

# SOCIOLOGY

*Bachelor of Arts*



## Introduction to the Major

**Sociologist C. Wright Mills said that “neither the life of an individual nor the history of a society can be understood without understanding both.”**

Whether on Clark’s campus or in communities around the world, social dynamics impact each of our lives in powerful and sometimes hidden ways. The study of social inequality is central to the Sociology major. The sociological lens acknowledges that race, gender, sexuality, and social class - as well as social dimensions such as time period and geographic location - shape our destinies as much as our own personal efforts. You will be part of a vibrant learning community where you can both satisfy your intellectual curiosity and make a commitment to change our world for the better.

### Highlights

Study broad social processes including global dynamics, social movements, and immigration, and explore diverse institutions from law and medicine to family and religion.



**“Sociology has given me the tools to see the world through a lens of justice and transformation. I am proud to be part of a community that values critical thinking, equity, and meaningful change.”**

- Valeria Rafucci, '22



### What can I do with my major?

#### **JOBS & EMPLOYERS**

Sociology graduates are well equipped for careers in advocacy, social work, policy analysis, nonprofit management, marketing, research, law, education, healthcare and more.

#### **GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

Our alumni pursue graduate studies in law, social work, sociology, counseling psychology, community development and planning, public administration, education and more.

Graduate schools attended by our alumni include Harvard Law School, Brown University, Yale University, Northwestern University, Columbia University, American University, and University of Massachusetts - Boston.

### Foundational Courses

#### **SOC 010: Introduction to Sociology**

A broad overview of sociology, its areas of study, modes of inquiry, and context for analysis.

#### **SOC 201: Classical Sociological Theory**

A critical and comparative survey of the major theorists of early sociology.

#### **SOC 202: Social Research Process**

General introduction to logic, techniques, and ethics of social science inquiry.

#### **SOC 208: Class, Status, and Power**

Introduction to how sociologists examine the systematic forces shaping inequality.

**Find out more at [clarku.edu/programs/major/sociology-ba/](http://clarku.edu/programs/major/sociology-ba/)**

# YOUR CLARK EXPERIENCE



**Discover and Demonstrate your Purpose**



**Cultivate Your Communities**



**Engage Locally & Globally**



**Develop your Professional Identity**

## Year 1



### **Explore the sociology department**

Enroll in a First-Year Intensive (FYI) course and Introduction to Sociology. Meet with the department chair or faculty to learn more about course offerings.



### **Get connected**

Learn about national and international sociology organizations or local organizations such as Abby's House, Pernet Family Health Services, AIDS Project Worcester, and African Community Education (ACE).

Visit community engagement fairs to learn about opportunities on campus and in the community.



### **Getting from here to there**

Look for a summer internship, job, or volunteer opportunity to gain experience and build skills.

## Year 2



### **Dig in and define your interests**

Declare your major. Take Classical Sociological Theory and Social Research Processes, as well as electives for more specialized content.

Identify faculty members who share your interests and consider asking one to become your advisor.



### **Explore career pathways**

Attend a career fair during fall or spring to discover new organizations and potential opportunities.

Connect with your career advisor to set up a LinkedIn profile, identify career fields of interest, and reach out to alumni who can offer you career advice.



### **Stay Engaged**

Get involved in student organizations and activities offered through the Student Leadership and Programming office.

## Year 3



### **Plan for senior year and beyond**

Notify the Graduate Office if you intend to apply for the 4+1 Accelerated Master's Degree program. Meet with your advisor to discuss electives and internships, and to plan for your capstone seminar or Honors thesis.



### **Engage Locally & Globally**

Participate in study abroad or study away programs that match your interests. Apply for the Ross Social Justice Fellowship, which provides \$2,500 for a student to complete an internship or research with a social justice organization.



### **Build your experience**

Work with the Career Connections Center (CCC) polish your resume. Pursue a funding opportunity or internship to test-drive your skills and get additional resume-building experience.

## Year 4



### **Finish strong**

Be sure you have completed all major requirements and core courses, including a capstone. Identify faculty who know you well and will serve as references or write you letter of recommendation.



### **Share what you've learned**

Present your research, academic project, or internship work at ClarkFEST.



### **Get ready to launch**

Update your resume, cover letter, and LinkedIn profile. Learn how to demonstrate personal qualities such as leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and initiative.