

SOCIOLOGY



“We lose ourselves in what we read, only to return to ourselves, transformed and part of a more expansive world.”

– Judith Butler

The mission of the Department of Sociology is to provide an intellectually grounded understanding of the social world through the development of skills and ideas rooted in scientific methods. The application of methodological, theoretical, and

experiential training to the investigation of human relations and social problems furthers Chapman’s mission to provide personalized education of distinction that leads to inquiring, ethical and productive lives as global citizens.



Majoring and Minor in Sociology

Sociology studies the interaction and relationships among human groups and institutions and how these relationships shape behavior. It examines how society maintains stability and how it changes, investigating both consensus and conflict among social groups. Sociology embodies the essential values of a liberal arts education in its emphasis on analysis and problem solving, comparative thinking, writing, and critical inquiry. In providing such skills, Sociology is a good background for teaching, medicine, social work, law, business, and social justice. Finally, Sociology provides the breadth of theoretical and methodological training for advanced graduate work in all the behavioral sciences.

INTEGRATED curriculum that requires students to take a variety of classes and present their original research senior year.

INTERDISCIPLINARY curriculum that allows students to explore a range of topics, methodologies, iconography, material culture, social history, gender studies, and ethnic studies within their general education core.

INDIVIDUAL mentorship and internship opportunities are available to students.

INTERNATIONAL opportunities are encouraged by studying abroad or taking travel courses in a student's sophomore or junior year.

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For more information on how to apply, please contact the Office of Admissions at admit@chapman.edu or (714) 997-6611 or visit their webpage at www.chapman.edu/admission/index.aspx. To visit the sociology website, please scan the QR code:



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Travel to present your research at an academic conference
- Join the Sociology club to make lasting connections with students in your program and engage the local community
- Become a research fellow for the Chapman Survey of American Fears
- Conduct an original research project for your Senior Thesis

REQUIRED COURSES:

Core Course (18 Credits)

- SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology
- SOC 201 Introduction to Research Methods
- SOC 305 Social Theory
- SOC 318 Quantitative Data Analysis
- SOC 397 Capstone I: Field Research
- SOC 497 Capstone II: Senior Thesis Project

SAMPLE ELECTIVES:

Sociology and Anthropology Electives (18 credits)

- SOC 335 Society and the Environment
- SOC 340 Black Music and African Diaspora
- SOC 385 Sociology of Health and Illness
- SOC 360 Homelessness in America
- ANTH 300 Queer Anthropology

36 UNITS TOTAL

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