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

Judith Butler
Majoring and Minoring in Sociology

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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 Courses (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

Sociology and Anthropology Electives (18 credits) 36 Units Total*
- SOC 306 - Social Movements
- SOC 319 - Afro-Latinx in the Americas
- SOC 320 - Sociology of Death
- SOC 340 - Black Music and African Diaspora
- SOC 383 - Sociology of Deviant Behavior
- SOC 385 - Medical Sociology
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