

The Faculty

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Specialties: Medical Sociology, Social Stratification, Social Psychology and Research Methods

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Assistant Professor

Texas Woman's University
Specialties: Medical Sociology, Medicalization, Women's Health, Race, Class and Gender

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology

The Sociology Program offer courses leading to a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. In fact, the program is structured to prepare students for graduate studies, and employment in a wide range of organizations, including social service agencies and the teaching field. Sociology is part of the core curriculum of the Liberal Arts.

Course offerings cover sociological theories, research methods, family, population and society, death and dying, social gerontology, race and ethnicity, social institutions, social issues, social action and social change. ASU also has a concentration in Medical Sociology for students planning to work in the health care institutions or social service agencies.

The University

Albany State University, a unit of the University System of Georgia, is located in Southwest Georgia about one hundred fifty miles south of Atlanta. With a current enrollment of over 4500 students, the institution draws students from many states with a majority of the student population coming from twenty-four counties in Southwest Georgia.

Program Mission Statement

The mission of Sociology Program is to prepare and equip students with the necessary tools to enable them secure admission into graduate school in sociology, public administration, law, criminal justice or social work and successfully compete and secure gainful employment. We are committed to being a dynamic, learning-centered department that promotes the greater understanding and analysis of social relations in groups, institutions and organizations, communities, and entire societies. Our contribution is made through cutting-edge research, excellent undergraduate teaching, exciting applied opportunities, vital service and community outreach, and preparation of students for a wide range of jobs. The mission of the Sociology program is thus consistent with that of the Department and the University.



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REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

The Sociology major must complete the General Education requirement and Area F (12 Semester Hours-SH) of the Sociology Core; this is usually completed by the end of the sophomore year. The next two years are devoted to fulfilling the major course requirements that include 15 SH of prescribed courses and 18 SH of electives. The degree requires 40 SH with a minimum grade of “C” in every major course. In order to earn the B.A. degree in Sociology, the student must:

Fulfill the University’s Core
Earn a GPA of at least 2.0
Complete the Sociology requirements that include:

- The Sociology Core
- The Required Sociology Courses
- The Elective Sociology Courses
- Complete a total of 125 Semester hours of University Requirements
- Complete 54 Semester hours of Sociology courses
- Complete the MFAT or the GRE (subject)
- Complete the department major exit examination

The Sociology Program offers Minors in:

- Sociology
- Anthropology
- Urban Studies
- Gerontology



Each of the minors requires eighteen hours (18 hrs). However, students must complete the necessary prerequisites in their respective area of minor as listed below:

A.) Prerequisites: **(All Sociology Minors)**

SOCI 2011—Principles of Sociology

SOCI 2601—Urban Social Problems

Anthropology Minor Prerequisites

(+ All SOCI Minors):

SOCI 2031—Introduction to Anthropology

Urban Studies Minor Prerequisites

(+ All SOCI Minors):

SOCI 3360—Urban Sociology

Gerontology Minor Prerequisites

(+ All SOCI Minors):

SOCI 3350—Social Gerontology

B.) The student must complete 12 additional hours in each of the minor areas. In the Social Gerontology minor the student will complete twelve hours in the following courses:

PSYC/SOCI/SOWK 3353 Counseling the Aged—3 hrs.

PSYC 4401 Psychology of Aging—3 hrs.

SOCI 4435 Death and Dying—3 hrs.

SOCI 3351 Social Legislation and the Aged—3 hrs.

SOCI 3352 Service Delivery and the Aged—3 hrs.

SOCI 3354 Aging and the Social Policy—3 hrs.

Careers with Sociology

A B.A. in Sociology is qualified, but not limited to work in the following types of agencies:

- Education
- Personnel or Human Resources
- Criminal Justice
- Urban planning
- Health care
- Community organizing and social welfare
- Research in government and private organizations

Faculty Specialties

Faculty have specialties in demography, infant/child mortality, family structure, adult prison mortality, public health, international migration, anthropology, social stratification and urban sociology.

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