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Sociology is the scientific study of social life, applying the analytic rigor of the scientific method to the social world so that we might understand and improve the human condition. Students who major in sociology learn to deal creatively with the most pressing problems of the day, such as the increase in our federal prison population, rising class inequality, or environmental degradation. Sociology majors thus develop into critical thinkers with a global perspective, a deep appreciation for diversity and strong problem-solving abilities. Completion of the curriculum in sociology or criminology provides a broad background for students pursuing a variety of careers. Students develop the skills most desired by today's employers including the ability to communicate effectively, frame and solve problems realistically and in teamwork situations, plan and evaluate projects and programs, prepare clear and concise reports, and speak effectively in varied group situations. Students who graduate are thus poised to enter a wide range of occupational areas, including corporations, government agencies, social service institutions, and other nonprofit organizations. Furthermore, an undergraduate major is also an excellent foundation for graduate study in anticipation of a career in college teaching, law, business, or medicine.

Degrees

- Criminology, Bachelor of Arts (627) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/sociology/criminology-ba)
- Diversity and Community Studies, Bachelor of Arts (631) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/sociology/diversity-community-studies-ba)
- Sociology, Bachelor of Arts (775) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/sociology/sociology-ba)

Minors

- Citizenship & Social Justice, Minor (349) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/sociology/citizenship-social-justice-minor)
- Criminology, Minor (342) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/sociology/criminology-minor)
- Sexuality Studies, Minor (454) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/sociology/sexuality-studies-minor)
- Sociology, Minor (461) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/sociology/sociology-minor)

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