

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 during advising hours or by appointment.

Fall 2023:

Prof. Maritsa Poros | ccny.sociologyadviser@gmail.com

Spring 2024:

Prof. Gwen Dordick | gdordicksociologyadvisor@gmail.com

Who is the chair of the Sociology program?

Fall 2023-Spring 2024:

Prof. Yana Kucheva | ykucheva@ccny.cuny.edu

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

What are the advantages of taking Sociology courses at CCNY?

Most of our courses are offered in-person and taught by experts with research and practitioner experience. Through our classes, students are able to explore their interests, develop research skills, secure letters of recommendation for awards, fellowships, internship, and other opportunities, and find supportive communities.

For more FAQs, please go to:

<https://www.ccny.cuny.edu/sociology/faqs>

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FULL TIME FACULTY TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERTISE

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

Prof. Jim Biles - Economic Geography; Development; Livelihoods, Latin America

Prof. Katherine Chen (on sabbatical Fall 2023-Spring 2024)- Organizations, Work, Economic Sociology

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

Prof. Norma Fuentes-Mayorga (on sabbatical Fall 2023-Spring 2024) - Immigration, Dominican women and Latinx Studies

Prof. Ramona Hernandez (on sabbatical Fall 2023-Spring 2024) - Dominican Studies; Immigration

Prof. Yana Kucheva - Inequality; Housing; Demography; Policy

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

Prof. Iris Lopez (on sabbatical Spring 2024)- Latinx Studies; Reproductive Rights; Puerto Rico

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

"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; technology.

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 social work, 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