



COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Sociology

WHY STUDY SOCIOLOGY AT UMAINE?

The Department of Sociology contributes to the University of Maine's liberal arts mission. 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.

As an undergraduate department, we offer a warm, welcoming environment to sociology majors, as well as the many other students we teach. One of our students wrote: "Sociology professors treat you like people, the department is small enough that you can feel comfortable going to any of your professors for any reason, they care about and respect their student. They want to inspire passion for learning, it is evident they have an equal passion for teaching." Another shared: "I greatly enjoyed my experience as a sociology major at the University of Maine. I have yet to meet a professor I do not like. All of them have challenged my perspective on issues we see in the society and everything I learned I will be able to take with me in my future career."

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A SOCIOLOGY DEGREE?

As a sociology major you will learn how society works, how and why people behave and think the way they do, and how social inequality affects our lives and society. You also will acquire skills in research methods and statistics. We are proud that our alumni have contributed to Maine's common good through their work in agencies such as the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center

and the Maine Department of Corrections as well as through many types of social activism. Sociology majors from UMaine and around the nation find jobs in any number of areas, with titles such as market researcher, admissions or rehabilitation counselor, family planning worker, insurance agent or employee specialist.

OUR FACULTY

Many efforts by our faculty focus on understanding and improving the quality of life in Maine and beyond. These efforts include research on sexual harassment, family violence, and talks and workshops on religion and other topics. Our faculty also regularly contribute to the public conversation via op-eds and news media interviews on topics such as the experiences of Maine workers, family diversity, mass incarceration, and racial prejudice.

OUR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Our undergraduate program Sociology majors take required courses in introduction to sociology; classical sociological theory; research methods; statistics; senior seminar; and several sociology electives. Majors also may complete an optional concentration in crime, law, and justice.

OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCEL

Excellent students may complete an internship or work with individual faculty members on various research projects. The most outstanding sociology senior receives a substantial award — the Kornetsky Prize. Our top students also have the opportunity to participate in the American Sociological Association's (ASA) summer Honors Program and present their work at the ASA's annual meeting

UMaine's ADVANTAGE

- Our majors have worked and published with faculty on a wide range of research topics including workplace harassment, immigration, motherhood and suicide
- Award winning faculty recognized for their excellence in teaching and commitment to mentoring and advising undergraduate students
- Opportunities for student involvement through the Sociology Club, Alpha Kappa Delta and special departmental projects
- A focus on public sociology which provides students exceptional preparation for the job market, civic leadership and engaged citizenry

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ABOUT UMAINE

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's premier public university. It is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from across the U.S. and more than 73 countries. It currently enrolls 11,286 total undergraduate and graduate students who can directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. The University of Maine offers doctoral degrees in 35 fields, representing the humanities, sciences, engineering and education; master's degrees in roughly 70 disciplines; 90 undergraduate majors and academic programs; and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship on its campus, with substantial efforts aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit umaine.edu.



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HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit umaine.edu for an application, as well as information about academics and life at UMaine.



I can't go about my daily life without thinking about the importance of social structures, how norms operate in our daily lives, and much more. Sociology has opened my mind to the world and I am glad I chose this for my major."

— Shawn Taylor, Class of 2011

