SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

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The Department of Sociology and Anthropology offers a diverse curriculum exploring the institutions and processes that maintain and change human societies. Our program places special emphasis on the development of students' abililty to analyze contemporary social and cultural issues, and their problem-solving and research skills. Students choose a major in either Sociology or Anthropology, but all majors are introduced to the concepts, methods and theories appropriate to research in both disciplines.

SOCIOLOGY

The basic challenge in sociology is to understand ourselves and others more fully. The discipline asks us to probe beneath the surface and to question why people behave as they do, especially in group situations. The sociological perspective asks us to question what we often take for granted, why our society operates as it does, and how our social arrangements could be different.

Major in Sociology

Consists of twelve courses:

- SOCI 10000
- ANTH 11000
- One of the following courses: SOCI 20700, 20900, 21400, 21500, or 21700
- SOAN 24000
- One of the following courses: SOCI 34200 or ANTH 34100
- SOCI 35000
- SOCI 35100
- Two elective Sociology courses (see note below)
- One elective Sociology, Anthropology, or Sociology/Anthropology course (see note below)
- Junior Independent Study: (see note below)
- Senior Independent Study: SOCI 45100
- Senior Independent Study: SOCI 45200

Minor in Sociology

Consists of six courses:

- SOCI 10000
- One of the following courses: SOCI 20700, 20900, 21400, 21500, or 21700
- SOAN 24000
- One of the following courses: SOCI 35000 or 35100
- Two elective Sociology courses

Special Notes

- A second or third course from SOCI 20700, 20900, 21400, 21500, or 21700 or a second 300-level methods course (SOCI 34200 or ANTH 34100) may count as electives for the requirements for the major.
- The Junior Independent Study requirement is met by completing SOCI 35000 or 35100 prior to Senior Independent Study.
- Sociology majors who plan to attend graduate school are strongly encouraged to take SOCI 34200 (*Social Statistics*).
- Sociology majors who elect to participate in the 3-2 program in Social Work at Case Western Reserve University (see *Pre-Professional and Dual Degree Programs*) must complete all requirements in the major except Senior Independent Study. Students should see the department chairperson for more details about this arrangement.
- **Teaching Licensure:** The requirements for teacher licensure can be found in *Teacher Education at The College of Wooster: A Supplement to the Catalogue* (which can be found at the following website: www3.wooster.edu/education/ current/forms.html). Students should consult with the chairpersons of Sociology and Anthropology and of Education.
- Only grades of C- or better are accepted for the major or minor.

ANTHROPOLOGY

Anthropology explores the variety of human groups and cultures that have developed across the globe and throughout time. Anthropologists hope that by seeing ourselves in the mirror of alternative cultural and historical possibilities, we can come to a better understanding of our own assumptions, values and patterns of behavior.

Major in Anthropology

Consists of twelve courses:

- ANTH 11000
- SOCI 10000
- One of the following courses: ANTH 21000, 22000, or ARCH 10300
- ANTH 23100
- SOAN 24000
- One of the following courses: ANTH 34100 or SOCI 34200
- Two elective Anthropology courses (see note below)
- One elective Anthropology, Sociology, or Sociology/Anthropology course (see note below)
- Junior Independent Study Equivalent: ANTH 35200
- Senior Independent Study: ANTH 45100
- Senior Independent Study: ANTH 45200

Minor in Anthropology

Consists of six courses:

- ANTH 11000
- One of the following courses: ANTH 21000, 22000, or ARCH 10300
- SOAN 24000
- ANTH 23100
- Two elective Anthropology courses

Special Notes

- A second or third course from ANTH 21000, 22000, or ARCH 10300, or a second 300-level methods course (SOCI 34200 or ANTH 34100) may count as electives for the requirements for the major.

- Anthropology majors who plan to attend graduate school are strongly encouraged to take ANTH 34100 (*Ethnographic Methods*).
- Anthropology majors who elect to participate in the 3-2 program in Social Work at Case Western Reserve University (see *Pre-Professional and Dual Degree Programs*) must complete all requirements in the major except Senior Independent Study. Students should see the department chairperson for more details about this arrangement.
- Only grades of C- or better are accepted for the major or minor.

SOCIOLOGY COURSES

SOCI 10000. INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
An examination of sociological principles and methods of investigation, and their relationship to the major issues in society, such as social change, social class, urbanization, and intergroup relations. Attention will also focus upon the major social institutions and the relationship between the individual and society. Class sessions will utilize lectures, seminar discussions, data analysis, and audio-visuals. *Annually. Fall and Spring. [HSS]*

SOCI 11100. TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY
A seminar focused on a special topic in sociology. Topics are chosen by the instructor and announced in advance. *Annually. Fall. [HSS]*

SOAN 20100. EDUCATION IN SOCIOCULTURAL CONTEXT (Education)
An acquaintance with selected anthropological and sociological approaches to the study of education. It seeks to communicate a cross-cultural perspective on the educative process through case studies of education and socialization in diverse societies. Theories and research on the social effects of schooling will also be covered. Special attention will be given to the situation of minorities in the schooling process and to understanding educational policy debates in American society. *Alternate years. Not offered 2012-2013. [C, HSS]*

SOAN 20201. GLOBALIZING HEALTH
An examination of public health issues from a global perspective. The twenty-first century has presented numerous public health challenges, such as the AIDS crisis, the rise of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis, and trafficking in human organs and tissues. Such problems can only be addressed by a combination of local and global responses. This course applies contemporary globalization theories to such public health challenges, and critically examines the ways in which Western medical techniques and attitudes toward health are disseminated throughout the world, and the tensions generated in local cultures by this globalization of health. *Every third year. Spring 2013. [C, HSS]*

SOCI 20300. ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY (Environmental Studies)
An investigation of the dynamic relation between society and the environment. Sociology points us beyond mere technical and scientific problems to the social roots of contemporary ecological issues, as well as the justice issues these circumstances entail. We explore the many ways in which environmental issues are, in fact, social issues. The topics we cover include: causes of environmental degradation, environmental movements, environmental activism and organizations, corporate social responsibility, social construction of the environment, collective behavior, Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO), and locavorism. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. Spring 2013. [HSS]*

SOCI 20400. SELF AND SOCIETY
An examination of social psychological perspectives on the interrelationships among the individual, the small group, and the larger culture. Topics emphasized include socialization, the development of self, deviance, the individual and social change, and attitude formation. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or ANTH 11000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. Not offered 2012-13. [W, HSS]*

SOCI 20500. SOCIOLOGY OF LAW
In this course we will read some influential legal cases, but our task will not be the technical application of the law (such as in a law school course). The social science field of law and society is designed to show both the impacts of the broader social context on law-making and judicial decision-making and the impacts of the law and the courts on society. Students will also be introduced to some classic law and society research. The topics we cover include: courts and social science, courts and economic interests, courts and social expectations, law and citizenship, the death penalty, law and culture, the limits of justice, litigation crisis, and legal globalization. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. Not offered 2012-2013. [HSS]*

SOCI 20600. URBAN SOCIOLOGY (Urban Studies)
An analysis of contemporary urban problems with an emphasis on race, class and gender. The course examines the historical roots of urban areas; global urban development; and present spatial, economic and political trends in cities. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. Fall 2012. [HSS]*

SOCI 20700. SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER (Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies)
An examination of the role of gender in society, exploring how gender intersects with race, ethnicity, social class, sexuality, and nationality. The course examines biological, psychological, and social structural explanations of gender roles, with emphasis on the experiences of women and men within social institutions such as family, work, and education. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. Fall 2012. [HSS]*

SOCI 20900. INEQUALITY IN AMERICA (Africana Studies, Education)
An examination of the structure and process of inequality in the United States. Included will be an analysis and explanation of the extent of lifestyle as well as economic, occupational, and political inequality among groups, including gender and race as dimensions of inequality. Policies aimed at dealing with inequality will also be addressed. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. Not offered 2012-2013. [HSS]*

SOCI 21100-21105. ADVANCED TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY (some sections cross-listed with: Chinese Studies, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies)
A seminar focusing on a specialized area of sociology. Topics are chosen by the instructor and announced in advance. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000. Annually. Not offered in 2012-2013. [HSS]*

SOCI 21300. DEVIANCE AND CRIMINOLOGY
An analysis of deviant and criminal behavior. The focus is on definitions and measurement of deviant and criminal behavior. The major types of criminal behavior that occur in the United States are discussed, followed by a review of several sociological theories that explain criminal behavior. The course concludes with a general overview and assessment of major agencies that comprise the Criminal Justice System. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. Annually. Spring 2013. [W†, HSS]*

SOCI 21400. RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS IN AMERICAN SOCIETY (Africana Studies, Education)
An analysis of racial and ethnic groups in the United States. Emphasis is placed on investigating discrimination based on race, gender, and culture; how discrimination develops; and the solutions proposed for solving the problems associated with it. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. Annually. Fall. [C, HSS]*

SOCI 21500. AMERICAN MASCULINITIES
An introduction to the sociological study of masculinity in its various guises in the contemporary United States. The theoretical perspective of the course is based on three fundamental premises: there is no single *masculinity*, but rather multiple *masculinities*; individuals in society are best understood as *doing* gender rather than as *being* gender; and masculinities are not static identities, but are fluid, fragile, negotiated, and always subject to contestation. The course explores the complex world of American masculinities through a series of overlapping themes that students will reflect on and analyze as the class progresses through a variety of writing assignments. The course material is presented through readings and visual images. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. Not offered 2012-2013. [W, C, HSS]*

SOCI 21700. BLACKS IN CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN SOCIETY (Africana Studies)
A sociological study of the life experiences of African Americans, including a focus upon a critical analysis of race relations as it impacts intra- and intergroup dynamics. The primary focus of the course may vary (i.e., family, community, development, leadership). *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. Not offered 2012-2013. [C, HSS]*

SOCI 21900: GLOBALIZATION AND CONTEMPORARY CHINA (East Asian Studies)
An exploration of the social causes, including globalization, and consequences of the economic, cultural, and social changes that China is undergoing today. Following a roughly chronological order, we will focus mainly on events and trends of the past twenty years: from the social movements of 1989 and the economic expansion of the early 1990s to the consequent changes in a consumer-driven popular culture, as well as renewed quests for moral and religious meaning and emerging social activism (e.g., the environment, women's rights, etc.). *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. Spring 2013. [C, HSS]*

SOAN 24000. RESEARCH METHODS (Archaeology, Urban Studies)
A general introduction to research methods and the analysis of social science data. Students will learn about the process of doing research—from forming a research question, to collecting data, to analyzing the data. Basic

qualitative and quantitative data collection techniques taught will include surveys, interviewing, content analysis, and participation observation. The course will cover elementary statistical analysis and qualitative data coding. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or ANTH 11000 or permission of instructor. Annually. Fall and Spring. [HSS]*

SOCI 34200. SOCIAL STATISTICS (Urban Studies)
An examination of the statistical analysis of social science data. Students will be trained to use statistical techniques, including chi square, t-testing, and regression. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the logic behind the numbers. The course will enable students to think critically about statistics in social research and in the popular media. *Prerequisite: SOCI 24000 or permission of instructor. Annually. Fall. [Q, HSS]*

SOCI 35000. CLASSICAL SOCIAL THEORY (Archaeology)
An examination of classical social theories of the nature of society and of human behavior. Included are the works of Marx, Durkheim, Weber, and Simmel. Emphasis will be placed on understanding these theories and their relevance in contemporary society. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor. Annually. Fall. [HSS]*

SOCI 35100. CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL THEORY
An examination of the wide range of contemporary social theories that developed out of the classical tradition. Among the theories examined in this course are: functionalism, conflict theory, feminist theory, critical race theory, queer theory, globalization theory, and various forms of late- or post-modern theory. Students will be expected to develop an understanding of the relevance of these theories for the critical analysis of contemporary social issues and structures. Over the course of the semester all students will use one or more of these contemporary social theories to develop a theoretical perspective on a research question or topic that the students will examine in their Senior Independent Study thesis. This course, or SOCI 35000, is a prerequisite for enrolling in SOCI 45100. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000, or permission of instructor. Annually. Spring.*

SOCI 40000. TUTORIAL
A tutorial course on a special topic(s) offered to an individual student under the supervision of a faculty member. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or permission of instructor; the approval of both the supervising faculty member and the chairperson is required prior to registration.*

SOCI 40700, 40800. INTERNSHIPS
In close consultation with a faculty member in the department, students may arrange for credit for a supervised work situation that relates to their major course of study. It is expected that in addition to the work experience itself, this course will include both regular discussion of a set of readings chosen by the faculty member and written assignments that allow the students to reflect critically on their work experiences. Internship credit will be approved by the chairperson of the department on a case-by-case basis. *S/NC course. Prerequisite: SOCI 10000, ANTH 11000, or permission of instructor.*

SOCI 45100. SENIOR INDEPENDENT STUDY – SEMESTER ONE
The first semester of the Senior Independent Study project, in which each student engages in creative and independent research guided by a faculty mentor and which culminates in a thesis and an oral examination in the second semester. The student will normally do the thesis during the Fall and Spring semesters of the senior year. The suggested fields include papers or projects in any of the standard subcategories of sociology, such as family, community, race, urban, mental health, or social work. The student is assigned to an appropriate adviser by the chairperson following submission of a proposal. *Prerequisite: SOCI 35000 or 35100.*

SOCI 45200. SENIOR INDEPENDENT STUDY – SEMESTER TWO
The second semester of the Senior Independent Study project, which culminates in the thesis and an oral examination. *Prerequisite: SOCI 45100.*

ANTHROPOLOGY COURSES

ANTH 11000. INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY (Archaeology)
An introduction to the five fields used by anthropologists to explore broadly the variety of human groups that have developed across the globe and throughout time. The five fields include biological, cultural, linguistic, applied anthropology, and archaeology. The course will prepare students to take a holistic perspective on contemporary human cultures. It will also foster an appreciation of cultural relativity in the sense of understanding other cultures in their own terms as coherent and meaningful designs for living. *Annually. Fall and Spring. [C, HSS]*

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An acquaintance with selected anthropological and sociological approaches to the study of education. It seeks to communicate a cross-cultural perspective on the educative process through case studies of education and socialization in diverse societies. Theories and research on the social effects of schooling will also be covered. Special attention will be given to the situation of minorities in the schooling process and to understanding educational policy debates in American society. *Alternate years. Not offered 2012-2013. [C, HSS]*

SOAN 20200. GLOBALIZING HEALTH
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ANTH 20500. POLITICAL ANTHROPOLOGY (Archaeology)
A comparative analysis of politics as the cultural process through which people make binding decisions for groups. The course examines this process in western and non-western cultures at all stages of complexity from bands to stages within an evolutionary model. *Prerequisite: ANTH 11000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. Not offered 2012-2013. [W†, C, HSS]*

ANTH 21000. PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY (Archaeology)
An introduction to the role of physical anthropology in defining humans as biological and cultural entities. This course examines a variety of topics, including the genetic basis for evolution, primate behavior, the process of primate and human development, and contemporary variation among human populations. *Prerequisite: ANTH 11000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. Fall 2012. [C, HSS, MNS]*

ANTH 21100-21105. ADVANCED TOPICS IN ANTHROPOLOGY
A seminar focusing on a specialized area of anthropology. Topics are chosen by the instructor and announced in advance. *Prerequisite: ANTH 11000. Annually. Fall and Spring. [HSS]*

ANTH 22000. LINGUISTIC ANTHROPOLOGY (Archaeology, Communication)
A critical analysis of language and all other forms of human communication within the context of culture and society, human thought, and behavior. Special attention is paid to the relationships between culture and language, the social uses of language, language as a model for interpreting culture, language and all forms of nonverbal communication within speech interactions. *Prerequisite: ANTH 11000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. Spring 2013. [C, HSS]*

ANTH 22500. GENDER IN WORLD CULTURES (Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies)
An examination of the ways in which the boundaries of gender construct, reflect, and influence cultural ideology and social interaction from a cross-cultural perspective. This course also examines the development of gender studies within the discipline of anthropology. *Prerequisite: ANTH 11000 or permission of instructor. Every three years. Spring 2013. [C, HSS]*

ANTH 23000. MAGIC, WITCHCRAFT, AND RELIGION
Focuses on anthropological approaches to the study of cultural beliefs in the sacred: analysis of what is "religious" in many cultures; covers a variety of anthropological topics related to these practices, including myth, ritual, totemism, magic, and shamanism. Examination of the role that the study of religion, magic, and witchcraft has played in the theoretical development of anthropology. *Prerequisite: ANTH 11000 or permission of instructor. Alternate years. Fall 2012. [C, R, HSS]*

ANTH 23100-23112. PEOPLES AND CULTURES (some sections cross-listed with: Archaeology, East Asian Studies, Latin American Studies)
An exploration of the richness and diversity of a particular world culture. Readings and lectures provide the historical background for each culture area and an examination of the contemporary cultures. Generally focused on religious beliefs, economics, politics, kinship relationships, gender roles, and medical practices. Consideration of this culture area in the world economic system. *Prerequisite: ANTH 11000 or permission of instructor. Annually. Fall and Spring. [C, HSS]*

SOAN 24000. RESEARCH METHODS (Archaeology, Urban Studies)
A general introduction to research methods and the analysis of social science data. Students will learn about the process of doing research—from forming a research question, to collecting data, to analyzing the data. Basic qualitative and quantitative data collection techniques taught will include surveys, interviewing, content analy-

sis, and participation observation. The course will cover elementary statistical analysis and qualitative data coding. *Prerequisite: SOCI 10000 or ANTH 11000 or permission of instructor. Annually. Fall and Spring. [HSS]*

ANTH 34100. ETHNOGRAPHIC METHODS
A course that is designed to build on the required Research Methods course (SOAN 240) and explore a variety of methods that are essential components to qualitative ethnographic research. The readings for this course include a selection of ethnographies as products of qualitative research methods. These ethnographies also illustrate the many ways in which the ethnography as final product can be constructed. Students learn how to design their own qualitative research projects; how to conduct the actual research; and, how to present a series of brief "ethnographic" descriptions based on the data they collect. Students will need to purchase a digital or tape recorder, as well as batteries and tape cassettes for this equipment. *Annually. Spring. [HSS]*

ANTH 35200. CONTEMPORARY ANTHROPOLOGICAL THEORY
An examination of key theoretical perspectives in anthropology from the mid-1900s to the present day. Among the perspectives examined in this course are: evolutionary theory, historical particularism, functionalism, culture and personality, cultural and ecological materialism, ethnoscience, symbolic anthropology, feminist anthropology, practice theory, and postmodernism. Students will be expected to develop an understanding of the relevance of these theories for the critical analysis of contemporary social and cultural issues. Over the course of the semester all students will use relevant concepts and theorists to develop a theoretical perspective on a research question or topic that they will examine in their Senior Independent Study thesis. This course is a prerequisite for enrolling in ANTH 45100. *Prerequisite: ANTH 11000 or permission of instructor. Annually. Spring.*

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The first semester of the Senior Independent Study project, in which each student engages in creative and independent research guided by a faculty mentor and which culminates in a thesis and an oral examination in the second semester. The student will normally do the thesis during the Fall and Spring semesters of the senior year. Suggested fields include papers or projects in any of the standard subcategories of anthropology, such as kinship, politics, economics, religion, education, media, gender, or ethnicity. The student is assigned to an appropriate adviser by the chairperson following submission of a proposal. *Prerequisite: ANTH 35200.*

ANTH 45200. SENIOR INDEPENDENT STUDY – SEMESTER TWO
The second semester of the Senior Independent Study project, which culminates in the thesis and an oral examination. *Prerequisite: ANTH 45100.*