

SOCIOLOGY, B.A.

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Mission

The mission of the Sociology program is to offer a vigorous and exciting broad-based liberal arts education with an emphasis on cultural, global, and political dynamics. The program provides a combination of theoretical, scientific, practical, and experiential approaches to understanding and solving human problems. Issues of gender, race, class, and culture, as well as hands-on learning, are emphasized throughout the curriculum. Our goal is to graduate students with marketable skills that prepare them for careers in a variety of public and social services and/or for graduate study in related areas.

Major Description

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in Sociology provides students with a broad-based exposure to theories and methods, as well as a wide range of current social issues. Students receive extensive experiential learning opportunities as well. These academic and experiential foundations prepare the student for a wide range of academic and professional opportunities. Our graduates have chosen to continue their education in various fields including sociology, social work, law, economics, environmental studies, and public health. Graduates have also preferred to work directly with at-risk youth, family services, the criminal justice system, as well as many other areas of social and public service.

In addition to the traditional foundations of sociology, there are two unique elements to this program. First, students complete a 120-hour internship. This helps students to: engage in experiential learning, apply sociology to the real world, undertake career explorations. Second, upper-level students participate in a semester-long applied sociological experience. One option is an internship with a minimum of 360 hours of engagement to be selected from a variety of area schools, agencies, and programs. A second option is for a student to study abroad. While studying in a foreign society and culture is important in and of itself, the primary focus of this experience is for students to take courses and engage experientially in a way that helps students develop their areas of interest. Therefore, there needs to be an integrated social science experience that drives the study abroad learning as well as the opportunity to explore a new society and culture for this to be a successful experience, and approval of the program is required.

Overall, this program provides students with a strong foundation for understanding today's social issues and problems and the ability to seek solutions. Students will also have a wide range of skills, experiences, and references that will enhance their future educational and career opportunities as well as enable them to be more active and aware citizens.

Transfer Credit

See Undergraduate Admissions (<https://catalog.une.edu/undergraduate/admissions/>) for more information.

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Financial Information

Tuition and fees for subsequent years may vary. Other expenses include books and housing. For more tuition and fee information, please consult this catalog's Financial Information (<https://catalog.une.edu/undergraduate/financial-information-undergraduate-programs/>) section.

Curricular Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Nor'easter Core Requirements		
Nor'easter Core Requirements (https://catalog.une.edu/undergraduate/core-curriculum/)		40
Program Required Courses		
SOC 150	Intro to Sociology	3
SOC 268	Practice of Social Science Research	3
SOC 270	Classical Social Theory	3
SOC 280	Contemporary Social Theory	3
SOC 300	Sociology Internship	3
SOC 370	Applied Field Method in Sociology	3
One 300- or 400-level elective		3
One Social Cultural Studies Course		3
One Social Global Studies Course		3
One Sociology, Anthropology, or Archeology course at any level		3
Select One Applied Capstone Experience:		9-16
Option One - Internship		
Option Two - Capstone Thesis		
Option Three - Study Abroad		
Open Elective Courses (Students complete open elective credits as necessary to meet the University's 120-credit minimum for graduation. The total number of elective credits required will depend on the student's completed program, core, and other degree requirements.)		41
Total Hours		120-127

Please note: While some courses can fulfill both core and program requirements, the credits earned do not count twice towards the minimum total required credits for the degree.

Applied Capstone Experiences (ACE)

Internship

Students may take 9-16 credits to complete this ACE. Students may select from over 750 sites in the Civic Engagement database. This learning opportunity should parallel the student's area of interest and help them to gain experience, skills, and knowledge of how systems work and how to develop options in a given field.

Thesis

Students may take 9-16 credits to complete this ACE. The thesis should build on the work the student has done in the Sociology major. This academic work should prepare them for graduate study in disciplines that have been incorporated into their study.

Study Abroad

Students typically take 15-16 credits to complete a study abroad experience. While studying in a foreign society and culture is important, the primary focus is to take courses from the new institution that will help the student develop their areas of interest as they relate to the major. In short, there needs to be an integrated social science experience that drives the study abroad learning and the opportunity to explore a new society and culture for this to be a successful experience. All study abroad experiences should first be cleared with the Director of the School of Criminology, Society & Politics to see if they qualify to meet the requirements for the capstone.

Sociology majors may use the same courses to fulfill major requirements and Northeast Core requirements.

Students in this major can participate in the pre-health graduate school preparation tracks. (<https://catalog.une.edu/programs/science-prerequisites-health-professions/>)

Academic and Technical Standards

A grade point average of 2.00 is necessary to be approved to add a major in Sociology.

A minimum grade of C- must be achieved in all courses used toward program requirements in Sociology. See Undergraduate Academic Policy also. (<https://catalog.une.edu/undergraduate/academic-policy-regulations/>)

Learning Outcomes

Students in the Sociology program will explore the world and its diverse people, environments, social/cultural structure, and languages by employing sociological and anthropological theory, research design, analysis, experiential learning, and critical assessment methods.

As a result, at the completion of the Sociology program, you will be able to recognize and evaluate the nature of social evidence and in doing so, be able to articulate and apply appropriate terminology, theoretical and methodological procedures to the examination of society, culture, and languages across time and space.