SOCIOLOGY

KEY POINTS ABOUT THE MAJOR

- **Sociology majors focus on a comprehensive, global understanding of society and social issues.**
- **Areas of study include social institutions such as the family, politics, economics, education and religion, as well as issues including the creation of culture; how we become members of a society; and how societies address differences**
- **ODU graduates work in social service agencies, businesses, schools and churches; while others continue their study at graduate school.**

"Sociology prepares students to become informed and ethical change agents for building just and healthy communities."

- Dr. Julie Hart, Associate Professor of Sociology

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Sample Four-Year Plan

The sample course plan below is a sample plan for your major. It does not and should not replace meeting with your Academic Advisor to map the best course plan that suits your individual academic needs and placement upon initial registration. Classes listed may not necessarily be offered during a particular term.

First Year (Freshman)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
ENG 101 Thinking and Writing Across the Curriculum	3	ENG 102 Scholarly Adventures: Researched Writing	3
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology**	3	Arts and Ideas Requirement	3
Foreign Language I	3	Foreign Language II	3
Freshman Core Seminar (179)	3	Philosophy Requirement*	3

Second Year (Sophomore)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
SOC 215 Deviance & Institutional Problems	3	PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology	3
SWK 100 Social Problems and Social Policies	3	SOC 352 Research Methods	3
MTH 140 Introduction to Statistics	3	Theology Requirement*	3
Sophomore Core Seminar (279)	3	Arts and Ideas Requirement	3

Third Year (Junior)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Junior Core Seminar (379)	3	Elective***	3
Elective***	6	Sociology Elective	3
Natural Science Requirement	3	Arts and Ideas Requirement	3
SOC 255 Sociology of the Family	3	Philosophy or Theology Requirement*	3
		PSY 212 Social Psychology	3

Fourth Year (Senior)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
SOC 497 Internship and Seminar	3	SOC 479/498 Senior Seminar	3
SOC Elective	3	Elective***	9
Philosophy or Theology Requirement*	3	Senior Comprehensive Examination	
Elective***	6		

** At least one Philosophy and one Theology course must be at the 200 level or higher.*

*** Diversity requirement will be fulfilled with this course.*

**** Electives may be focused toward the completion of a minor. Most minors consist of 20 to 24 credits.*

For More Information

Full descriptions for all ODU courses are available on the ODU website. The core curriculum and four-year course blueprint are based on the 2012-2013 edition of the ODU Course Catalog.

For more information, contact your Admission Counselor or Academic Advisor at 614.251.4500 or at admissions@ohiodominican.edu.

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COURSES WITHIN THE MAJOR

- Intro to Sociology
- Deviance and Institutional Problems
- Nonviolent Social Change
- Global Ethnic Relations
- Research Methods
- Social Problems & Social Policies
- Social Psychology
- Internship

"ODU's Sociology courses follow more of an active learning approach, which I found beneficial as a student. This approach allows the student to lead group discussions in a way in which everyone can contribute, and is engaged in deep social thought, intriguing debates and rich conversation. I miss it!"

Ami Hill, '07

Program Overview

At ODU, Sociology majors focus on a comprehensive, macroscopic understanding of society and social issues. Areas of study include the social construction of reality, culture and socialization, stratification and social inequalities, and deviance and social controls, as these are embedded in the social institutions of family, politics, economics, education, health care and religion.

Why ODU?

Students in the Sociology major have unique opportunities to participate in an internship work experience that prepares them for their future job. They also have the opportunity to do an original research project, with the help of their professor, dealing with a social problem or issue that they are concerned about. All of these opportunities are carried out in a context emphasizing social justice and the common good.

ODU sociology majors also have the opportunity to minor in Nonprofit Management where they learn skills of fundraising, grant writing, marketing, recruiting, and management. This minor aids sociology majors seeking work in the nonprofit sector.

Internships & Research

In their senior year, students work part-time for one semester in an organization that they would like to consider for future employment. Past placements include: the YWCA Family Center, Community Immigration Services, Habitat for Humanity, Domestic Violence Shelter, Simple Living Cooperative, Catholic Relief Services and Ohio State Multicultural Center.

Career Possibilities

Some Sociology graduates work in social service agencies, businesses, schools, criminal justice and churches, while others continue their study in graduate school. Sociology graduates work with immigrants, women, homeless persons, domestic violence survivors, teens, persons in the criminal justice system, minorities and families.

On-Campus Opportunities

Students are encouraged to participate in Campus Ministry, multiple study abroad opportunities, the Social Justice Club, on-campus internships as well as research projects.

For More Information About the Sociology Program

Contact Dr. Nancy Beran, Professor of Sociology, at berann@ohiodominican.edu or Dr. Julie Hart, Associate Professor of Sociology, at hartj@ohiodominican.edu to learn more about the Sociology Program. If you would like information on any other academic programs at Ohio Dominican, please contact your Academic Advisor or your Admission Counselor at admissions@ohiodominican.edu.