



Sociology
 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

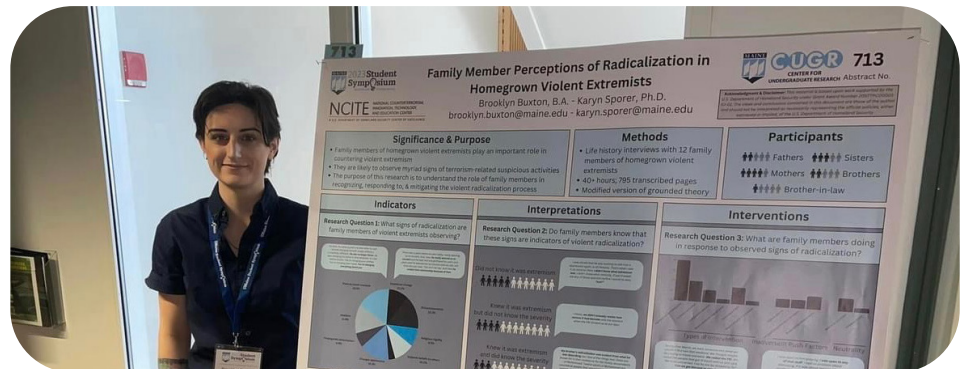
Sociology is the study of human social behavior, society, patterns of social relationships, social interaction, and culture that surrounds everyday life. Learn how society works, how and why people behave and think the way they do, and how social inequality affects the world around us.

UMAINE ADVANTAGE

- Our focus on public sociology, criminology, & criminal justice offers students exceptional preparation for the job market, civic leadership, & engaged citizenry.
- Our majors have opportunities to conduct engaged research and to publish with faculty on a wide range of topics including violent extremism, criminal justice & drug policy, & workplace harassment.
- Our award-winning faculty have been recognized locally, nationally, & internationally for excellence in teaching, mentoring, & research.
- Our graduates pursue graduate degrees in law, masters & doctoral programs in sociology & criminal justice, as well as jobs in law enforcement, victim advocacy, social services, & related career fields.

WHY STUDY SOCIOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE?

In the spirit of public sociology, the Sociology Department’s commitment to quality of life for all reflects the value we place on the components of the “good society”: public spirit, concern for the common good, and strong social institutions stemming from an active citizenship. We strive to achieve the good society in our teaching, scholarship, and service. We especially aim to shed light on the structural bases of social inequality and the possibilities for achieving a society truly guided by the American creed of liberty and justice for all.



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For me, sociology is both a perspective and a practice - it helps me think in new ways about experiences, relationships, and communities while also offering strategies to intervene in social problems and create social change.

-Michael Haedicke, associate professor

I think everyone should take a sociology course, as it will change how you learn in other courses. You'll see things in your other courses - whether it be in history, ecology, nursing, or business - in a new light, and you'll be able to take that sociological lens with you after college and use it forever.

-Sarah Walton, assistant professor