Sociology

Overview

Sociology is the study of social life, social change and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. The subject matter you study ranges from the family to social movements and revolutions, and from divisions based on race, gender and social class to the underlying and shared beliefs of a common culture. You learn to use a variety of investigative methods and analysis to better understand human behavior at the level of the individual and at the level of groups and structures. Few fields have such broad scope and relevance for research, theory and practical applications. Sociology addresses the most pressing issues of our time, and it is increasingly applied by those who make policy and create programs. It offers you broad opportunities for careers and graduate studies.

Special Opportunities

As a sociology major or minor, you examine complex issues from many intellectual, ethical and intercultural perspectives. You explore a topic, issue or problem using the conceptual framework and tools of more than one academic discipline. You might double major or design your own unique major, or pursue a certificate from one of the College’s interdisciplinary centers.

Personalized Learning

You are encouraged to take advantage of study away opportunities and to pursue research. If you have a deep interest in a given topic, you can undertake an honors study -- an in-depth, yearlong research project done in close coordination with a faculty member.
Faculty

Ana Campos-Holland, Assistant Professor of Sociology
B.A., University of California-Santa Barbara; M.A., Ph.D., University of Iowa
Law and society; deviance, crime, drugs and society; punishment and its consequences; families and parenthood; childhood and adolescence

Ronald Flores, Professor of Sociology
A.B., A.M., Fordham University; Ph.D., Brown University
Immigration studies; urban sociology; racial and ethnic groups; family sociology; Latino studies; community-based learning and engagement; sociology of education

Robert Gay, Professor of Sociology; Chair of Sociology Department
B.A., London University; M.A., Syracuse University; Ph.D., Brown University
Democracy; civil society; organized crime; violence; Brazil

Cherise Harris, Associate Professor of Sociology
B.A., Seton Hall University; M.A., Ph.D., University of Georgia
Race, class and gender; marriage and the family; social psychology

Afshan Jafar, Associate Professor of Sociology
B.A., Ohio Wesleyan University; Ph.D., University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Gender; globalization; the body and embodiment; media; nationalist and fundamentalist movements; Muslim immigrants in the U.S.; transnational women's movements

Selected Courses

Identity, Community and Democracy; Sex, Gender and Society; The Sociology of Work; AIDS and Society; Urban Sociology; Group Dynamics; City and Society; Industrialization, Dictatorship and Democracy; American Society and Politics; Sociology of Inequality; Race, Gender and the Mass Media; Immigration in an Urban Context; Family Analysis and Lifestyles; Post-Authoritarian Brazil; Middle Class Minorities

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Connecticut College educates students to put the liberal arts into action as citizens in a global society. A leader in the liberal arts since 1911, the College is home to nationally ranked programs for internships, community action, arts and technology, environmental studies and international studies. Our beautiful 750-acre arboretum campus is located in the historic New England seaport community of New London, Conn.