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Students may choose to major in either Sociology or Anthropology under the new program structure effective for Fall 2009.

Sociology

Sociology is the study of human societies. We ask basic questions like "why do humans do what we do" and "how does society work." Along the way we pick up essential human questions like: What does it mean when we say that we live in a socially constructed reality? What is the place of the individual in society? Do we have "free will," or are our personal actions determined by social forces? Is social life really what Thomas Hobbes called the "war of all against all"? Why do we have social order?

If you have ever thought about questions like these, you might want to consider a degree in sociology. Humans are social beings and we interact in a social environment. Sociology is the scientific discipline that studies human behavior and social interactions of individuals, groups, organizations and whole societies. Sociology is a science, and was identified in the 1830s as one of the five "mother sciences" along with astronomy, chemistry, physics, and biology, and as such overlaps with other social sciences (political science, economics, psychology, and anthropology) though we maintain our unique perspectives. Sociology focuses primarily on contemporary societies, though we incorporate a historical and developmental perspective.

The sociology program at Marshall University offers students the opportunity to study the intricacies of social life: how to negotiate the collaboratively constructed institutions through which our social world works, how social stratification affects opportunities for individuals and groups, how to critically analyze the problems inherent in the way we construct society, how to empirically determine the facts we construct into truths. The social and analytical skills developed through the program are essential for any job dealing with people and organizations – especially those dealing in multiethnic and global environments and that require breadth and adaptability.

You do not often see jobs with "sociologist" in the title, but a BA with a major in sociology is recognized as an excellent preparation for a wide variety of occupations, especially for careers in social policy, education, union organizing or other social movements, health care, criminology, aging network, industrial or public relations, marketing, human resource management, organizational research, or community and social services. Of course, Marshall University's sociology program also offers an excellent preparation for professional degrees and /or advanced degrees in sociology. A 2009 study by CareerCast.com ranked sociology as the eighth most appealing job in its analysis of 200 occupations based on job characteristics such as perceived work environment, income, employment outlook, physical demands, security and stress.

The sociology program at Marshall University seeks to ensure that each student develops a solid foundation in the principles, theories and techniques of analysis in the discipline. While allowing for a great deal of flexibility to accommodate students' diverse interests, the curriculum ensures that students are introduced to social theory, stratification and institutions and courses in the basic methods of the discipline.

Major in Sociology

To graduate with a major in sociology, a student must take 39 credits of required core classes and electives as

described below.

The required core of the sociology major consists of 21 credits (7 classes):

SOC 200 Introductory Sociology
SOC 344 Social Research I
SOC 345 Social Statistics I
SOC 360 Sociological Perspectives
SOC 375 Social Stratification
SOC 391 Junior Seminar
SOC 475 Senior Seminar (Capstone)

An additional 18 credits of electives must be chosen from classes with the SOC prefix (or classes with the prefix ANT as described below). These electives must include a minimum of 6 credits from courses on social diversity and 3 credits from courses on social institutions.

Courses on social diversity include:

SOC 401 Population and Human Ecology
SOC 423 Social Class, Power and Conflict
SOC 425 Race and Ethnicity
SOC 440 Introduction to the Sociology of Aging
SOC 455 Sociology of Sex and Gender
Or any anthropology course (courses with the prefix ANT)

Courses on social institutions include:

SOC 342 American Society
SOC 408 The Family
SOC 433 Industrial Sociology
SOC 450 Sociology of Religion

Marshall Plan Computer Competency Requirement

By successfully completing SOC 344, sociology majors fulfill the Computer Competency requirement.

Marshall Plan Capstone Requirement

By successfully completing SOC 475, sociology majors fulfill the Capstone requirement.

Minor in Sociology

A minor in sociology requires at least 15 credits. As listed below, 9 of these credits constitute the core of the minor. The remainder of the required credits can be taken from any class with the prefix SOC. A maximum of 6 credits below 300-level can be counted towards the minor.

The required core of the sociology minor consists of 9 credits (3 classes):

SOC 200 Introductory to Sociology
SOC 344 Social Research I
SOC 360 Sociological Perspectives

Students majoring or minoring in sociology are strongly encouraged to discuss with an advisor (in the department and/or in the office of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts) ways in which the requirements in the major/minor simultaneously cover parts of the general education requirements in the College of Liberal Arts and/or the Marshall Plan.

Anthropology

Anthropology is the systematic study of humans, their practices, and the myriad ways they experience these practices. Anthropologists study humanity in its diverse cultural, social, physical and linguistic forms. As an

academic discipline, anthropology bridges the humanities and social sciences in addressing fundamental questions having to do not only with how the human world works and how people negotiate their social and cultural realities but also with what it *means* to be human. Anthropology draws from prehistorical, historical, and contemporary cases and is distinct in addressing all levels of sociopolitical organization and subsistence strategies ranging from foraging bands and horticultural tribes to modern industrialized states and the globalized realities of the world today. Anthropology is, by its nature, interdisciplinary and international in both theory and practice.

Our program offers students from diverse backgrounds the opportunity to thoroughly and creatively explore the world and peoples around them. Anthropology classes stress the exchange of ideas and build strength in critical thinking, communication, and intellectual exploration. An anthropological perspective will become increasingly important in the 21st century. There is today a growing demand for sensitivity to the values, beliefs, and cultural structures of other groups that might be different from one's own. In all parts of society, people progressively need the ability to live, work, and appreciate diversity while simultaneously becoming more aware of the relations that connect various groups and the commonalities they share.

As reported by the American Anthropological Association and the Society for American Archaeology, demand for graduates with degrees in anthropology is high. Anthropology graduates work in many fields in which research on humans and their behavior is needed, including private corporations, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies. Anthropology majors commonly find employment in state and federal governments, non-governmental and other international aid organizations, education, business, human resources, social work, historical resource management/field-technicians in archaeology, and, increasingly, health care. Many anthropology majors continue to graduate school in such fields as: anthropology, history, law, geography or medicine.

The anthropology program at Marshall University seeks to ensure that each student develops a solid foundation in the basic principles, theories and techniques of analysis within the discipline. The curriculum ensures that students are introduced to all four disciplinary subfields: social-cultural anthropology, physical-biological anthropology, archaeology, and linguistics. Since students majoring in anthropology vary in their interests and career goals, the curriculum allows for flexibility in developing individual courses of study, including opportunities for involvement in faculty research through course offerings and independent study.

Major in Anthropology

To graduate with a major in anthropology, a student must take 39 credits of required core classes and electives as described below.

The required core of the anthropology major consists of 24 credits (8 classes):

ANT 201 Cultural Anthropology
ANT 322 Archaeology
ANT 331 Physical Anthropology
ANT 478 Introduction to Sociolinguistics (cross-listed with ENG 478)
ANT 361 Ethnographic Methods
ANT 391 Junior Seminar
ANT 491 Theory in Ethnology
ANT 492 Anthropological Analysis (Capstone)

An additional minimum of 15 credits of electives must be chosen from classes with the ANT prefix; these electives must include a minimum of 3 credits archaeology and 3 credits socio-cultural anthropology. All classes numbered ANT 320-329 and ANT 420-429 count as archaeology. All classes numbered ANT 350-369, ANT 410-19 and ANT 450-469 count as socio-cultural anthropology. Classes with an area study focus (ANT 440-449) count as socio-cultural anthropology, except ANT 440 African Cultures, ANT 441 Oceana, and ANT 442 Native Americans, which each counts as 1½ credit archaeology and 1½ credit socio-cultural anthropology.

A student with a particular anthropological interest that can be best served by courses without the ANT prefix may suggest a coherent selection of up to 9 credits from such classes to be counted towards the major as electives. A plan for such a selection must be presented to and approved by the student's advisor and the department chair in the student's junior year or, for those students entering the program at the junior level, at a time stipulated by the chair.

Minor in Anthropology

A minor in anthropology requires 15 credits. As listed below, 9 of these credits constitute the core of the minor.

The remainder of the required credits can be taken from any class with the ANT prefix. A maximum of 6 credits below the 300 level can be counted towards the minor.

The required core of the anthropology minor consists of 9 credits (3 classes):

ANT 201 Cultural Anthropology

ANT 322 Archaeology

ANT 361 Ethnographic Methods or ANT 491 Theory in Ethnology

Marshall Plan Computer Competency Requirement

By successfully completing ANT 492, anthropology majors fulfill the Computer Competency requirement.

Marshall Plan Capstone Requirement

By successfully completing ANT 492, anthropology majors fulfill the Capstone requirement.

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ANTHROPOLOGY (ANT)

201 **Cultural Anthropology. 3 hrs.**
Introduction to the scientific study of culture with emphasis on the cultures of small-scale societies.

280-283 **Special Topics. 1-4; 1-4; 1-4; 1-4 hrs.**

322 **Archaeology. 3 hrs.**
Introduction to the methods and theory of archaeology.

323 **Archaeological Field Training. 3-6 hrs.**
Supervised instruction in on-site archaeological data collection, survey and excavation techniques.(PR: ANT 322 or departmental permission)

324 **Archaeological Analysis. 3 hrs.**
Supervised instruction in processing and analyzing archaeological materials recovered by fieldwork.(PR: ANT 322 or departmental permission)

325 **World Prehistory. 3 hrs.**
An introduction to the archaeology of pre-literate cultures, from the emergence of Homo sapiens to the present.

326 **Classical Archaeology. 3 hrs**.
Archaeology of ancient Greece and Rome, and their colonies and imperial domains.

331 **Physical Anthropology. 3 hrs.**
The study of human physical evolution, from the earliest hominins to the present day, based on the study of primatology, human genetics, and the paleontological record.

361 **Ethnographic Research. 3 hrs.**
A project-based introduction to ethnographic research design and practice.

362 **Health, Culture and Society. 3 hrs.**
A case-study based consideration of the cultural representations and social processes of health, illness, and forms of medical care. (Same as SOC 362.) (PR: ANT 201 or SOC 200)

363 **U.S. Culture and the Family. 3 hrs.**
An historically and ethnographically informed consideration of the changing meaning and place of family and work in everyday American life, media, and politics.

364 **Expressive Culture. 3 hrs.**
Exploration of expressive cultural forms in the construction of personal and communal identities and their meaningful attachment to particular geographic places.

391 **Junior Seminar. 3 hrs.**
Discuss in seminar form career development and other aspects of professional preparation (applications, resumes, CVs, codes of conduct). (Same as SOC 391.) (PR: anthropology or sociology major, junior standing, or departmental permission)

411 **Deconstructing Appalachia. 3 hrs.**
Exploration of the historical and cultural significance of Appalachia in the American experience and imagination. (PR: Six hours of anthropology or departmental permission)

412 **Appalachian Field Experience I. 3 hrs.**
Supervised field work in an Appalachian community studying the social and cultural characteristics of the area. (PR: ANT 411 or departmental permission)

413 **Appalachian Field Experience II. 3 hrs**
Supervised field work in an Appalachian community studying the social and cultural characteristics of the area. (PR: ANT 411 or departmental permission)

428 **Archeological Theory and Analysis. 3 hrs.**

An introduction to archaeological theory and its application to the material record of cultures, past and present (PR: Six credit hours of anthropology or departmental permission)

440 **African Cultures. 3 hrs.**
Comparative analysis of the ethnic groups of Africa, using archaeological and ethnographic data. (PR: Six hours of anthropology or departmental permission)

441 **Oceania. 3 hrs.**
Comparative analysis of the indigenous peoples and cultures of Melanesia and Polynesia, using archaeological and ethnographic data. (PR: Six hours of anthropology or departmental permission)

442 **The Native Americans. 3 hrs.**
Comparative analysis of the indigenous inhabitants of North America, using archaeological and ethnographic data. (PR: Six hours of anthropology or departmental permission)

445 **American Ethnicities. 3 hrs.**
Comparative overview of historical and contemporary patterns of immigration, settlement, and inter-ethnic relations in the United States. (PR: Six hours of anthropology or departmental permission)

465 **Anthropology of Global Problems. 3 hrs.**
Anthropological study of contemporary environmental and social problems with global impact emphasizing the emergence of a culture of capitalism. (PR: Six hours of anthropology and sociology or departmental permission)

467 **Culture in Ethnographies. 3 hrs.**
In depth exploration and comparison of diverse cultural groups through reading and discussing ethnographic texts. (PR: Six hours of anthropology or departmental permission)

475 **Introduction to Linguistics. 3 hrs.**
The structural and descriptive approach to study of the English language. (Same as ENG 475.) (PR: ENG 102 or 201H or 302)

478 **Introduction to Sociolinguistics. 3 hrs.**
Sociolinguistics is the study of the effects of language in society, relevant to discourse practices, language attitudes, variations, shifts, and changes. (Same as English 478). (PR: ENG 102, 302, or 201H)

480-483 **Special Topics. 1-4; 1-4; 1-4; 1-4 hrs**.
Study of topics of interest not covered in regularly scheduled courses. (PR: Six hours of anthropology or departmental permission)

485-488 **Independent Study. 1-4; 1-4; 1-4; 1-4 hrs.**
Individual study of topics not offered in regularly scheduled courses. Advance permission required.

491 **Theory in Ethnology. 3 hrs.**
Introduction to major theoretical traditions of cultural anthropology with emphasis on the connection between fieldwork and development of theory. (PR: Six hours of anthropology or departmental permission)

492 **Anthropological Analysis (Capstone). 3 hrs.**
Application of anthropological theory and practice to individually designed projects. This course fulfills the capstone requirement for undergraduate majors. (PR: Anthropology major in senior standing or departmental permission)

495H-496H **Readings for Honors in Anthropology. 2-4; 2-4 hrs.**
Open only to Anthropology majors of outstanding ability. (See Honors Courses.)

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SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

108 **Marriage Relations. 3 hrs.**
A functional course in the personal, social, and cultural factors involved in courtship and marriage.

200 **Introductory Sociology. 3 hrs.**
Introduction to the study of human society.

200H **Introductory Sociology, Honors. 3 hrs.**
Introduction to sociology for the superior student. (PR: ACT scores of 26+ or a GPA of 3.2)

280-283 **Special Topics. 1-4; 1-4; 1-4; 1-4 hrs.**
Selected topics not covered in regular course offerings. (PR: SOC 200)

297-298 **Instructional Television Course. 1-4 hrs.**
A course based upon an Instructional Television Series broadcast by public television. The student is responsible for viewing the series on the air and satisfying all course requirements announced by the department.

300 **Social Organization. 3 hrs.**
Analysis of sociological conceptual systems and theories. (PR: SOC 200)

310 **Individual and Society. 3 hrs.**
Study of sociological perspectives on social interaction and the relationship between the individual and society. (PR: SOC 200)

311 **Deviance and Social Control. 3 hrs.**
Study of the basic concepts and theories regarding deviant behavior and the mechanisms of social control. (PR: SOC 200)

313 **Contemporary Social Issues and Problems. 3 hrs.**
Analysis of current social issues and problems from a variety of sociological perspectives. Issues and problems will vary from semester to semester. (PR: SOC 200)

330 **Sociology of Community Health. 3 hrs.**
An investigation of those social institutions and environmental, social, and personal factors in the community to maintain health and provide support in illness as related to social theory. (PR: SOC 200)

342 **American Society. 3 hrs.**
Sociological analysis of the basic social and cultural features of contemporary American society. (PR: SOC 200)

344 **Social Research I. 3 hrs.**
Introduction to systematic social research methodology. (PR: SOC 200)

345 **Social Statistics I. 3 hrs.**
Introduction to statistical analysis of social data.

360 **Sociological Perspectives. 3 hrs.**
Introduction to the dominant theoretical perspectives in sociology examining the assumptions about human nature, society and sociology that constitute each theoretical tradition. (PR: SOC 200)

362 **Health, Culture & Society. 3 hrs.**
A case-study based consideration of the cultural representations and social processes of health, illness, and forms of medical care. (Same as ANT 362.)(PR: ANT 201 or SOC 200)

375 **Social Stratification. 3 hrs.**
Introduction to the analysis of structured social inequality with emphasis on the dimensions of social class, race and gender (PR: SOC 200)

391 **Junior Seminar. 3 hrs.**
Discuss in seminar form career development and other aspects of professional preparation (applications, resumes, CVs, codes of conduct). (Same as ANT 391.) (PR: ANT or SOC Major)

401 **Population and Human Ecology. 3 hrs.**
The course focuses on population and its relation to characteristics of environment. Specifically, it is designed to discuss the interaction of population processes and resources. (PR: SOC 200)

403 **Social Research II. 3 hrs.**
Intermediate social research methodology with emphasis on research design. (PR: SOC 344 and 345, or departmental permission)

408 **The Family. 3 hrs.**
Theoretical analysis of the family as a primary social institution. (PR: SOC 200)

413 **Social Movements and Social Change. 3 hrs.**
Analysis of large-scale social change, including intentional social movements and revolutions. (PR: SOC 200)

420 **Criminology. 3 hrs.**
An overview of sociological criminology, including an examination of explanations of criminal behavior, types of criminal activity, and an analysis of the criminal justice system. (PR: SOC 200 or permission)

421 **Sociological Theory. 3 hrs.**
Examination of the emergence and development of theoretical orientations in Sociology (PR: SOC 200)

423 **Social Class, Power and Conflict. 3 hrs.**
Theoretical analysis of economic and political inequality and the role of social conflict in the process of large-scale social organization. (PR: SOC 200)

425 **Race and Ethnicity. 3 hrs.**
Diverse theoretical approaches to the meaning of race and ethnicity and the character of racial/ethnic relations, with substantive focus primarily on the U.S. (PR: SOC 200)

432 **Sociology of Appalachia. 3 hrs.**
Study of the economics, politics, and social relations of Appalachia, including contemporary debates over development in the region. (PR: SOC 200)

433 **Sociology of Work. 3 hrs.**
Study of the organization and structure of the work place as a social system; the meaning and organization of work; managerial functions; management-labor relations; and human relations in industry. (PR: SOC 200)

435 **Juvenile Delinquency. 3 hrs.**
A sociological analysis of juvenile crime, including a review of the origins of juvenile delinquency, an evaluation of causal theories, and an overview of the juvenile justice system. (PR: SOC 200 or permission)

440 **Introduction to the Sociology of Aging. 3 hrs.**
An introduction to the social processes and consequences of growing older for both the individual and society. (PR: SOC 200)

442 **Urban Sociology. 3 hrs.**
The sociology of urban and metropolitan communities. (PR: SOC 200)

443 **Evaluation Research. 3 hrs.**
Analysis and application of theories and methods for assessing the outcomes of applied organizational services and programs to affect change in people and/or social conditions. (PR: SOC 200)

445 **Social Statistics II. 3 hrs.**
Intermediate level statistical analysis, including analysis of variance and covariance. 2 lec-2 lab. (PR: SOC 345 or departmental permission)

450 **Sociology of Religion. 3 hrs.**
Sociological analysis of religion as a social institution. (PR: SOC 200. Same as Religious Studies 450)

452 **Sociology of Death and Dying. 3 hrs.**
Study of death and dying as a societal and cultural phenomenon. Explores how institutions within our society deal with death. (PR: SOC 200)

455 **Sociology of Sex and Gender. 3 hrs.**
Analysis of social differentiation and inequality by gender, with a focus on the contemporary U.S. (PR: SOC 200)

460 **Holocaust and Genocide. 3 hrs.**
An examination of the Holocaust and other genocides from an interdisciplinary social science perspective. (PR: SOC 200)

464 **Complex Organizations. 3 hrs.**
Analysis of complex organizations with special attention given to bureaucratic organization. (PR: SOC 200)

470-471 **Field Experience in Applied Sociology. 3; 3 hrs.**
Supervised field work in public or private agencies affording students an opportunity to apply sociological knowledge and skills in

addressing practical problems. (PR: SOC 200)

475 **Senior Seminar. 3 hrs.**
A capstone course drawing together the major areas of sociology to form an integrated picture of the field. Capstone experience. (PR: Graduating senior in sociology)

480-483 **Special Topics. 1-4; 1-4; 1-4; 1-4 hrs.**
Study of topics of interest not covered in regularly scheduled courses. (PR: Permission)

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