

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Who should I contact about:

- majoring or minoring in sociology?
- choosing sociology courses?
- identifying cross-listed courses that count towards the sociology major/minor?
- possible careers that employ sociology majors/minors?

Speak with the Sociology Undergraduate Advisor, Prof. Gwendolyn Dordick, during Zoom & in-person advising hours or by appointment.

### Who is the chair of the Sociology program?

Prof. Katherine Chen

### Do I have to complete SOC 105 before declaring the Sociology major or before taking other Sociology classes?

No. A few classes – for example, SOC 237 theory - have a prerequisite of SOC 105, but these classes may be taken during the same semester, with a permit from the sociology advisor.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONT.)

### Is an internship, fieldwork, or senior thesis required for the sociology major or minor?

No.

### A course says "department consent" is required to enroll. How do I request this?

None of our courses require department consent. If a course has "CWE" in its prefix, then it's a Center for Worker Education Course. You will need to contact them for permission to enroll: [www.ccny.cuny.edu/cwe](http://www.ccny.cuny.edu/cwe)

### A course is listed as "HYB" (Hybrid), What does this mean?

The course might have additional content or work that is online on Blackboard, or the course may meet once a week in-person/synchronous online and require asynchronous online work on other days, or some variation of this. Inquire with the instructor to find out more.

## FULL TIME FACULTY TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERTISE

*Prof. Larry Au* - Health and Illness; Science and Technology; China

*Prof. Jim Biles* (on sabbatical spring 2023) - Economic Geography; Development; Livelihoods, Latin America

*Prof. Katherine Chen* - Organizations, Work, Economic Sociology

*Prof. Gwendolyn Dordick* (on sabbatical spring 2023) - Homelessness, Urban Sociology, Poverty

*Prof. Norma Fuentes-Mayorga* - Immigration, Dominican women and Latinx Studies

*Prof. Ramona Hernandez* - Dominican Studies; Immigration

*Prof. Yana Kucheva* (on sabbatical fall 2022-spring 2023) - Inequality; Housing; Demography; Policy

*Prof. Jack Levinson* - Drugs; Health and Illness; Disability

*Prof. Iris Lopez* - Latinx Studies; Reproductive Rights; Puerto Rico

*Prof. Maritsa V. Poros* - Migration; Refugees; Social Networks Globalization

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# SOCIOLOGY

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"The function of Sociology,  
as of every Science, is to reveal  
that which is hidden"

-Pierre Bourdieu

# WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?

Sociology is the study of social life - how societies are organized, and how people interact as individuals and within groups and institutions that shape our everyday worlds and life chances. Sociology provides a unique, critical perspective on the world which enables all of us to view ourselves within larger social structures of society and as agents of social change.

There is a sociology of everything! Sociologists at CCNY study social inequalities of class, race, gender, sexuality, (dis)ability, and health in urban, national and global contexts.



# OUR CLASSES

We offer classes in urban sociology and globalization; criminology, law, and juvenile justice; race, ethnicity and immigration; drugs, health, illness, and disability; gender and sexuality; work, organizations, and activism. We also study specific populations such as the homeless, undocumented, Dominican and Latinx populations and New Yorkers.

Our majors and minors learn specific skill sets in theory, critical reasoning, writing, and research methods, including survey techniques, ethnography, interviewing, quantitative and qualitative analyses.

These skills prepare students for a wide and diverse range of jobs in public policy, local, state and federal government, education, human and social services, advertising, marketing, research, academia, law, writing and publishing.

Our students have also entered Master's and PhD programs in sociology and other fields as well as law and business schools.

"The function of the university is not simply to teach breadwinning, or to furnish teachers for the public schools, or to be a centre of polite society; it is, above all, to be the organ of that fine adjustment between real life and the growing knowledge of life, an adjustment which forms the secret of civilization.

-W.E.B DuBois



# OUR DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

## Sociology Major

### 3 Required Courses

- **10500:** Introduction to Sociology
- **23200:** Methods and Techniques of Sociological Research
- **23700:** Foundations of Sociological Theory

7 Additional Elective Courses  
2.0 GPA or Higher

10 Courses in Total  
Up to 4 may be transferred or e-permitted and at least 6 of these must be taken at CCNY.

## Sociology Minor

### 1 Required Course

- **10500:** Introduction to Sociology

4 Additional Elective Courses

5 Courses in Total