

SOCIOLOGY

Mission Statement

Within UNF's Department of Sociology and Anthropology, the Sociology program seeks to provide its students with a sound comprehension of the field, and to encourage the development of new knowledge through faculty scholarship. Our educational aim at the undergraduate level is to facilitate mastery of theoretical, methodological and empirical work in Sociology as a specialized field and as a component of a broader Liberal Arts education. At the graduate level, we aim to prepare students for professions that rely on the application of sociological methods and insights, and to provide training in advanced sociological scholarship that will facilitate doctoral level study. Our commitment to research reflects broad interests and aspirations, as we aim to contribute both general and applied research on local, national and global social issues. Finally, our faculty and students are committed to serving the diverse communities in which they live and work, including the University, the discipline, and the region.

Student Learning Outcomes:

UNF Sociology graduates will be able to:

Content/Disciplinary Knowledge & Skills

- Understand the discipline of sociology and its role in contributing to our understanding of social reality;
- Understand the role of theory in sociology
- Understand the role of evidence and qualitative and quantitative methods in sociology
- Understand how culture and social structure operate
- Understand the internal diversity of American society and its place in the international context.

Critical Thinking Skills

- Identify underlying assumptions in particular theoretical orientations or arguments and methodological approaches
- Understand how patterns of thought and knowledge are directly influenced by political-economic social structures
- Present opposing viewpoints and alternative hypothesis on various issues

Communication Skills

- Write in a clear, logical style
- Support written argument with evidence
- Demonstrate knowledge of major forms of bibliographic citation and reference
- Speak in an informed and professional manner on social issues and sociological research

Assessment Approaches

Numerous direct and indirect measures of student learning will be employed to assess mastery of the intended student learning outcomes. Course embedded assessments using a defined scoring rubric (criterion-based rating scale) will be one of the principle assessment approaches within the Sociology program. Other direct measures of learning outcomes may include capstone projects, pass rates on subject-area tests, student publications/conference presentations, and/or intern supervisor ratings of students' performance. Indirect measures may include employer or alumni surveys, student perception surveys, and graduate school placement rates.

Career Opportunities

For information on the many career options available to Sociology majors, go to *What Can You Do with a Sociology Major* at: <http://www.unf.edu/dept/cdc/majors/sociology.html>

For More Information

To learn more about the UNF Sociology Department and majoring in Sociology, go to <http://www.unf.edu/coas/soc-anth/>

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