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Sociology is the study of how society influences what we do and how we think. Sociologists study social behaviour and relationships in an attempt to understand and explain differences, for example, between men and women, the young and the old, rich and poor, people of different nationalities or ethnicities. Comparing and analysing the different ways that people live and work together is an important aspect of sociology.

You will discover that there are few topics that our courses do not explore. You can learn about social inequality, health, deviance, work, identity and demography. Studying Sociology helps you to understand yourself and your social world better.

Criminology is the study of the nature, extent, causes and consequences of crime and criminal behaviour in society. At Western, students studying Criminology are exposed to a sociological approach to crime and deviance.

The Department of Sociology is home to award-winning teachers and researchers who work and teach in a variety of areas within the discipline. Our department provides approximately 100 courses exploring many different areas of social life, including social inequality, health, aging and life course, population studies, immigration, the family, work, youth, deviance, education, identity and more.

**Education in Sociology can help you prepare for careers in:**
- Market research
- Education
- Community relations
- Media/Public relations
- Government
- Justice of the peace
- Advertising
- Victim Aid/Services
- Service officer
- Conflict resolution
- Legislative aid
- Policy analyst
- Lawyer
- Correctional system officer
- Police
- Probation/parole officer
- Business/human resources/administration
- Human Rights Officer
- Counsellor
- Social services
- Crisis Intervention Agent
- Social Work
- Data Analyst

**Skills Learned:**
- Sociology prompts students to ask questions, and provides the necessary research tools to answer these questions in a proactive approach to enacting change in everyday life
- Critical thinking skills
- Writing and communication skills
- Research skills
- Understand social relations
- Acquire knowledge of social trends
- Understand the workings of organizations
- Enhanced ability to challenge the “taken-for-granted,” and hence “think outside the box”
- Understand specific social institutions (depending on courses): the criminal justice system, workplaces, health care, education, families, the media, and so on

**What do I need to study Sociology at Western?**
All Western students are required to enroll in a range of courses during first-year (5.0 credits). If you wish to study Sociology, make sure you complete 1.0 from 1000-level Sociology courses.

**First-Year Courses**
- Introduction to Sociology
- Society and You
- Controversies in Sociology
- Life is not Always Fair

**Sample Upper-Year Courses**
- Development and Health Inequalities
- Women and Crime
- International Migration
- Social Inequality
- Sociology of Education
- Youth in Conflict with the Law
- Policing and Society
- Social Construction of Gender

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