

Why SMC Students Appreciate Sociology!

"There are a variety of interesting course topics that make you think about the big picture. The Sociology major has allowed me to become involved in social change at the collegiate level."

Nicole Loughridge 2008

"The women in the Sociology Department are so close-knit. I've met some of the greatest people at Saint Mary's through the department."

Chelsea Gulling 2007

"The Sociology professors are always willing to help. They truly care about their students and want them to succeed."

Laura Frechette 2007

"The structure of the Sociology classes are discussion based and this has made me a more outspoken and confident individual."

Carolyn Logan 2007



Sociology Club enjoying time
outside of the classroom!

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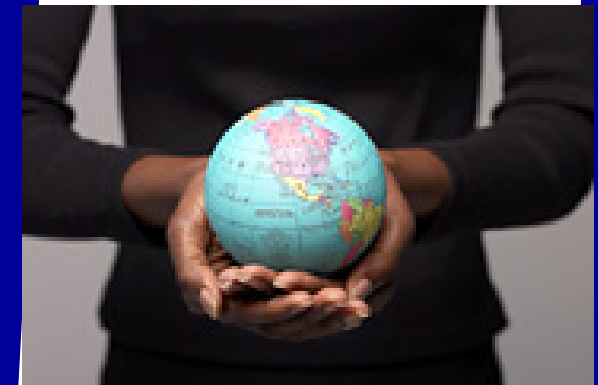
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Women Exploring Society and
Creating Social Change

Department Goals



The Sociology Department strives to:

- To develop an appreciation for the sociological perspective which incorporates three central aspects:
 - 1.) the preeminence of social structure and their influences;
 - 2.) the value of empirical analysis; and
 - 3.) the link between private troubles and public issues, or the individual's experience and larger social processes;
- To provide the requisite background for entry into occupational roles which require an understanding of human social behavior;
- To provide ample preparation and direction for those students who intend to continue their studies in the discipline of sociology in graduate school;
- To provide students with an appreciation of the applications and the uses of the discipline of sociology.

WHY STUDY SOCIOLOGY?

Sociologists are interested in people's behaviors as social beings; thus the field of sociology ranges from the analyses of individual social behaviors — such as family relationships, criminal activities, shopping and consumption patterns, or religious affiliation – to the study of global social processes — such as the impact of multinational mass media, colonialization, war, or immigration patterns. The Department of Sociology offers a variety of courses, seminars, research opportunities, and internship experiences that foster each student's acquisition of a sociological perspective.

A sociological perspective incorporates three central aspects:

- The link between an individual's experience and larger social groups and institutions;
- The impact of social structures on individuals and/or groups that includes both micro and macro-level social processes;
- The value of empirical evidence for understanding social phenomenon.

The sociological perspective provides students with a solid background for understanding human behavior, particularly as it is shaped by social factors such as socio-economic class, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, nationality, sexual identity, and/or age. The sociology curriculum prepares students for a career in which knowledge about social behavior or conducting scientific research on social behavior is essential.



Requirements



Major Requirements (36 Hours)

- Prerequisite: SOC 153
- SOC 203 or 204
- SOC 319, SOC 372, SOC 384, SOC 495
- Two diversity focused courses from the following: SOC 350, 355, 360, or 365 or additional approved SOC courses.
- Four 3-credit electives in Sociology
- SOC elective for dual majors who choose not to complete the comprehensive in Sociology are required to take an additional elective in Sociology

Minor Requirements (15 Hours)

- SOC 153
- SOC 203 or SOC 204
- One diversity focused courses from the following: SOC 350, 355, 360, or 365 or additional approved SOC courses.
- Two additional 3-credit SOC courses; only one may be an Independent Study or internship

** For course descriptions please visit:

www.saintmarys.edu/~socio/SocCourseListings.html