

Sociology

Be a Sociology major at Sage and discover...

Where you'll go...

If you're interested in people, how society works and how individuals interact with one another and institutions like schools, work and other organizations, then a career in sociology may be for you. Sociology prepares you for a variety of careers and makes you uniquely qualified to work in education, victim advocacy, law, criminal justice, social work, research, and a host of other possibilities.

Designed to teach commonalities and inequalities of society and group organization, you'll learn how groups function, change and ultimately influence human behavior. Study often leads to fields of childcare, education, law criminal justice, urban planning, social work, forensic mental health, and research and policy development.

What you'll do...

See yourself...

- Becoming a social worker with a specialty in a field of particular interest to you.
- Pursuing an M.S. in Applied Sociology, Guidance & Counseling, or in Forensic Mental Health.
- Performing research that can increase knowledge and understanding of social conditions and behavior.
- Serving in human resources departments in business, industry and government.
- Educating the public through the media.
- Working with lobbying groups, delinquent youth, aging, preschool children, the mentally ill.

What you'll earn...

Professionals in the sociology field can earn from \$30,000 to more than \$93,000 a year depending on work setting and nature of job.

At Sage you'll...

- Choose from several concentrations: General Sociology, Crime and Society, **Social & Health Advocacy, Sociology of Education, and Sociology of Globalization.**
- Intern with lobbying groups, probation, the elderly, preschool children, among others.
- Take advantage of Sage's related master's programs in Education, Community Psychology, Guidance & Counseling, and Forensic Mental Health.
- Learn social science research skills that will give you an advantage in your career pursuits and will better prepare you for graduate school.
- Have the opportunity to pursue a law degree through Sage's six-year joint B.A./B.S. and J.D. degree program with Albany Law School.

How you'll get there...

Here are the requirements you will meet to earn a bachelor's degree in Sociology.

Sociology Core Courses 21 cr. (All Concentrations)

Introduction to Sociology
Statistics with Computer Application
Sociological Theory
Senior Seminar I in Sociology
Senior Seminar II in Sociology
Internship in Sociology

Select one of the following research courses:

Research Methods
Research for the Professions

Choose one of five concentrations:

Concentration in General Sociology (12 cr.)

Select four sociology courses from the following list, at least one from each of the three groups below (A, B, C)

Group A The Group Context of Individual Behavior

Juvenile Delinquency
Conflict Management and Mediation
Victims and Their Experiences
Nature of Crime
Ethics and Social Responsibility

Group B Social Institutions

Sociology of the Family
Law and Legal Process
Women, Health and the Body
Religion and Society
Sociology of Education
Sociology of Mental Disorder
Sociology of Media
Women and Work

Group C Social Inequality and Change

Race and Ethnic Relations
Gender and Sexuality
Class, Power, Privilege
Women and the Law
Sociology of Aging
Innovation and Change
Environment and Society

Concentration in Social & Health Advocacy (15 cr.)

Select three of the following:

Women, Health and the Body
Sociology of Mental Disorder
Victims and Their Experiences
Conflict Management and Mediation

Select one of the following

- Intro to Public Policymaking
- Sociology of Family
- Religion and Society
- Ethics & Social Responsibility

Select one of the following

- Class, Power, and Privilege
- Race and Ethnic Relations
- Gender and Sexuality

Concentration in Crime and Society (15 cr.)

- Criminal Justice Functions and Processes
- Victims and Their Experiences
- Nature of Crime

Select two of the following

- Race and Ethnic Relations
- Gender and Sexuality
- Class, Power, and Privilege

Concentration in Sociology of Globalization (15 cr.)

- Women & Work
- Innovation & Change
- Environment & Society
- Class, Power, and Privilege

Select one of the following

- Race & Ethnic Relations
- Gender & Sexuality
- Ethics & Social Responsibility
- Topics: International Travel

Concentration in Sociology of Education (15 cr.)

- Education & Society

Select three of the following

- Sociology of Family
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Sociology of Media
- Victims and Their Experiences
- Conflict Management and Mediation

Select one of the following:

- Race and Ethnic Relations
- Gender and Sexuality
- Class, Power, Privilege
- Innovation and Change
- Ethics and Social Responsibility

Sociology Minor (18 cr.)

For both professional majors and majors in other liberal arts and sciences disciplines. Requirements: Introduction to Sociology; Select any four sociology courses from one or more of the groups (A, B, C) from General Sociology concentration. One sociology elective (liberal arts course)

About the Faculty

The diverse and talented members of the Sage faculty are highly credentialed academicians and dedicated teachers who are also authors, researchers, practitioners, and leaders in their fields. They encourage, challenge, and support Sage students and provide programs of study that connect the classroom to the world beyond campus.

Russell Sage College—Women of Influence

At Russell Sage College women are encouraged to take risks, discover their strengths, and apply what they've learned to improve the world around them. Women dominate every class discussion, run student government and the campus newspaper, and win all the academic prizes and scholarships. But, that doesn't mean Sage is a campus without men or without the potential for an active social life; it means that in the classroom, in the lab, on the playing field, and beyond, Russell Sage students are free to be their most intelligent, creative, determined, successful selves.

Be. Know. Do.

Russell Sage College was founded in Troy in 1916 by suffragist Margaret Olivia Slocum Sage, with the guidance of Eliza Kellas, head of the college preparatory Emma Willard School (also located in Troy). Together they founded Russell Sage College as a "school of practical arts," one of the very first institutions to offer women the means of economic and social independence through preparation for professional careers.

Sage remains one of the only women's schools in the country that require a women's studies curriculum. Through two courses -- Women in the World and Women Changing the World -- you'll come to understand how women throughout history have struggled, adapted, changed, and flourished. This historical backdrop will lay the groundwork for your self-discovery as a woman in today's world.

Sage's Early College program is one of only two in the country designed for early college entry by outstanding young women in high school.

Inspiring Women

Inspirational women of influence have studied at and visited Russell Sage College. As a Sage student, you will learn by their courageous examples. Eleanor Roosevelt was the first person to receive an honorary degree from Sage; Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton has visited campus; Anita Roddick, activist, author, and founder of *The Body Shop*, has delivered the Commencement keynote; biologist and theorist Dr. Lynn Margulis was a Geneva Sayre lecturer at Sage; and activist Angela Davis, author and poet Maya Angelou, former U.S. Surgeon General Antonia C. Novello and artist Faith Ringgold have all visited.

At Russell Sage, women of all ages and backgrounds can gain a strong vision of their own power and potential. At Russell Sage, everything is possible.

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