social world.**

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Sociology is an examination of the relations between the individual and society. Studying sociology can help you develop a “sociological imagination” which is a quality of mind that enables us to understand our own personal experiences as they are shaped by the society in which we live. Often referred to as the “queen of the social sciences,” sociology uses history, anthropology, philosophy, political science, psychology, economics, and statistics to understand the “social causes and consequences of human behaviour” and how and why certain ideas become popular and dominant during different social, economic, and historical time periods.

This program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year, 4-year, or Honours)** with a Major in Sociology. Students taking a degree in another Major may choose to add a **Minor** in Sociology as a secondary area of interest. Also available through the Sociology Department is a **Research Methods Certificate**.

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## SAMPLE CAREERS

Students who graduate with an undergraduate honours degree in sociology go on to advanced study in a variety of areas such as law, journalism, criminology, urban planning, labour relations, politics, environmental policy, demography, and gerontology. Others find employment in government and non-governmental organizations doing advocacy work, social scientific research, and teaching.

## SAMPLE COURSES

**Introduction to Sociology I: Concepts & Methods** is a required first-year course that introduces the discipline of sociology. Topics include classical and contemporary sociological theory, quantitative and qualitative methodologies, and the foundational concepts of social structure, culture, and socialization.

**Sociology of Youth** is a second-year course that analyzes youth in contemporary society. This course explores their problems and roles in the family, education, the economy, politics and government, youth organizations, sub-cultures and social movements.

**Globalization and Families** is a third-year course that explores the connections between families and other social institutions such as social networks, the nation state, work, religion, health, and technologies in the context of globalization. This course also covers topics of poverty and inequalities between families plus the changing family systems in different regions of the world.

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## **MORE SAMPLE COURSES**

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| x | Sociology of the Environment         | x | Sociology of Aging                |
| x | Sociology of Sport                   | x | Social Stratification             |
| x | Sociology of Work                    | x | Socialization & Development       |
| x | Sociological Research Methodologies  | x | Green Criminology & Green Justice |
| x | Sociology of Deviance                | x | Criminological Theory             |
| x | Race, Ethnic, & Indigenous Relations | x | Animals in Society                |

## **SAMPLE FIRST YEAR**

SOC-1006(3) Beginnings in Law and Criminology

SOC-1100(3) Introduction to Sociology I: Concepts & Methods

RHET-1102(3) Academic Writing: Social Sciences or any other section of Academic Writing (if required)

6 credit hours Humanities (e.g., Classics, Philosophy, History, English)

15 credit hours Electives, depending on interest (e.g. Psychology, Conflict Resolution, Political Science)

***NOTE:** This sample first year is representative of the courses you may take. For many of our programs, you may choose another set of courses and still be well on your way to a degree. Also, for most programs you do not have to take 30 credit hours (five full courses) in your first year.*

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***“As a Sociology graduate of The University of Winnipeg, I was able to apply the skills I learned to***