



CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

"The sociological imagination enables us to grasp history and biography and the relations between the two within society. That is its task and its promise.

-C. Wright Mills

Sociology majors explore foundational ideas about the nature of society, are introduced to key subfields of the discipline, and acquire research and analysis skills to carry out their own inquiries. The department's faculty members work in a number of subfields including applied and community sociology, the family, health and medicine, law and society, international and global sociology, gender, the sociology of religion, qualitative and quantitative research methods and cultural anthropology.

What makes Chapman's Sociology Department unique? Faculty members who specialize in American Indian culture, social work, women's studies, folklore, public sociology,

geographic information systems, criminology, and areas crucial to understanding all aspects of society; hosting conferences on immigration, globalization, and cultural awareness; providing travel courses that focus on social change, Tibetan teachings, and visual culture. These are examples of how our majors are not just studying sociology – they are living it.

The Department is dedicated to using sociological knowledge to address societal inequalities, reduce human suffering, and enhance social justice. We strive to preserve the human rights of all people, while respecting human diversity and the plurality of cultures and societies.

▼ Anthropology 315 Spring 2017, photo by Matt Wright



Integrated

Curriculum

The Sociology curriculum combines the substantive study of the nature of society with training in research skills which can be applied across a range of careers. All Sociology majors take the following classes, in addition to Intro to Sociology (SOC 101) and 27 units worth of Sociology and Anthropology electives. At the sophomore level, students take Introduction to Research Methods which focuses on how to conduct empirical research and covers topics that include research design, analysis, and reporting. Advanced students, students take Field Research which introduces field research and data collection through participant observation and interviewing. In Survey Research, students are provided with the skills necessary to accomplish quantitative research methods and learn quantitative data collection, analysis and reporting and the use of analytical software. As seniors, students apply the skills and ideas to a thesis project in which they develop, carry out, and present their own original research.

Alpha Kappa Delta

Alpha Kappa Delta is the international honor society for sociology students and is dedicated to the ideal of Athropon Katamanthanein Diakonesein, “to investigate humanity for the purpose of service.” Alpha Kappa Delta seeks to acknowledge and promote excellence in scholarship in the study of sociology, the research of social problems, and the improvement of the human condition.



Individual

Mentorships

Majors have the opportunity to pursue internships in a broad range of local organizations. Majors with a Social Work emphasis are required to complete a practicum in a social service agency. Among the agencies that students have worked with as they pursue their degrees are:

County of Orange District Attorney's Office, O.C. Probation Youth Leadership Academy, Child Abuse Service Team, VNA Home Health and Hospice, Mercy House, Partners in Development Foundation, CSP Sexual Assault Victims Services, Kristie's Foundation Footprints, International Orange Sea and Sage Auburn Society, Irvine Council on Aging, OC Casa Teresa Orange, The Laguna Playhouse, CSP Youth Shelter



▲ 45th Annual Western Departments of Anthropology and Sociology Undergraduate Research Conference 2018

▲ Ludie & David C. Henley Social Sciences Award Ceremony, Spring 2017

◀ Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honors Society Induction Ceremony December 2015

Interdisciplinary

Minor in Anthropology

The minor in Anthropology at Chapman University focuses on Cultural Anthropology; the study of shared meanings gives us tools for relating across cultures and understanding our rich heritages and traditions.

Minor in Women's Studies

The Women's and Gender Studies minor explores interdisciplinary approaches to the study of women and gender inequality; cultural representations and their social roles; and the social axes of gender, race, class, and sexuality. The minor provides students with a broad, interdisciplinary framework for analyzing social practices related to gender as well as impacts on their own lives.

Minor in Law, Justice, and Social Control

This minor provides students with an opportunity to examine key areas of law and social control as well as explore selected aspects of social justice. After completing three required courses, students are allowed to select from a wide variety of courses that span the disciplines of sociology, political science, psychology, philosophy and forensics.

Minor in Latinx and Latin American Studies

The Minor in Latinx and Latin American Studies integrates theories of decolonization and liberation with the exploration of historic geopolitical, economic, and sociocultural conditions of Latin American development and how they have shaped contemporary U.S. Latinx identities.

- (Above, Left) Tibetan Buddhist Interterm Retreat, January 2016 Photo by: Jason Segal
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International

Global Studies

All Chapman Students are encouraged to participate in study abroad programs in almost every part of the world. Studying overseas can open up fresh perspectives on international political, economic and social issues, interpersonal relationships, and ultimate career choices. Please visit: <http://studyabroad.chapman.edu>

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The Chapman University application requires you to:

1. **Submit your Application:** The Common Application, the Chapman University Supplemental Application and a \$65 application fee — through The Common Application website. (*We will receive your completed application only after you submit all three of these components.*)
2. **Request Letter of Recommendation:** Ask someone who knows you well, a core-subject teacher, employer or clergy member, to write a letter of recommendation using the Teacher Evaluation form in the Common Application or send the letter on his or her letterhead to Chapman University Office of Admission
3. **Secondary School Report Form:** Ask your school counselor to complete the Secondary School Report form through the Common Application.
4. **Request Official High School Transcripts** to be sent to Chapman University Office of Admission. To be considered “official,” transcripts must remain in the envelope that’s been sealed by your high school records office or sent electronically by your high school through Docufide or Naviance.
5. **Ensure all SAT or ACT scores are sent to Chapman University** by the testing company. We require results from all your testing attempts; please do not exclude any scores. Please note: The last acceptable testing date for Early Action consideration is the early November offering; we highly recommend submitting scores from the October test date or prior to ensure your file completes on time. (*Chapman's SAT test code is 4047; our ACT code is 0210.*)
6. **Send official college transcripts** (if applicable) in the envelope sealed by the college records office or have them sent electronically by your institution’s records office. We require official transcripts for all college course work you’ve attempted.

Please visit or contact us at:

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Curriculum for Sociology Major:

Sociology Core Requirements (18 Credits)

- SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology
SOC 201 Introduction to Research Methods
SOC 301 Field Research
SOC 305 Social Theory
SOC 318 Quantitative Data Analysis
SOC 497 Senior Thesis/Project

One of the following (3 Credits)

- SOC 211 Social Problems
SOC 225 Social Inequality/Stratification
SOC 306 Social Movements

Sociology and Anthropology Electives (27 Credits)

48 UNITS total



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