

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE SOCIOLOGY

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology provides students with the knowledge and skills to work in a variety of settings at many different occupations.

Sociology is the scientific study of society and human activity. The Sociology Program at Fairmont State has been developed to provide a strong foundation of applied and theoretical knowledge for those students anticipating either future graduate training or immediate employment. Students may also pursue additional coursework in the areas of Social Psychology, Religion, and Juvenile Delinquency which allows the student to develop a broad knowledge base within the discipline.

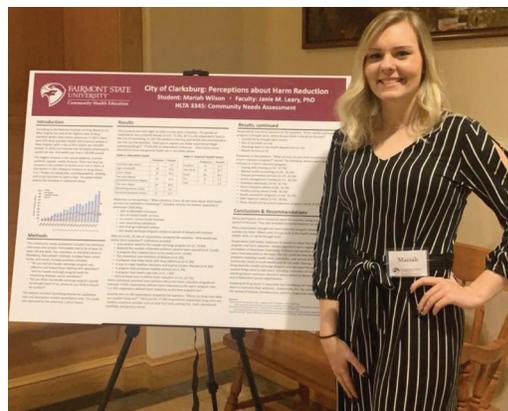
The Department of Behavioral Sciences also offers a minor for students who want to enhance their skills.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Program graduates work in a myriad of occupations and obtain a variety of transferable skills in the major. A sociology major procures skills in: problem-solving, research and computer literacy and interpersonal realms.

Job areas and titles for Sociology graduates:

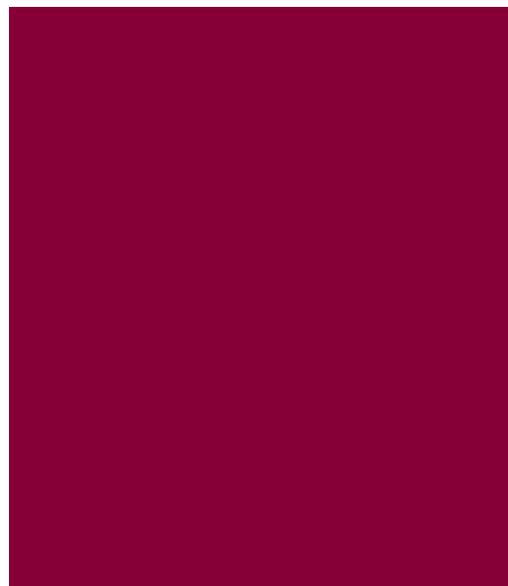
- **Community and Social Service**
 - human services worker
- **Human Resources**
 - training coordinator
- **Management and Business**
 - public relations
- **Education**
 - child-care worker
- **Advertising**
 - market researcher
- An advanced degree (Masters and Ph. D) is also recommended and encouraged and our program is well-equipped to help students further their education.



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CORE Curriculum requirements

First Year Seminar	1 hour
Written Communication	6 hours
Oral Communication	3 hours
Mathematics	3-4 hours
Humanities with Critical Thinking	3 hours
Fine Arts with Critical Thinking	3 hours
Natural Science with Critical Thinking	3-5 hours
Social Science with Critical Thinking	3 hours
Citizenship	3 hours
Global Aware./Fitness&Wellness/Tech	2-3 hours

Sociology Curriculum: 43 credit hours total

Required Courses 27 credit hours)

SOCY 1110	Introduction to Sociology	3 hours
SOCY 2200	Social Problems	3 hours
SOCY 2205	Principles of Race, Class and Gender	3 hours
SOCY 2240	Behavioral Statistics	3 hours
SOCY 3301	Cultural Anthropology	3 hours
SOCY 3360	Research Methods	4 hours
SOCY 3370	Concepts of Survey Design	3 hours
SOCY 3395	Sociological Theory	3 hours
SOCY 4480	Senior Capstone	3 hours

*15 hours of Sociology Electives:

To satisfy the elective requirements, at least one class must be completed from each of the following clusters. The remaining 6 credit hours may be fulfilled by any sociology class not met in the core requirements, at the 2200 level or above; this includes SOCY 1199-Special Topics.

Elective Clusters:

- Organizations and Institutions:
 - SOCY 3310- Sociology of the Family
 - SOCY 3350- Sociology of Religion
 - SOCY 4410- Sociology of Work
- Stratification and Diversity
 - SOCY/PSYC 2230- Social Psychology
 - SOCY 3325- Stratification and Class
 - SOCY 4450- Race and Ethnicity
- Social Problems and Collective Behavior
 - SOCY 2220- Population Studies
 - SOCY 3340- Juvenile Delinquency
 - SOCY 3390- Social Change

Students are **required** to complete a minor, or double major.

Typical minors are in psychology, community health and criminal justice. Minor or double major hours vary based on route taken by student.

Students are encouraged to work with their advisor to ensure any electives are in line with the student's career goals.

Note: This model schedule is a suggested course sequence & is meant to be used as a guide. Students should check the Undergraduate Catalog for their entrance year into Fairmont State University (or any subsequent catalog) to learn more about the graduation requirements for their major.

Sample Schedule

Students must successfully complete 120 hours for the degree. Schedules vary based on course availability, semester student enters program and any courses already completed)

First Year, 1st Semester CORE 1st Year Seminar CORE Written Comm. CORE Humanities SOCY 1100 Two Free Electives	First Year, 2nd Semester CORE Written Comm CORE Mathematics SOCY 2200 SOCY 2205 Minor Requirement
Second Year, 1st Semester CORE Oral Comm. SOCY 2240 SOCY 3301 *SOCY Elective Minor Requirement	Second Year, 2nd Semester SOCY 3360 *SOCY Elective *SOCY Elective Free Elective Minor Requirement
Third Year, 1st Semester CORE Natural Science CORE Global/Fitness/Tech SOCY 3370 Free Elective Minor Requirement	Third Year, 2nd Semester CORE Citizenship CORE Fine Arts SOCY 3395 Free Elective Minor Requirement
Fourth Year, 1st Semester SOCY 4480 *SOCY Elective Free Elective Free Elective Minor Requirement	Fourth Year, 2nd Semester *SOCY Elective Free Elective Free Elective Free Elective Free Elective

SOCIOLOGY Minor (18 credit hours)

Students may choose to complete a minor in Sociology. Courses required for the minor include:

Required courses (9 credit hours):

- SOCY 1110
- SOCY 2200
- SOCY 3301

Electives (9 credit hours)

Choose any three additional courses including PSYC 2230 or SOCY course from **any level**.



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