

SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR:

11 courses, including:

- SOC 1004 Introduction to Sociology
 - SOC 3224 Research Methods for the Social Sciences
 - SOC 3104 Social Theory
 - ANTH 1024 Cultural Anthropology
 - ANTH 1054 Introduction to Archaeology
 - ANTH 4444 Senior Seminar/Capstone
 - or
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 - 1 course on history or anthropology of a particular area
 - 1 course on social institutions
- Plus 3 sociology or anthropology electives

SOCIOLOGY MINOR:

6 courses, including:

- SOC 1004 Introduction to Sociology
 - At least 1 course from the following:
 - SOC 2314 Ethnoracial Dynamics
 - SOC 2414 Gender and Society
 - SOC 2524 Social Class Inequality
 - SOC 3224 Research Methods for the Social Sciences
 - or SOC 3104 Social Theory
- Plus 3 sociology electives

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SOCIOLOGY

ABOUT THE MAJOR:

If you find people, social life, and the wider world fascinating, sociology may be the major or minor for you. Sociology is the study of the interaction between individuals and society, social change, and the social impact of human behavior. Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organizations, and social institutions and how people interact within these contexts.

Since all human behavior is social, the subject matter of sociology includes topics such as family; health and medicine; religion; organized movements for social change; deviant behavior; inequalities related to race, gender, class, sexuality; and technology and mass media. In fact, few fields have such broad scope and relevance for the application of knowledge.

The sociology program at Transylvania offers courses on a wide range of topics alongside foundational courses in research methods, social theory, and inequalities. Individuals with training in sociology are valuable in all career sectors, as employers need people who understand the social world and how to work with diverse groups of people. Many students are surprised to learn that a sociology major or minor can lead to jobs in advertising, journalism, real estate, public health, and even the video game industry.

A major in sociology is also excellent preparation for graduate and professional schools in areas such as law, medicine, business, education, and human services.

COURSES OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

Health, Medicine, and Society
Deviance, Diversity, and Social Control
Culture and the Social Body
Families in Society
Ethnoracial Dynamics
Social Change and Social Movements
Social Media, Mass Culture
Digital Technologies and the Social Self

POSSIBLE CAREER OPTIONS:

Social worker
Student affairs
Diversity, equity, and inclusion consultant
Non-profit and social justice organizing
Grant writing
Marketing, advertising, and public relations
Medical and social research
Public health
Human resources
Lawyer
Teacher
College professor

WHERE OUR GRADUATES HAVE STUDIED:

Texas Christian University
University of California-Davis
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland-Baltimore
University of Louisville
University of Virginia

WHERE OUR GRADUATES HAVE WORKED:

Federal and state government
Social services
Non-profit organizations
K-12 school systems
Rehabilitation services
Tech companies
Law firms
Healthcare
Counseling
Law enforcement
Colleges and universities

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Brian Rich, professor of sociology

