



SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY, B.A.

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Degrees offered: Bachelor of Arts, Sociology Minor, Anthropology Minor

The sociology/anthropology program is designed to foster intellectual understanding and insight into the issues and problems of today's world, with special emphasis on the experiences and perspectives of women and people from other cultures. Students develop skills and knowledge in critical reading and writing, research methodology, evaluation of competing theories, prehistory and human evolution, actual and potential uses of work in sociology and anthropology, and ethics of professional inquiry and reporting.

Students entering the program take a core of courses that offers a perspective common to the disciplines of sociology and anthropology. In addition, they are given the opportunity to pursue individual interests in either sociology or anthropology.

Contact: Information about the sociology/anthropology program is available at (217) 206-6504. Information can also be requested at soa@uis.edu.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

The sociology/anthropology program has no specific entrance requirements beyond admission to UIS.

ADVISING

Campus policy requires each student to have an adviser. Students are strongly urged to choose their advisers at the time they declare their major in the sociology/anthropology program. Students are encouraged to consult with their advisers concerning program requirements and individual goals. Program faculty assist students in designing strong, individualized academic programs.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND ASSESSMENT

Entering sociology/anthropology majors must complete assessment tests in reading, writing, and quantitative reasoning administered by the campus assessment office. In addition, students must complete a discipline-based writing assessment in either SOA 302 Understanding Other Cultures or SOA 304 Human Evolution: Biological and Cultural during their first semester of study. The results of all assessments will be

forwarded to the student's adviser, who will confer with the student during his/her second semester of study and develop a positive program to enhance each individual's abilities and academic development.

The program faculty will assess a student's acquisition of discipline knowledge during the course of study through review of a paper written for SOA 410 Senior Seminar, taken during the student's final year. All SOA majors will also complete the assessment program's testing of graduating students.

Because the program values communication skills so highly and views them as necessary components of a college education, the program works diligently with its students to ensure that each effectively possesses these skills at graduation.

UIS REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to complete a minimum of 12 semester hours of UIS requirements in the areas of liberal studies colloquia, public affairs colloquia, and applied study. These hours must include at least four hours in each of at least two of these areas.

The applied study term (AST) is an excellent opportunity for the student to gain experience related to the sociology/anthropology degree and may also be valuable later in the job search. AST possibilities include applied research, social action projects, and personal enrichment experiences. Students on academic probation are not eligible to enroll in AST.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Both sociological and anthropological perspectives contribute significantly, yet differently, to the study of human behavior. While individual students may choose to concentrate electives in either discipline, all SOA majors are required to be familiar with the basic approaches and insights of both disciplines. Further, all students become familiar with the basic theoretical issues surrounding the study of social life and acquire the skills necessary to carry out small-scale research.

SOA 302 Understanding Other Cultures	4 Hrs.
SOA 304 Human Evolution: Biological and Cultural	4 Hrs.
SOA 405 Sociocultural Theories	4 Hrs.
SOA 410 Senior Seminar	2 Hrs.
SOA 411 Social Research Methods	4 Hrs.

SOA 461 Social Psychology: Sociological Perspectives	4 Hrs.
Sociology/Anthropology Electives	<u>8 Hrs.</u>
Total	30 Hrs.
UIS Requirements	12 Hrs.
General Electives	<u>18 Hrs.</u>
Total	60 Hrs.

ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR

There are no prerequisites for this minor, but the program faculty recommend that students have completed at least one course in anthropology and one in biology at the lower-division level.

Core courses

SOA 302 Understanding Other Cultures	4 Hrs.
SOA 304 Human Evolution: Biological and Cultural	4 Hrs.
Anthropology content courses	<u>8 Hrs.</u>
Total	16 Hrs.

Lower-division course work may be used in lieu of SOA 302 and/or SOA 304, but the hours must be replaced with upper-division elective courses.

SOCIOLOGY MINOR

No prerequisites are required, but faculty recommend that students have completed an introductory sociology course at the lower-division level.

Core courses

SOA 405 Sociocultural Theories	4 Hrs.
SOA 411 Social Research Methods	4 Hrs.
Sociology content courses	<u>8 Hrs.</u>
Total	16 Hrs.

Classes used to complete the minor in sociology cannot also be used to satisfy degree requirements in the student's major.

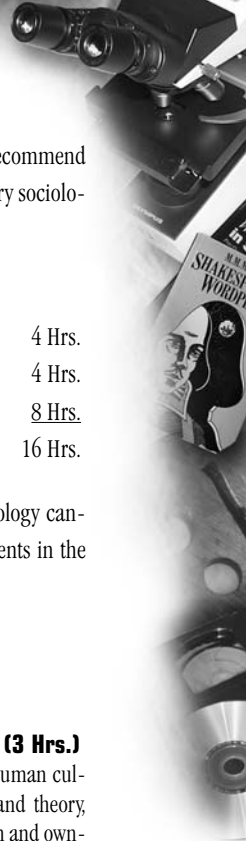
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

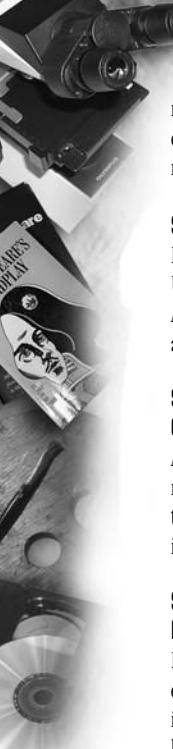
SOA 205 Introduction to Archaeology (3 Hrs.)

Introduction to archaeological study of past human cultures. Emphasis on archaeological method and theory, with consideration of the ethics of conservation and ownership of cultural heritage. Archaeological examples from early human societies to historic times.

SOA 221 Social Problems (3 Hrs.)

Analysis of contemporary social problems such as those involving individuals and families, and specifically those





relating to crime, inequality and power, poverty, human diversity, militarism, drug and alcohol abuse, mental illness, environment, and modernization.

SOA 231 American Cultural Diversity (3 Hrs.)

Examines the diversity of cultures that exist within the United States today, focusing on case studies of African-American, Hispanic, Asian-American, American Indian, and European-American societies.

SOA 302 Understanding Other Cultures (4 Hrs.)

Anthropological exploration of the variety of ways humans in different cultures secure their livelihood, govern themselves, form families and other social groups, and interpret the world of their experience.

SOA 304 Human Evolution: Biological and Cultural (4 Hrs.)

Human biological and cultural evolution from the earliest human ancestors to the origins of agriculture and civilization. Emphasis on major factors that have shaped humanity: hominid evolution, origins of human societies, origins of agriculture, birth of cities, and development of the state.

SOA 306 Peoples of the Past (4 Hrs.)

Prehistoric societies of the past 40,000 years, including the spread of humans from Africa and Asia into the Americas; rise of agriculture, villages, and towns; and growth of civilizations. Emphasis on archaeological finds and transformations in social life.

SOA 321 Juvenile Delinquency (4 Hrs.)

Theoretical explanations of juvenile delinquency, with critical view of their value in the field, followed by practical and analytical view of juvenile justice systems in operation. See CRJ 321.

SOA 335 Jazz in American Culture (4 Hrs.)

Explores development of jazz as a popular art form, the influence of American culture (e.g., race, class, gender relations, religion and moralism, and the dominance of commercial values) on the shape of this art form, its performance and enjoyment, and the reciprocal influence of jazz on American culture.

SOA 405 Sociocultural Theories (4 Hrs.)

In-depth study of classical social theorists (Marx, Weber, Durkheim, Mead) and their answer(s) to the central question of sociology, "Where does order come from?" Prerequisite: At least one upper-division sociology and one upper-division anthropology course, or permission of instructor.

SOA 408 Feminist Theories (4 Hrs.)

What would a good society be like? We will discuss a range of feminist theories with different views on the good society, including liberal, radical, socialist, post modern, and global feminisms. These theories offer different solutions to such social issues as the division of labor in the home and beyond, reproductive rights, and sexuality. Through the experience of the course, each student will work to develop his or her own view of a good society. Prerequisite: WMS 301, or permission of instructor. See WMS 411, PHI 411, and POS 433.

SOA 410 Senior Seminar (2 Hrs.)

A seminar for SOA majors in their final year. Builds and further develops students' sociological/anthropological research, writing, and analytical abilities through application of these skills to a senior essay topic. Focus on the senior essay topics will derive from intense examinations of how sociological/anthropological knowledge can be applied to at least four issues facing society. Seminar discussions will be evaluated for content and presentations, and two senior essays will be the culmination of the course. These essays will be reviewed by all program faculty and will constitute the assessment in the major for each SOA graduate. Prerequisite: SOA major, and permission of instructor.

SOA 411 Social Research Methods (4 Hrs.)

First-hand experience carrying out small-scale research projects in areas of personal interest. Ethics in social research, formulating research questions, survey and experimental design, interviewing, sampling, direct observation, content analysis, evaluation research, and critiques of social science methods.

SOA 421 Criminological Theory (4 Hrs.)

Classical and modern theories of crime; social and economic factors in criminal behavior, crime formation, and control; exploration of the justice system; and evaluation of treatment of offenders. All elements of criminology viewed critically. Prerequisite: Either CRJ 345 or SOA 411, submission of communication skills portfolio (CRJ majors only), and permission of instructor. See CRJ 421.

**SOA 423 Study of Being Different:
“Deviant Behavior” (4 Hrs.)**

In-depth look at issues in sociology of deviance and social control, including topics such as life-styles, extremism, lawbreakers, and social capacity to handle deviance. See CRJ 423.

SOA 425 Law and Inequality (4 Hrs.)

The role of law and the legal system in creating, maintaining, and reducing inequality, with emphasis on race, class, and gender inequality in the United States. The relationship between law and the legal system and political/economic institutions and ideologies. See LES 404, POS 421, and WMS 445.

SOA 431 Sociology of Organizations (4 Hrs.)

Organizations — formal and informal; social organization and crowd concepts; roles, norms, and structures; methodology for studying organizational behavior; critical evaluation of organization theories; alienation; and organization vs. personality.

SOA 432 Sociology of Families (4 Hrs.)

Contemporary U.S. families in historical and cross-cultural contexts. Emphasizes varied family forms, work/family roles, political and policy questions, and selected public issues such as heterosexuality, inequality, and abuse. See SWK 432 and WMS 432.

**SOA 445 Cross-Cultural Perspectives
on Health (4 Hrs.)**

Relationships between health and human culture, in-

cluding health of prehistoric humanity, traditional and non-Western medical systems and how they heal, and problems faced by health-care professionals as they provide care to cultural and ethnic groups from various healing traditions. See MPH 445.

SOA 452 Sociology of Gender (4 Hrs.)

Analysis of creation, maintenance, and enforcement of female and male roles. Socialization processes, cultural definitions, major social institutions, and structured social inequality. See WMS 452.

SOA 453 Women Across Cultures (4 Hrs.)

Addresses the complexity of Third World women’s lives, including development and structural adjustment, reproductive rights and other health issues, violence against women, and political resistance and complicity. See WMS 453.



SOA 454 Family Law (4 Hrs.)

Course available online; may also be available on campus. Refer to the current course schedule for further information.

Law that affects the family. Topics include divorce, domestic violence, illegitimacy, adoption, child support and custody, parental control, abuse and neglect laws, issues affecting the elderly, domestic law reform, and the impact of the women’s rights movement. See HDC 446, SWK 446, LES 446, WMS 446.

**SOA 461 Social Psychology:
Sociological Perspectives (4 Hrs.)**

Overview of the history of social psychology and such

problems as socialization, role, perception, belief systems, stereotyping, and group dynamics. Issues in sociology of knowledge, theoretical orientations in social psychology, and symbolic interaction as a framework for possible eclectic theory also considered. Prerequisite: Introductory sociology course, or consent of instructor.

SOA 471 Prehistoric America (4 Hrs.)

Covers the prehistoric cultures of North America from their arrival to the period of contact with European Americans. Includes both lecture and hands-on experience with artifacts from the collections of the Illinois State Museum. Held off campus at the Illinois State Museum Research and Collections Center in Springfield.

SOA 472 European Prehistory (4 Hrs.)

Overview of prehistoric cultures of Europe from the earliest arrival of human ancestors to the Iron Age. Emphasis on hunter-gatherer adaptations to Ice Age climates, the spread of agriculture from the Near East, and the rise of regional polities. Prerequisite: A course in archaeology or human evolution.

**SOA 481 North American Indians:
Culture and Ecology (4 Hrs.)**

North American Indians prior to and after contact with European-Americans. Emphasizes relationships between various cultures and their environmental settings. Prerequisite: SOA 302, or permission of instructor.

SOA 482 Hunters and Gatherers (4 Hrs.)

Anthropological examination of the recent history and





current status of hunting and gathering societies. Emphasis on long-term interaction with settled farmers and world markets, land use and land claims, and the history of western visions of “primitive” societies. Ethnographic case studies from the Americas, Australia, Africa, and Asia. Prerequisite: A course in sociology/anthropology.

**SOA 563 Sociology of Death,
Dying, and Bereavement (4 Hrs.)**

Consideration of social structures, attitudes, beliefs, and values about death, dying, and bereavement in contemporary American society as well as in other societies and other time periods. Medical, legal, religious, and psycho-

logical issues of death, dying, and bereavement also considered. Not recommended for persons recently bereaved. See HMS 563.