

COURSES:

SOCIOLOGY MAJOR:

11 courses, including:

- SOC 1004 Introduction to Sociology
- SOC 2224 Research Methods for the Social Sciences
- SOC 3104 Social Theory
- SOC 4444 Senior Seminar/Capstone
- 2 courses on social institutions
- 2 courses on social dynamics
- 3 electives

SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR:

11 courses, including:

- SOC 1004 Introduction to Sociology
- SOC 2224 Research Methods for the Social Sciences
- SOC 3104 Social Theory
- ANTH 4444 Senior Seminar/Capstone
- or
- SOC 4444 Senior Seminar/Capstone
- 1 course on history or anthropology of a particular area
- 1 course on social institutions
- 3 electives

SOCIOLOGY MINOR:

6 courses, including:

- SOC 1004 Introduction to Sociology

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ABOUT THE MAJOR:

If you find people, social life and the wider world fascinating, sociology may be the major for you. Sociology is the study of social life, social change and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organizations and societies, and how people interact within these contexts.

Since all human behavior is social, the subject matter of sociology includes topics such as intimate family; organized social movement for change; deviant behavior; divisions of race, gender and social class; health and medicine; and mass media. In fact, few fields have such broad scope and relevance for research, theory and application of knowledge. At Transylvania we encourage students both to theorize about society and to apply their knowledge through internships, service learning and participation in public affairs.

A major in sociology gives students a solid foundation for occupations that involve understanding and working with people of diverse backgrounds. In the past decade, the number of sociologists in business alone has doubled. The sociology major provides excellent preparation for graduate and professional schools in such areas as law, medicine and human services. Sociology students at Transylvania benefit from the college's location in Lexington, a city of 300,000 that is home to a wide variety of businesses, government agencies, healthcare centers, educational institutions and non-profit agencies that offer numerous internships.

COURSES OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

Sociology of Gender
Human Service Organizations
Social Change and Social Movements
Sociology of Mass Media

WHERE OUR GRADUATES HAVE STUDIED:

University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Georgia
University of Kentucky
Miami University at Oxford
University of Louisville
Vanderbilt University

WHERE OUR GRADUATES HAVE WORKED:

Federal Bureau of Prisons
State government
Public school system
Rehabilitation services
Law firms
Health care
Counseling
Law enforcement
Colleges and universities



“Because of the diverse perspectives they’re exposed to in our liberal arts curriculum, our graduates develop a great appreciation for the diversity of perspectives that people in our city, country and world bring together in so many interesting ways.”

Brian Rich, professor of sociology