What is Sociology?

Sociology is the scientific study of society. It examines the causes and consequences of social interaction and social change across a wide range of issues.

“The fascination of sociology lies in the fact that its perspective makes us see in a new light the very world in which we have lived all our lives.”
—Peter L. Berger—

Whether you want to make a difference in your community through service or activism, gain practical skills and knowledge to enter a career field, or pursue graduate studies, a degree in sociology is an ideal starting point.

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The UCA undergraduate program in sociology teaches students the conceptual and methodological foundations of sociology for understanding the structure and patterns of human social life.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

33-hour requirement for either a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Sociology

15-hour core consists of:
- Principles of Sociology
- Statistics
- Research Methods
- Sociological Theory
- Senior Seminar

Students may choose from one of two areas of concentration:
- General Sociology
- Criminology

The Department offers minors in Sociology and Anthropology. It also houses the Gender Studies Program.

Would you like to earn academic credit while applying your major in a setting related to your future career?

The sociology program offers an elective internship course to juniors or seniors for this purpose. Recent settings have included the prosecuting attorney’s office, juvenile probation court, area agencies on aging, and the Amputee Coalition of America in Washington, D.C.

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Conway Police Dept. Intern  U.S. Postal Inspector Intern

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Students may earn course credits while working with faculty on independent study topics or research, and present their work at the annual Arkansas Sociology and Anthropology Undergraduate Symposium.

Outstanding sociology majors can join Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society. Our top majors are invited to graduate with honors through the completion of a thesis. Each year up to two majors are selected to receive the Katherine Hinson Outstanding Student Award.

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For students interested in experiencing a new culture, there is a travel seminar course which provides opportunities to immerse oneself into a foreign environment.

Recent trips have included observing health care problems of Latin American countries and experiencing life on Hopi and Navajo reservations.

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**Sociology Careers**

- Health Care
- Social Services
- Gerontology
- Child Welfare
- Education
- City Management
- Criminal Justice
- Business Consulting
- Religious Studies
- School Management
- Public Relations
- Law