

# SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY

bachelor of arts

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Few fields have a broader scope and, perhaps more career opportunities, than sociology and anthropology. These social scientists study the causes and consequences of human behavior, and as our planet shrinks, few endeavors are more relevant. In this major, you'll gain a broad understanding of the nature and diversity of societies. The program emphasizes multiculturalism, with particular attention paid to the perspectives and experiences of women, racial and ethnic minorities, and people from other cultures.

## ADVANTAGE UIS

- **Well read.** We test your reading, writing and reasoning skills on the way in and way out. Most of our courses will require you to read original works by scholars, to write extensively, and to demonstrate your knowledge in essays. By the time you graduate, you'll be a strong communicator - a critical skill in any career.
- **Double advantage.** Your diploma will read - Sociology/Anthropology - for a reason. At UIS, we believe putting the two disciplines together in one major develops social scientists with an enhanced ability to study human behavior. You'll graduate with a broad understanding and the research skills of both.

### Wise Words

Amber E. Martin B.A.'02

"Don't ever lose the small class sizes and student to faculty ratio, that's the character and quality of the Department. I have nothing but praise and gratitude for the exemplary quality and outstanding commitment of the entire faculty. My positive experience is a reflection of the enthusiasm and teaching excellence that they brought to the classroom."



**Explore dimensions of social life** All human behavior is social. Sociologists study subjects ranging from the intimate family to the hostile mob; from organized crime to religious cults; from the divisions of race, gender and social class to the shared beliefs of a common culture. Faculty and students explore art, music and literature from a cultural perspective. Variety is the spice of life.



## Connect with different cultures.

There's no substitute for being in the state capital, home to the Illinois State Museum. Through the program's close ties with the Museum, students have access to the Museum's Research and Collections Center, which houses the natural and cultural heritage of Illinois - more than eight million objects.

**See the world.** The study of human behavior can take you across the globe. Anthropologists may travel to remote areas, live among the people they study, learn their languages, eat their food, and get used to unfamiliar climates. Don't forget to pack good humor and an open mind.



**Clubbing.** The Sociology/Anthropology Club actively explores Illinois' rich cultural history. Field trip possibilities are endless in a state where early culture - particularly that of Native Americans - is carefully preserved. Nearby is the New Philadelphia Project, where scholars are excavating a site believed to be the first American town incorporated by a black man - a freed slave.



The B.A. in Sociology/Anthropology 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 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.

**Faculty** Lynn Fisher, Sharon Graf,  
Jonathan Isler, Shoon Lio, Jennifer Manthei,  
Hinda Seif

**Associated faculty** Heather Dell,  
Ryan Williams

**Adjunct faculty** Terrance Martin,  
Mohammed Shahidullah

**Emeritus faculty** Proshanta K.  
Nandi, Michael D. Quam, James W. Stuart

**Adjunct Emeritus faculty**  
Rosamond Robbert, Regan G. Smith

### Entrance Requirements

The Sociology/Anthropology Department has no specific entrance requirements beyond admission to UIS.

### Advising

Campus policy requires each student to have an adviser. Students declaring the SOA major are assigned an initial faculty advisor by the Department. Students are expected to consult with their advisers before beginning the major concerning department requirements and individual goals. Department faculty assist students in designing strong, individualized academic programs.

### Major Requirements 30 Hrs.

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.

To earn a B.A. in Sociology/Anthropology, students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours, which includes five core courses, one course in the diversity/inequalities category, and a minimum of two elective courses. Students are expected to meet with an SOA adviser before beginning the major.

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	3 Hrs.
SOA 411 Social Research Methods	4 Hrs.

Diversity/Inequalities Requirement (3-4 credit hours)

Select 1 course from the following:

SOA 231 ECCE: American Cultural Diversity	3 Hrs.
SOA 441 ECCE: Social Inequalities	4 Hrs.
SOA 301 ECCE: Women, Gender and Society	4 Hrs.

Electives (7-8 credit hours, for a total of at least 30 credits in SOA): *Students are required to take at least two elective courses in SOA. At least one must be 400-level.*

### Anthropology Minor

No prerequisites are required, but the department recommends that students have completed an introductory course in sociology or anthropology 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 electives	8 Hrs.
<b>Total</b>	<b>16 Hrs.</b>

Students should consult with an advisor to identify anthropology content electives appropriate to the minor. At least one elective must be at the 400-level.

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

### Sociology Minor

No prerequisites are required, but the department recommends that students have completed an introductory course in sociology or anthropology at the lower-division level.

#### Core courses

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

Students should consult with an advisor to identify sociology content electives appropriate to the minor. At least one elective must be at the 400-level.

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

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