

LaGrange College Course Catalog - Sociology

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B.A. in Sociology with a Concentration in Health and Medicine - B.A. in Sociology with a Concentration in Health and Medicine

Type:Major

Health and Medicine Concentration (Sociology Majors)

Medical sociology is the study of the societal dimensions of health and medicine.

It is a well-recognized field that offers great preparation for graduate school in the health-related professions. The Sociology Department has a good sequence of courses in the department for students with a pre-med or pre-health career path. Students often plan to go to medical school, attend a graduate program in health services administration, or seek a program in social work. Students may seek jobs in human resources as well as recruiting in a health software companies.

The **Health and Medicine** concentration introduces students to the relationship between society and health. In this concentration, students will study the impact of social, cultural, political, and economic factors on health and vice-versa. Courses in this area examine issues such as health behavior, physical and mental illnesses, doctor-

patient interaction, medicalization, health care reform, health care delivery and health policy. This concentration is for students interested in jobs related to medical, mental health, or social service fields, patient advocacy, mental health facilities or nursing homes, administrative positions, and program planning.

Health and Medicine Concentration (requirements)

The Sociology program offers a Health and Medicine concentration for Sociology majors. These options are designed to offer training to those interested in pursuing a career in serving the aging. Both the concentration and the minor provide a strong basis in critical issues of the field, and practical hands-on experience through the internship. Graduates with a minor or concentration in gerontology will have the foundation for pursuing a variety of careers.

Student Learning Objectives

Graduates with a concentration in Health and Medicine should demonstrate:

- Competency in the basic components and knowledge involving the services involving medical care, research and health issues for a global population and the population in the U.S.
- An understanding of the contemporary issues in healthcare facing the population and the social issues involved
- An awareness of global healthcare issues facing a world population

Assessment of Learning Objectives:

Sociology majors graduating with a concentration in gerontology are required to successfully complete the capstone senior seminar, research and defend a senior paper as well as pass a major field exit examination. Through these requirements, students must demonstrate their mastery of the major's objectives.

For a Sociology major with a Health and Medicine concentration, a total of 36 semester hours is required:

15 hours of *Health and Medicine* courses

- SOCI 2000 Social Issues and Policy
- SOCI 2350 Death and Dying
- SOCI 3700 Medical Sociology
- SOCI 3975 Program Evaluation
- SOCI 3430 (Phil 3430) Bioethics

15 hours of required Sociology major courses

- SOCI 1000 Introduction to Sociology
- SOCI 3900 Methods I: Introduction to Methodology
- SOCI 3950 Methods II: Understanding Data Analysis
- SOCI 4000 or 4475 Theory I or Theory II

- SOCI 4950 Presenting Social Analysis (Senior Seminar)

6 hours in Sociology electives

These courses must be satisfied with a grade of "C" or higher

B.A. in Sociology - B.A. in Sociology

Type:Major

Sociology majors are required to complete the following courses, totaling 33 (five (5) required and six (6) electives) semester hours. All courses for the major must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher. Under no circumstances will a "D" grade count toward the major.

The only exception is as follows:

One grade of "C-" will be allowed to count toward the major so long as it does not occur with any of the following five required courses:

SOCI 1000 Introduction to Sociology

SOCI 3900 Methods I: Introduction to Methodology

SOCI 3950 Methods II: Understanding Data Analysis

SOCI 4000 or 4475 Theory I or Theory II

SOCI 4950 Presenting Social Analysis (Senior Seminar)

Sociology Courses

Foundation Sociology Courses (15 hours)

SOCI 1000 Introduction to Sociology (3)

SOCI 3900 Methods I: Introduction to Methodology (3)

SOCI 3950 Methods II: Understanding Data Analysis (3)

SOCI 4000 or 4475 Theory I or Theory II (3)

SOCI 4950 Presenting Social Analysis (Senior Seminar) (3)

Major Electives (18 hours)

Students may complete the major by electing six other courses from the following list:

SOCI 2000 Social Issues and Policies in Global Perspective (3)

SOCI 2200 Social Work: Introducing Theory and Practice (3)

SOCI 2250 Introduction to Gerontology (3)

SOCI 2300 Sociology of Sports (3)

SOCI 2350 Death and Dying (3)

SOCI 2500 Kinship and Families (3)

SOCI2700 Introduction to Poverty Studies (3)

SOCI 3000	Social Change & Social Movements (3)
SOCI 3307	Criminology (3)
SOCI 3340	Sociology of Religion (3)
SOCI 3360	Globalization in the 21 st Century (3)
SOCI 3400	Deviance and Criminology (3)
SOCI 3430	Bioethics (3)
SOCI 3450	Social policy and Aging (3)
SOCI 3500	Race, Ethnicity and Gender in Society (3)
SOCI 3550	Drugs and Society (3)
SOCI 3600	Sociology of Education (3)
SOCI 3700	Medical Sociology (3)
SOCI 3800	Special Topics in Sociology (3)
SOCI 3850	Corrections and Society (3)
SOCI 3975	Methods of Program Evaluation (3)
SOCI 4200	Social Inequality & Stratification (3)
SOCI 4475	Theory II (3)
PSYC 1101	Introduction to Psychology (3)
PSYC 3302	Human Growth and Development (3)
PSYC 3321	Social Psychology (3)
HIST 3000	Public History (3)
HIST 3416	Twentieth Century America (3)

One (1) Interim courses taught by Sociology faculty may be counted as electives if approved by Discipline Coordinator.

Minor in Sociology - Minor in Sociology

Type:Minor

Sociology minors are required to complete the following courses, totaling **15** semester hours

- SOCI 1000 Introduction to Sociology (3)
- SOCI 4000, 4475, or 3900 Option of Theory or Methodology (3)
- SOCI Electives Must be SOCI courses (9)

These courses must be satisfied with a grade of "C" or higher. Under no circumstances will a "D" grade count toward the minor.

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