

SOCIOLOGY 2008-09



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ

THE SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

Sociology is the study of social interaction, social groups, institutions, and social structures. Sociologists examine the contexts of human action, including systems of beliefs and values, patterns of social relations, and the processes whereby social institutions are created, maintained, and transformed.

The sociology major at UC Santa Cruz is a rigorous program of study that retains enough flexibility to accommodate students with diverse career goals and plans. It ensures that all students are trained in the main theoretical and methodological traditions of sociology, yet permits considerable variation in students' own areas of specialization. The combined sociology and Latin American and Latino studies major is an interdisciplinary course of study addressing the changing political, social, economic, and cultural realities transforming both Latin America and Latina/o communities. Sociology also sponsors an intensive sociology major and minor in Global Information and Social Enterprise Studies (GISES) in partnership with the Global Information Internship Program (GIIP). Building upon UCSC's tradition of undergraduate social activism, GISES teaches information and communication technologies and project management methods designed to advance social justice and sustainability in collaboration with global civil society groups, community organizations, and schools.

STUDY AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ B.A., Ph.D., Undergraduate Minor
- ◆ Intensive Sociology B.A., Undergraduate Minor in GISES
- ◆ Combined B.A. major in Sociology and Latin American and Latino Studies

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

High school students planning to major in sociology should obtain a solid background in English, social sciences, and writing skills while completing the courses required for UC admission. Students considering a combined major in sociology and Latin American and Latino studies (LALS) should also acquire as much proficiency in Spanish or Portuguese as possible before attending UC Santa Cruz.

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Junior transfer students expressing an interest in sociology should obtain a solid background in English, social sciences, and writing skills while completing their course work in their community college. It is common for transfer students to have completed courses equivalent to Sociology 1, *Introduction to Sociology*, Sociology 10, *Issues and Problems in American Society*, or both at their previous school. Transfer course agreements and articulation between the University of California and California community colleges can be accessed on the ASSIST web site at:

www.assist.org

While it is not a condition of admission, students from California community colleges may complete the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) in preparation for transfer to UC Santa Cruz.

CAREERS

Business administration	Mental health
Criminal justice	Personnel work
Crisis center counseling	Politics
Education	Public administration
Family/marital counseling	Public health
Gerontology	Public relations
Intergroup relations	Rehabilitation counseling
Journalism	Social work
Justice system	Sociological research
Juvenile delinquency counseling	
Law	
Legal aid	

These are only samples of the field's many possibilities.

RECOGNITION

Assistant Professor Steven McKay was awarded the 2007 Sociology of Labor Book Award from the American Sociological Association for his book, *Satanic Mills or Silicon Islands? The Politics of High-Tech Production in the Philippines* (Cornell University/ILR Press, 2006).

In recognition of his effective and outstanding teaching skills, the UCSC Academic Senate Committee on Teaching honored Associate Professor Andrew Szasz as one of seven recipients of the Excellence in Teaching Award for 2006-07.

Sociology-sponsored theses have been among those awarded the Dean's and Chancellor's Awards numerous times. In 2008 Nicholas Petersen received the awards for his thesis "Lynching and 'Popular Justice': A Comparative Analysis of White and African-American Lynching Incidents, 1882-1930," sponsored by Hiroshi Fukurai. In 2007 Shaeleya Miller received the awards for her thesis "Beyond Pole-arity: Negotiations and Accountability Among Feminists," sponsored by Melanie DuPuis.

UC EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAM (EAP)

The UC Education Abroad Program (EAP) offers undergraduate students the opportunity to study at more than 100 host universities and colleges worldwide as part of their regular UC academic program. Interested students should meet with an EAP adviser, as well as their College Academic Preceptor, early in their academic career. It is important for sociology students to plan ahead so as to fulfill the necessary major requirements before going abroad.

Academic year programs. The Sociology Department requires majors to pass their lower-division sociology courses (see the *Major Course Requirements* section below), and three upper-division core courses (103B, 105A, and 105B) prior to study abroad. Up to three approved courses may be used toward the sociology major.

Semester programs. For fall semester, majors must complete their lower-division sociology courses (see the *Major Course Requirements* section below), and one upper-division core course (105A). For spring semester, majors must pass their lower-division sociology courses and two upper-division core courses (103B and 105B).

MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The sociology major consists of three lower-division courses, ten upper-division courses, and a comprehensive requirement. The three lower-division courses are Sociology 1, 10, and 15. The ten upper-division courses include four core courses (Sociology 103A, 103B, 105A, and 105B), one course from each of the three clusters, and three additional upper-division courses. The comprehensive requirement may be satisfied in one of two ways: by taking the Capstone Course or by writing a Senior Thesis.

Major Course Requirements for the Combined Major

The combined major consists of four lower-division courses, six upper-division core courses, four upper-division elective courses, a language requirement, and a comprehensive requirement. The four lower-division courses consist of two from Sociology and two from LALS. The ten upper-division courses include six core courses (LALS 100A, 100B, Sociology 103A, 103B, 105A, and 105B), two upper-division elective courses from LALS, and two upper-division elective courses from Sociology.

To satisfy the language requirement, students must demonstrate language proficiency equivalent to the completion of Spanish 6 or 56 or Spanish for Spanish Speakers 63 or Portuguese 65A-B. The comprehensive requirement may be satisfied in one of three ways: by taking a senior seminar in LALS, by taking two additional sociology upper-division courses in the cluster III area, or by writing a Senior Thesis.

Major Course Requirements for the Intensive Sociology Major

The intensive sociology major consists of six lower-division courses, 11 upper-division courses, a project practicum, and a comprehensive requirement. The six lower-division courses are Sociology 1, 10, 15, 30A, 30B, and 30C. The 11 upper-division courses include four core courses (Sociology 103A, 103B, 105A, and 105B), one course from each of the three clusters, four additional upper-division elective courses, and a project practicum course, Sociology 196G. The comprehensive requirement may be satisfied in one of two ways: by taking the Capstone Course or by writing a Senior Thesis.

DECLARING THE MAJOR

All students who listed sociology as their major on their admissions application enter UCSC with the status of proposed sociology. This status is considered undeclared. A GPA of 3.0 in the required lower-division sociology courses is required for acceptance to any sociology major or minor.

The Undergraduate Advisor for Sociology provides academic advising on major requirements, recommends specific courses and areas of study, helps organize the student's overall curriculum, addresses administrative and academic difficulties, and assists with administrative paperwork and petitions. During the sociology declaration sessions held each quarter, students eligible to declare are given an overview of the program and begin the steps to declare. Additionally, every student is paired with a faculty adviser for additional advising (e.g., course content, independent studies, graduate school).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the sociology major and upper-division course requirements, see:

reg.ucsc.edu/catalog/html/programs_courses/socyPS.html

The sociology web site and handbook can be found at:

sociology.ucsc.edu

Or contact the Sociology Department Undergraduate Advisor at (831) 459-4497 or e-mail socy@ucsc.edu.

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