

Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Sociology at the City College of the City University of New York is to provide diverse students with a rigorous understanding of the social factors that influence the society in which they live, and the ways in which these factors affect their individual development and the development of other societies. To this end, the Department attempts:

- (1) to instill an understanding of the theoretical concepts that underlie sociological analysis.
- (2) to develop a familiarity with the statistical and methodological tools required for such analysis.
- (3) to stimulate an appreciation of the range of societal systems and the diversity that they represent.
- (4) to engender an awareness of the range of specific empirical areas in which sociological knowledge has led to a deeper appreciation of the social experience.
- (5) to inculcate an understanding of the relationship between social and political factors and how these affect the political system under which they live.

The mission of the Sociology Department supports and supplements the mission and goals of the City College, its Liberal Arts component, and its core curriculum which emphasizes access and excellence in undergraduate and graduate education, research and service to its gender balanced and ethnically diverse student body. The college requires a demonstrated potential for admission and a high level of accomplishment for graduation from its students; it provides the student body with excellent opportunities to achieve academically, creatively, and professionally; it fosters a student-centered education and the promotion of useful knowledge through faculty research; and it seeks to contribute to the cultural, social, and economic life of New York City and the country as a whole.

The Department offers a Bachelor and Master of Arts degree in Sociology.

For students anticipating careers in New York City, or who exhibit an interest in issues affecting urban centers in general, the Department offers concentrations in urban policy and politics, crime and deviance, immigration, and the history and status of ethnic groups. These concentrations have taken advantage of our location in the heart of New York City: one of the most dynamic urban centers in the world. They also prepare students for careers in specific

areas, such as urban planning, public policy and public administration. To this end, the Department also has a research laboratory, currently administered by an adjunct professor, who provides students with pre-professional experience in social welfare agencies and other similar organizations of this type. Undergraduate students who have earned high grades in their courses may also take certain courses at the graduate level with the permission of instructors who teach those courses.

Learning Outcomes

Student with a B.A. in Sociology will:

1. Understand different sociological perspectives and be able to apply these to specific topics.
2. Understand the ethical issues and main methods of sociological research and be able to apply these to specific topics.
3. Understand the basic concepts and explanations of sociological theory.
4. Be able to communicate effectively about various sociological issues in written and /or oral form.

Learning Outcome Grid

(Outcomes are numbered from 1 to 4 as listed above)

Courses	Learning Outcomes							
	1	2	3	4				
105: Introduction to Sociology	x	x	x	x				
232: Research Methods & Techniques	x	x						
237: Sociological Theory	x		x					
230: Qualitative Methods	x	x						
231: Sociological Statistics	x	x						
233-236: Field Work or Research	x	x		x				
238: Contemporary and Social Structure	x	x						
240: Personality and Social Structure	x			x				
241: Criminology and Corrections	x			x				
242: Juvenile Delinquency	x			x				
234: Sociology of Youth	x			x				
244: Principles of Social Work	x			x				
245: Social Welfare Institutions	x			x				
248: Deviant Behavior	x			x				
250: Mass Culture & Communications	x			x				
250: Mass Culture & Communications	x			x				
251: Urban Sociology	x			x				
252: Social Class	x			x				
253: Ethnic Minority Groups	x			x				
254: Social Problems	x			x				
255: Population and Human Ecology	x			x				
260: Theory of Social Change	x			x				
260: Theory of Social Change	x			x				
262: Political Sociology	x			x				
263: Contemporary Social Issues	x			x				
265: Sociology of Childhood	x			x				
266: Family Relationships	x			x				
267: Soc Change Developing Nations	x			x				
268: Social Forces, Mass Movements	x			x				
270: Sociology of Medicine	x			x				

