Departmental goals and objectives

The B.A. in Sociology/Anthropology (SOA) 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.

THE BACHELOR’S DEGREE

Admission Requirements

The SOA Department has no separate entrance requirements beyond those required for admission to UIS.

Advising

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

Grading Policy

The Sociology/Anthropology program does not have a grading policy which differs from that of the campus policy.

Communication Skills and Assessment

The department 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.

Because the department values communication skills so highly and views them as necessary components of a college education, faculty work diligently with students to ensure they effectively possess these skills at graduation.

Degree Requirements (30 Hours)

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 academic advisor before beginning the major.

Core Courses (19 credit hours)

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Diversity/Inequalities Requirement (3-4 credit hours).

Select 1 course from the following:

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Electives (7-8 credit hours)

Students are required to take at least two elective courses in SOA. At least one course must be at the 400-level.

ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR

To earn a minor in Anthropology, students must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours, including two core courses and at least two elective courses. Students should consult with an academic advisor to identify electives appropriate to the minor. Classes used to complete the minor cannot also be used to satisfy degree requirements in the student’s major.

Core Courses (8 Hrs.)

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Elective Courses (a minimum of 7 Hrs.)

At least two elective courses in SOA, one of which must be chosen from the following:


SOCIOLOGY MINOR

To earn a minor in Sociology, students must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours, including two core courses and at least two elective courses. Students should consult with an academic advisor to identify electives appropriate to the minor. Classes used to complete the minor in Sociology cannot also be used to satisfy degree requirements in the student’s major.

Core Courses (7 Hrs.)

Select one course from the following:

- SOA 101 Introduction to Sociology 3 Hrs.
- SOA 221 Social Problems 3 Hrs.

Select one course from the following:

- SOA 405 Sociocultural Theories 4 Hrs.
- SOA 411 Social Research Methods 4 Hrs.

Elective Courses (a minimum of 8 Hrs.)

At least two elective courses in SOA, one of which must be chosen from the list below. At least one elective must be at the 300- or 400-level.