Sociology majors learn the analytical skills needed to understand the challenges of a rapidly changing and increasingly diverse world. And they graduate with the tools to improve our societies at all levels – from the neighborhood to the world community. That’s because a degree in sociology provides students with a well-rounded liberal arts education that emphasizes critical thinking, decision-making skills, and the ability to make connections across disciplines.

Sociology and Anthropology have a distinct perspective on social inequality, patterns of behavior, forces for social change and resistance, and how social systems work. Sociologists seek to understand the ways that often unseen social forces shape our lives through the scientific study of social life, while Anthropology is the holistic study of human biology and culture across time and place.

What sociology and anthropology have in common is the way our disciplines reflect and interact with real world issues. At a fundamental level, sociology and anthropology invite us to break through our common sense ideas about the world, allowing us to better understand and potentially improve society.

Knowledge & Skills Gained as a Sociology Major:

Knowledge:

• Learn how to ask questions, develop explanations, and analyze data from a sociological and anthropological perspective
• Learn to use your “sociological imagination” as you come to understand the world and your place in it
• Coursework on topics such as: families, racial and ethnic identity, organizations, work, social inequality, sex and gender, sexuality, the welfare system, health and medicine, human rights, social movements and social justice.

Skills:

• How to interpret and analyze data
• Ability to design and conduct a research project
• Written communication and presentation skills
• Solving problems and identifying solutions
• Navigating issues of global diversity

Concentrations Available:

• Anthropology
• Families & Inequality
• Health & Society
• Inequality & Social Justice
• Work & Organizations

Sociology & Anthropology Major at a glance:

Number of majors: 160
Degrees offered: B.A. & B.S.
Concentrations: Yes (5)
Credit hours needed: 30
Minors offered: Sociology (18) Anthropology (15)
Career Opportunities

By nature, Liberal Arts majors make great employees in any field because of their ability to communicate effectively, think critically and solve complex problems. These timeless skills make them attractive to employers in all walks of society. Specifically though, Sociology & Anthropology majors often pursue careers as:

- Family and Social Services Program Support Specialist
- Business Management and Leadership
- Marketing Analysis and Research
- Survey Research Analyst
- Health and Human Services Advocate
- Health Care Administration
- Nonprofit Organizational Administration
- Law Enforcement

When the Sociology & Anthropology major is matched with complementary minors and thoughtful internships, new possibilities arise. A few examples are:

- Sociology + marketing = advertising
- Sociology + gerontology = Nursing Home Coordinator
- Sociology + criminal justice = Corrections Officer, Probation/Parole Officer
- Sociology + business = Industry jobs of all types
- Sociology + political science = Congressional Aide
- Sociology + English = Technical Writer

Student Opportunities

- UNO Sociology Club
- UNO Student Anthropology Society
- Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) – international sociological honor society.
- Research opportunities with faculty
- Attend the Nebraska Undergraduate Sociology Symposium (NUSS)
- Conference travel funding available
- Department reading group

Course Highlights:

- Sociology of Families
- Medical Sociology
- Sociology of the Body
- Sociology of Sexualities
- Work & Family
- Essentials of Archaeology

For more information:

For program information, contacts and course requirements: www.unomaha.edu/socanth

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