

Department of Sociology



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Sociology at Western

Sociology is the study of social life, social change, and social inequality. Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organizations, and societies and how people interact within these contexts. Sociology looks at a wide range of issues from the intimate family to the hostile mob; from environmentalism to religious traditions; as well as race, Indigeneity, gender, sexuality, and social class.

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 TWO courses (1.0 credit) in Sociology at the 1000 level:

- 1025A/B - Society and You
- 1026F/G - Controversies in Sociology
- 1027A/B - Life is not Always Fair



Education in Sociology can help you prepare for careers in:

- Analytics;
- Communications;
- Community Health;
- Data Analyst;
- Education;
- Government;
- Human Resources;
- Immigration;
- Justice;
- Market Research;
- Non-Profit Sector;
- Public Policy Analysis;
- Health Policy Analysis;
- Public Relations;
- Research.

Areas of Study Sociology

- Honours Specialization
- Specialization
- Major
- Minor

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.

The **Department of Sociology** is home to award-winning teachers and researchers with expertise in a variety of areas within Sociology. Our department provides approximately 100 courses exploring many different areas of social life including:

Health and the Life Course:

- Development and Health Inequalities
- Sociology of Health and Illness
- Work and Health Across the Life Course
- Death, Fertility and Migration
- Health Inequalities: The Social Determinants of Health

Power and Justice:

- Sociology of Deviance
- Crime and Society
- Sociology of Law
- Women and Crime
- Protests and Contentious Action

Social Demography and Migration

- Race, Ethnicity, Nation
- Issues Facing Families in Modern Society
- Gender and Society
- Global Issues and Social Change
- LBGTQ2S+ Populations

Work and Economy

- Technology and Society
- Sociology of Education
- The Organization & Experience of Work
- Advertising and Society
- Problems of Mass Higher Education

