

BRYANT UNIVERSITY

SOCIOLOGY



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Sociology is the study of society and human social interaction. The study of sociology provides students with a deep understanding of social processes and its theoretical foundations and methods.

Today's complex world requires well-developed knowledge of human beliefs, behavior, values, and social relationships. Bryant offers a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with two content tracks for those who want to build upon this knowledge and help encourage positive change. Both the Sociology and Social Research content track and the Sociology and Service Learning content track include 10 courses of in-depth study in the field of sociology supported by the business administration minor and liberal arts core.

Minors in Sociology, as well as Sociology and Service Learning, are available to all students; each includes four required courses that provide a critical understanding of the field.

ENGAGED LEARNING + APPLIED SCHOLARSHIP

The College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business at Bryant offer a rigorous academic curriculum, and a depth and breadth of study that encourages students to explore new fields and expand their thinking. In fact, the unique integration of business and liberal arts is a hallmark of a Bryant education – business students study liberal arts and liberal arts students study business. This foundation educates the *whole* student and enhances communication skills; leads to a more comprehensive understanding of global, cultural, and ethical issues; and develops critical thinking and decision-making skills.

Bryant's comprehensive curriculum allows you to develop your intellectual passions and define a clear path for success.

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

Bryant's faculty are accomplished, passionate educators who are dedicated to helping you develop your intellectual potential. They continually enhance their capabilities through research, publishing, consulting, and community service, and bring this knowledge into the classroom. Our full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty come from prestigious academic programs and have demonstrated a deep commitment to your academic growth. Faculty and staff deliver an extraordinary level of personal guidance that has benefited generations of Bryant students.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Learn more at www.bryant.edu/areasofstudy or contact Sociology Professor Gregg Carter, Ph.D., department chair, at gcarter@bryant.edu; or Sociology Professor Judith McDonnell, Sociology Curriculum Coordinator, at jmcdonne@bryant.edu.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

In the Sociology and Service Learning content track, you will participate in off-campus experiences in each course, providing you with deeper insights into the theoretical processes that are at its core. The Sociology and Social Research content track includes courses that, through individual original research, identify and analyze social problems and their solutions. Whether it's a research project with a professor or an internship at a local agency, you will have hands-on experience in the field before graduation. The Bryant Sociological Thinkers Group and other student-run organizations offer you opportunities to exchange experiences and debate ideas.

“Students who are interested in this field will find that Bryant offers them a unique combination of sociology with business knowledge and skills. It's a combination that can help change the world in new and innovative ways.”

Sandra Enos, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Sociology

PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS

The Sociology major prepares students for graduate school or for careers in a number of fields, including administration, business, counseling, education, journalism, politics, research, and senior or youth services. A sampling of companies and universities that recruit and/or admit Bryant graduates include:

- AmeriCorp
- Amica Mutual Insurance Co.
- EMC
- Fidelity
- Harvard University
- Liberty Mutual
- Northeastern University
- Rutgers University
- Teach for America
- Travelers

DEGREE AND MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

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BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY

Choose one of two content tracks – Service Learning or Social Research (course requirements listed below)

LIBERAL ARTS CORE REQUIREMENTS

Liberal Arts Seminar (LCS151)

Introduction to Literary Studies (LCS121)

Microeconomic Principles (ECO113)

Macroeconomic Principles (ECO114)

Mathematical Reasoning I (MATH105)

Statistics I (MATH201)

Two (2) Humanities Survey Courses*

LIBERAL ARTS DISTRIBUTIONS – MODES OF THOUGHT*

Two (2) Social Science Modes of Thought

Historical Mode of Thought (Upper Division)

Literary Mode of Thought (Upper Division)

Cultural Mode of Thought

Two (2) Scientific Modes of Thought (Include one lab science)
(One science course must be taken at the 300 or 400 level)

FOUNDATIONS FOR LEARNING (FFL101)

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MINOR REQUIREMENTS

Introduction to Business (BUS101)

Principles of Financial Accounting (ACG203)

Fundamentals of Computer Information Systems (CIS201)

Financial Management (FIN201)

Management Principles and Practice (MGT200)

Foundations of Marketing Management (MKT201)

ELECTIVES – Subject to programmatic constraints, students may elect up to 12 additional credits from the College of Business.

SERVICE LEARNING CONTENT TRACK REQUIREMENTS

Principles of Sociology (SOC251) or Honors Sociology (SOC253)

Community Engagement and Service Learning (SOC250SL)

Research Methods (SOC390)

Social Theory: The Study of Isms and Phobias (SOC454)

Sociology and SL Capstone I (SOC491SL)

5 Social Science Electives [at least three (3) in sociology]

[At least one (1) of the following]

Sociology and SL Internship: Field Study (SOC399SL)

Sociology and SL Capstone II (SOC492SL)

Sociology and SL Leadership Practicum (SOC499SL)

[At least two (2) of the following]

Contemporary Social Problems –

Service Learning Option (SOC351SL)

Gender, Illness, and Health –

Service Learning Option (SOC352SL)

Urban Sociology – Service Learning Option (SOC353SL)

Globalization and Childhood –

Service Learning Option (SOC354SL)

Sociology of Sport – Service Learning Option (SOC360SL)

Sociology of Work – Service Learning Option (SOC452SL)

SOCIAL RESEARCH CONTENT TRACK REQUIREMENTS

Principles of Sociology (SOC251) or Honors Sociology (SOC253)

Community Engagement and Service Learning (SOC250SL)

Statistics II (MATH350)

Research Methods (SOC390)

Social Theory: The Study of Isms and Phobias (SOC454)

Sociology Capstone I (SOC491)

Four (4) Social Science Electives [at least two (2) in sociology]

*Humanities Survey and Modes of Thought requirements can be met by the appropriate courses in the majors.

**SOCIOLOGY MAJORS WILL COMPLETE
122 CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION**