Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Sociology is a social science that involves the study of social institutions and interactions in human societies. Sociologists view the world through the lens of different cultures, social classes and social groups. The field trains students to use theory and scientific methods to examine questions about various aspects of social life such as workplace policies and corporate restructuring, health and healthcare, religions and religious organizations, race, ethnic and gender relations, educational quality and achievement, technological changes, and multi-cultural communication. Sociologists collect data through observation, interviews, historical records, surveys, focus groups, and laboratory experiments. Theory and research methods provide tools for critical analysis and interpretation of social processes that go beyond casual observation.

Careers in Sociology

Students seeking a degree in sociology will be equipped with the skills necessary to succeed in a 21st century workplace, including critical thinking, analytic problem solving, effective written and oral communication, and an understanding of multi-cultural and global issues. Few other fields incorporate such a broad knowledge base, skill set and application to the social world. Sociology graduates often are employed in professional administrative roles, marketing, human resources, social science and marketing research, nonprofit services and administration, education and public relations. Many sociology graduates also pursue professional and graduate degrees in law, social work, counseling, criminal justice, public administration, public policy, and advanced degrees in sociology.

The University’s Career Center is an important resource for students pursuing their career. Licensed counselors are available to provide strategies for mastering job interviews and writing professional cover letters and resumes. They also assist students in connecting with campus recruiters.

Sociology at UT Dallas

The mission of the BA program in sociology is to provide undergraduate students with broad knowledge of key theoretical concepts, empirical research findings and methodological approaches of the discipline. The program emphasizes application of theory and research related to social inequality though project-based learning, and students may have opportunities to participate in research and/or service activities to apply sociological concepts to contemporary social issues. Students are encouraged to pursue internships as a means to gain valuable experience, explore career options and build social networks.

The general BA degree requires 120 semester credit hours to graduate: 42 semester credit hours from the University’s core curriculum, 48 semester credit hours from the major and 30 semester credit hours of electives.
Every new generation inherits an increasingly complex world, which prompts a need for new thinking about public policies that impact people's lives. In the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (EPPS), we examine the implications of innovation and change for individuals and communities.

As an undergraduate in EPPS, you will have the chance to work with professors who are probing issues that will affect your future. You will develop the vital skills you need to thrive in a rapidly evolving, highly competitive job market. EPPS will prepare you for careers in government, non-profits and the private sector that enable you to make a real difference in the world of today and tomorrow.

EPPS is at the forefront of leadership, ethics and innovation in the public and nonprofit sectors. Our students and faculty look forward to new opportunities to study and address the complex and evolving issues of the future.

**Degrees Offered**

**Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts:** Criminology, economics, geospatial information sciences, international political economy, political science, public affairs, public policy, sociology

**Master of Science:** Applied sociology, criminology, economics, geospatial information sciences, international political economy, justice administration and leadership, social data analytics and research

**Master of Arts:** Political science, political science-constitutional law, political science-legislative studies

**Master of Public Affairs:** Public affairs

**Master of Public Policy:** Public policy

**Doctor of Philosophy:** Criminology, economics, geospatial information sciences, political science, public affairs, public policy and political economy

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