

ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

Students who matriculated prior to the Fall of 2023 may choose to graduate with an Anthropology/Sociology (ANSO) degree. For those students interested in Anthropology (ANTH) please see the Anthropology major.

The Anthropology/Sociology major is not offered to students who matriculated Fall 2023 or thereafter.

Departmental Guidelines

The major in Anthropology and Sociology is designed to meet the educational needs of three kinds of students:

1. those whose interests focus on a liberal arts education and who wish to use the disciplines to understand cross-cultural patterns, social institutions, and socio-cultural change;
2. those who wish to use anthropology and sociology as a background for certain occupations such as law, social work, medical and health sciences, business, public service, and human service careers; and
3. those who expect to pursue graduate study in anthropology or sociology, leading to a teaching, administrative, or research career.

Mission Statement

The Department of Anthropology/Sociology is firmly committed to the principles of a liberal education. Our task is to provide students with the most rigorous and comprehensive approaches to knowledge and analysis appropriate within a fully merged undergraduate program in Sociology and Anthropology.

Our commitment to teaching also defines for us the importance of active scholarship through which we may practice our disciplines and encourage similar pursuits among our students. Since our graduates enter into a wide range of professional, administrative, policy-oriented and other occupations, our goal is to transmit, foster, and produce knowledge and practice that involve students in their own learning experience. In this respect we want to encourage students to take their education into their own hands, by helping them to engage personally in research, analysis, and writing about diverse human societies.

We have therefore sought to create a learning environment within which students may critically examine social life, its organization, and its meaning. We believe that the development of a perspective that examines the human condition in empirical, analytical, comparative, historical, and holistic terms makes a significant contribution to intellectual development. In pursuing such a goal, we assist students to develop, integrate, and utilize knowledge. To this end our mission is to produce knowledgeable learners and social agents who have a self-reflective sense of their potential contributions to the enhancement of the human condition.