

Guide to Undergraduate Study in

SOCIOLOGY



**HOWARD UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY**

Your decision to major in sociology is an important and challenging one. This guide provides ideas information about the undergraduate program in sociology at Howard University. It is hoped that this will be useful in assisting you in making decisions regarding your course selection. Please note that this guide is only a supplement to the Howard University bulletin. **STUDENTS ARE ADVISED TO READ AND FOLLOW CAREFULLY THE GENERAL REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES** as stipulated in the bulletin.

Faculty advisors in the department are available to assist and talk with you.

INFORMATION ABOUT SOCIOLOGY AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Sociology is the study of social life and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. It investigates the structure of groups, organizations and societies, their formation, development and interactions. Since all human behavior is social, the subject matter of sociology ranges from the intimate family to the hostile mob, from crime to religion, from the divisions of race, gender and social class to the shared beliefs of a common culture.*

The undergraduate program with courses such as research methods, statistics, theory, computer based social science research, and social organization and demographic analysis, equips students for employment in a range of occupations in the public and private sector. These include social research, the health professions, business, social service and data processing. Professional recruiters are interested in well-rounded students with good analytical and Communication skills. Sociology is a popular undergraduate major for students planning further study in such professions as law, business, education, social work and public administration.

The department assists students applying to graduate schools and has been highly successfully in placing students in leading graduate institutions.

In addition to the undergraduate baccalaureate, the Department offers the master's and doctoral degrees in sociology.

* American Sociological Association

OBJECTIVES OF THE B.A. DEGREE PROGRAM

- To introduce students to a broad spectrum of sociological knowledge, including its perspective, its history and its uses.
- To present sociology in a systematic and scholarly manner, while offering the maximum social insight and self understanding.
- To emphasize the applicability of sociological knowledge to everyday life.
- To provide students with the analytical and conceptual skills needed to understand the complex social problems of today's world and to propose logical solutions.
- To prepare students for graduate and professional school through their theory and research experience.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE B.A. DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY

A major in sociology requires thirty (30) hours in the discipline. The following eighteen (18) hours are required:

001	Introduction to Sociology	3
020	Introduction to Social Psychology	3
100	Social Theory and Sociology	3
110	Elementary Statistics	3
111	Sociological Methods and Techniques	3
	Introduction to Physical Anthropology	3
	Or	
110	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
	Total	18
Twelve (12) hours of electives in sociology are also required		12
TOTAL REQUIRED FOR THE MAJOR		30

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

The College of Arts and Sciences requires that all majors take and pass a comprehensive examination.

DESCRIPTIONS OF REQUIRED COURSES:

- 001 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY. 3 credits.
Basic concepts in sociology, the nature and functioning of groups, the individual and the group; social processes; social change
- 020 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY. 3 credits.
The development of human nature and personality as products of social interaction and culture.
- 100* SOCIAL THEORY AND SOCIOLOGY. 3 credits.
Social theories to the nineteenth century and the subsequent development of sociology.
- *When listed as 700, this course also fulfills the third writing requirement in the College of Arts and Sciences.
- 110 ELEMENTARY STATISTICS. 3 credits.
Statistical methods with social data; processing and tabulating data; measures of central tendency and dispersion using elementary tests of significance; simple correlation.
- 111 SOCIAL METHODS AND TECHNIQUES. 3 credits.
Basic methods and techniques employed in sociological research.
- 001 INTRODUCTION TO PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY. 3 credits.
The nature and scope of anthropology, human evolution; heredity; race; growth of culture from its beginnings to the development of civilization.
- or
- 110 INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY. 3 credits
The nature and development of culture; categories of culture; cultural theory; applied anthropology.

ELECTIVES

To assure broad exposure and preparation in the field of sociology the following electives are recommended.

- 070 Introduction to Sociology
- 130 Principles of Demography
- 140 Urban Sociology
- 150 Social Stratification
- 151 Sociology of Poverty
- 160 Sociology of the African American
- 165 Intergroup Relations
- 180 The Family
- 183 Introduction to Medical Sociology
- 184 Seminar: Sociology of Mental Health
- 189 The Sociology of Work

For a complete list of electives being offered in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, consult the Howard University Directory of Courses.



OVERVIEW OF REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

- 127 hours required to graduate
- Sociology Majors:

Core Courses	18 hours
Elective Courses	12 hours
Total credit hours in the major	30 hours
- Minor 15-18
- 12 - 18 hours per semester equals full time study
- 5 courses per semester is considered an average full time program
- Divisional Requirements for Sociology Majors:

- Division A:	4 Courses
- Division B:	2 Courses
- Division D:	4 Courses
- Total	10 Comm

SAMPLE

A TYPICAL FOUR-YEAR SCHEDULE FOR THE SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

Freshman Year

FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
Freshman Orientation	1	English (008-003)	3
English (008-002)	3	Foreign Language	4
Foreign Language	4	Divisional Studies (A)	3
Divisional Studies (A)	3	Divisional Studies (B)	3
Introduction to Sociology (025-001)	3		
Divisional Studies (D)	3	Divisional Studies (D)	3
Physical Education		Physical Education	
Health Science (082-159)	1	Swimming (082-002)	1
TOTAL CREDIT MS	18	TOTAL CREDIT HRS	17

Sophomore Year

FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
English (Writing Course)	3	Foreign Language	3
Foreign Language	3	Mathematics (015-007 or 002)*	3
Mathematics (015-006 or 001)*	3	Philosophy	3
African American Cluster (B)	3	Divisional Studies (A)	3
Divisional Studies (A)	3	General Elective	3
Physical Education (activity)	1	Physical Education (activity)	1
TOTAL CREDIT HRS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HRS	16

* These math courses can be used to satisfy both the math requirement as well as two courses under Division D. If this option is used, the student is required to take only two additional Division D courses.

Junior Year

FALL SEMESTER

Speech (374-101)	3
Social Psychology (025-020)	3
Elem Statistics (025-110)	3
General Elective	3
Minor	3

TOTAL CREDIT HRS 15

SPRING SEMESTER

Social Theory (025-100 or 700)	3
Social Methods (025-111)	3
Departmental Electives	6
Minor	3

TOTAL CREDIT HRS 15

Senior Year

FALL SEMESTER

Physical Anthropology or Cultural (027-001 or 027-002)	3
Departmental Electives	6
Minor	3
General Elective	3

TOTAL CREDIT HRS 15

SPRING SEMESTER

Departmental Elective	3
Minor	6
General Elective	6

TOTAL CREDIT MS 15



**HOW THE 127 CREDIT HOURS
REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION ARE DISTRIBUTED**

GENERAL EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS	Number of Courses	Credit Hrs
Freshman Orientation	1	1
English Composition	2	6
Writing Course	1	3
Principles of Speech	1	3
Foreign language	4	14
Philosophy	1	3
Physical Education	4	4
Mathematics	2	6
African American Cluster	1	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		43

DIVISIONAL REQUIREMENTS	Number of Courses	Credit Hrs
- Division A	4	12
- Division B	2	6
- Division D	4	12
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		30

SOCIOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	Number of Courses	Credit Hrs
- Core Courses	6	18
- Departmental Electives	4	12
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		30

MINOR REQUIREMENTS	Credit Hrs
5 or 6 courses	15 (18)

GENERAL ELECTIVES	9
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	127

MINOR IN SOCIOLOGY

The minor in sociology consists of fifteen hours including 025-001, Introduction to Sociology, which is required, and at least twelve additional hours in sociology. Anthropology majors who minor in sociology must complete at least fifteen hours in addition to 025-001.

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH LABORATORY

The Department of Sociology provides a computer laboratory designed to support a minimum of 100 students. Equipped with networked 486dx computers, Laserjet printers and telephone access, the laboratory will enhance the recruitment, placement, training and networking of students into social science research careers.

WORK STUDY AND OTHER APPRENTICESHIPS

The student learns what he or she practices. This is a basic principle of socialization. The Department provides opportunities of students to participate in ongoing research conducted by members of the faculty. This kind of experience can greatly enrich the academic experience and also provide valuable background for many careers: Usually, a background in sociological research *methods and statistics Is needed as well as some prior courses with the faculty member in question, though this is not always the case. Check with faculty advisors for further information.

INTERNSHIPS

The Department seeks to assist interested students in obtaining internships. It is an opportunity for students to combine academic studies with practical experience. This may be done with the cooperation of local firms and agencies. Students receive credit for approved internships. Students should note, however, that the best jobs both in terms of experience and pay typically require technical course background and volunteer service first.

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The purpose of Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD), as stated in its National Constitution, as a non-secret, democratic, national honor society, is *to promote in each of the various chapters an interest in sociology, research in social problems, and activities leading to human welfare.' Under the Constitution of the Howard University chapter, Beta in the District of Columbia, the student eligible for membership in the honor society include both graduate and undergraduate students who have completed at least 10 credits hours in sociology at Howard University and who have a general scholastic average of "B" (3.0) in all sociology courses.

Before a member is installed, dues of \$20.00 must be paid. Annual dues pay for one year's subscription to the society's publication, **Sociology Inquiry** and **Newsletter**. Once membership is established, no further fee for maintaining membership is necessary.

FRAZIER-EDWARDS AWARD

The Frazier-Edwards Award, named for two distinguished professors who served the Department for many years, will be made to the senior judged to have achieved highest excellence in his or her sociological studies.

The recipient must be a full-time student, and have a cumulative overall GPA of 3.0 or better, in addition to a cumulative GPA of 3.5 in sociology courses.

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

A major in the department, Administration of Justice concentrates on changing concepts of crime; the incidence of various types of crime; and theories that attempt to explain differences and changes in crime rates. It also focuses on social institutions that are closely related with crime control (e.g. law, courts, the police); the status of policies (e.g., imprisonment) designed to control crime, and the research techniques employed to assess the effectiveness of crime-reduction programs.

ANTHROPOLOGY

Courses in archeology, biological and cultural anthropology and linguistics survey the full range of human societies throughout the world, from the origin of human kind to the present. The Anthropology major emphasizes the relationship between hands-on research experiences and classroom learning. The Department houses the Cobb Skeletal Collection for medical and biohistorical research and the African Burial Ground Project.

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4-YEAR PLAN FOR THE B.A. DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY

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Divisional Studies (A)	3	Divisional Studies (B)	3
Introduction to Sociology (SOLI-001)	3		
Divisional Studies (D)	3	Divisional Studies (D)	3
Physical Education Health Science (HHPL-159)	1	Physical Education	1
		Swimming (HHPL-002)	
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Sophomore Year

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Elem Statistics (SOLI-110)	3	Departmental Electives	6
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Senior Year

FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
Biological Anthropology	3	Departmental Elective	3
Departmental Electives	6	Minor	6
Minor	3	General Elective	6
General Elective	3		
TOTAL CREDIT HRS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HRS	15