SOCIOLOGY

Program Description

Sociology is the study of society and social life, and as such, looks at a diverse range of topics concerning the social causes and consequences of human behavior. Few disciplines are as broad in scope and relevance as is sociology. Sociologists examine the structure of groups, organizations and societies as a whole, as well as how people act and interact within those social contexts. Sociology is a rapidly evolving and ever-expanding discipline that is particularly well suited to addressing issues and problems in a fast-paced and complex contemporary world.

Sociology provides many distinctive perspectives on the social world that can help students to gain a better understanding of themselves and the society of which they are a part. The field features a range of theoretical approaches that can generate new ideas, stimulate debate and challenge taken-for-granted notions about the nature of social reality and the status quo. The field also offers a range of research methodologies that allow for systematic and scientific investigation of social phenomena, rather than using common sense, propaganda, opinion or other such subjective explanations for human behavior.

Sociological theories and methods can be applied to studying virtually any aspect of social life: culture and technology; crime and deviance; politics and economics; the self and socialization; family and group dynamics; class, race and gender; social movements and social change.

The goal of the Sociology Program at Santa Barbara City College is to prepare students to deal with their own everyday life, as well as to meet the greater challenges of membership in the larger society. Sociology can contribute to the personal development of students, while also encouraging active and informed participation in the social and cultural life of their communities. Students can learn to transcend limited, culturally bound understandings to arrive at deeper insights into themselves and others, and to create positive change in the world in which they live. Sociology is oriented toward stimulating the curiosity and intellects of those interested in academic fields, as well as toward building the skills and understandings necessary for success in a wide range of professional fields. Students majoring in sociology have established careers in such areas as law and government, urban planning, business administration, social welfare, health and education, counseling and human resources, advertising and marketing, public relations and the media, and the nonprofit sector.

The Sociology Department at Santa Barbara City College currently offers an AA Degree in Sociology which provides students with the foundational knowledge in sociological theory, research and methods and prepares them to make a successful transition into a baccalaureate degree in sociology at any four-year institution. In addition, the Sociology Department offers an AA-T Degree in Sociology for Transfer. This degree will provide the foundational knowledge in sociology to students who want to earn a baccalaureate degree in sociology. This degree is in compliance with the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Senate Bill 1440, now codified in California Education Code Sections 66746-66749) and guarantees admission to a California State University (CSU) campus for any community college student who completes an “associate degree for transfer,” a newly established variation of the associate degrees traditionally offered at a California community college. Upon completion of the transfer associate degree, the student is eligible for transfer with junior standing into the California State University (CSU) system. Students will be given priority consideration when applying to a particular program that is similar to the student’s community college area of emphasis. For the latest information about transfer degrees, visit www.sb1440.org (http://www.sb1440.org).

Planning a Program of Study

As a general rule it is recommended that students begin their study of sociology by taking Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101 Introduction To Sociology or SOC 101H Introduction to Sociology, Honors), though the required courses for the major may be taken in any order. A student planning to major in Sociology should take the two core classes (SOC 101 Introduction To Sociology and SOC 104 Social Psychology) and at least three of the more specialized courses in the discipline (SOC 103 Marriage, Family and Intimacy, SOC 106 Sociology of Deviance, SOC 109 Social Problems, SOC 113 Sociology Of Sex and Gender, SOC 115 Introduction To Social Research, SOC 118 Media, Culture and Society), SOC 120 Introduction to Social Work, SOC 125 Introduction to Statistics in Sociology, or SOC 127 Introduction to Women’s Studies. In addition, they are required to take one course in Anthropology (ANTH 103 Introduction To Cultural Anthropology) and one in Philosophy (PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy). Students in the major are also encouraged to become familiar with other related behavioral and social science disciplines.

Preparation for Transfer

Course requirements for transfer vary depending upon the college or university a student wishes to attend. Therefore, it is most important for a student to consult with a counselor and departmental adviser before planning an academic program for transfer. Information sheets for majors, outlining transfer requirements, are available in the Counseling and Transfer Centers.

Honors and Awards

The Sociology Department selects one student majoring in the discipline as the Outstanding Student in Sociology for the year, to be honored at the annual Santa Barbara City College Award Banquet. Selection is made by the faculty, based on academic excellence in sociology and contribution to the department, college and/or community.

Programs of Study

Credit Programs

- Sociology, Associate in Arts (AA) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/sociology/sociology-aa)
- Sociology, Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/sociology/sociology-aat)
Credit Courses
Sociology (SOC)

SOC 101 Introduction To Sociology (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Introduction to the study of society and everyday life, examining a diverse range of topics on human behavior and social structure. Focuses on developing a sociological perspective, through theory, research, and application. Topics include culture, the self, interaction, groups, deviance and social inequality, social institutions, social change. Examines contemporary American society in global perspective.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B
Transfer Information: CSU GE Area D0, IGETC Area 4J, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: SOC 101 and 101H combined: maximum credit, one course.
C-ID: SOCI 110.

SOC 101H Introduction to Sociology, Honors (4 Units)
Limitations on Enrollment: Acceptance into the Honors Program.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for English 110 or English 110H.
Hours: 72 (72 lecture)
Introduction to the study of society and everyday life, examining a diverse range of topics on human behavior and social structure. Focuses on developing a sociological perspective, through theory, research, and application. Examines contemporary American society in global perspective. Emphasis on reading and discussing classic and contemporary texts, and producing original research.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B
Transfer Information: CSU GE Area D0, IGETC Area 4J, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: SOC 101 and 101H combined: maximum credit, one course.
C-ID: SOCI 110.

SOC 103 Marriage, Family and Intimacy (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Investigates the family as a social and cultural institution. Examines the increasing diversity of American families, along with cross-cultural comparisons. Examines gender roles in the family and intimate relationships. Topics include love, partner selection, marital adjustment, communication and conflict resolution, divorce, domestic violence and parenting.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B, SBCCGE Area E5
Transfer Information: CSU GE Area D0, CSU GE Area E, IGETC Area 4J, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
C-ID: SOCI 130.

SOC 104 Social Psychology (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Introductory course which examines the relationship between the individual and society, and how each is shaped and influenced by the other from a sociological perspective. Covers theoretical approaches, methodological applications, and empirical studies of human behavior within the social environment.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B
Transfer Information: CSU GE Area D0, IGETC Area 4J, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
C-ID: PSY 170.

SOC 106 Sociology of Deviance (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Examination of deviance and social control in contemporary society, using the sociological perspective. Focuses on the social processes involved in the construction of deviance, and its functions and impacts on individuals and society. Covers interpersonal and family violence; mental disorders; deviant sexuality; drug and alcohol use; and property, white-collar and organized crime.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B
Transfer Information: CSU GE Area D0, CSU GE Area E, IGETC Area 4J, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
C-ID: SOCI 160.

SOC 107 Racism in America (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
This course examines race and ethnicity and the impacts of racism upon selected racial and ethnic groups in American society. Covers major theories on the development of racial attitudes and behavior. Attention is also given to the relationship between racism, sexism, and class oppression.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B, SBCCGE Area E5
Transfer Information: CSU GE Area D3, IGETC Area 4C, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
C-ID: SOCI 150.

SOC 109 Social Problems (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Introductory course which analyzes a variety of contemporary issues from a sociological perspective. Uses social theory and research methods to gain insight into the nature, extent, consequences and possible solutions to social problems in the United States and globally.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B
Transfer Information: CSU GE Area D0, IGETC Area 4J, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
C-ID: SOCI 115.

SOC 110 Culture and Society Through Cartoons (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
This course will investigate ideas and themes related to culture, society, and media using episodes and excerpts from The Simpsons and South Park. Sociological and anthropological theories and methodologies will be discussed, specifically examining elements of culture, the development of the self, and contemporary American society.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B, SBCCGE Area E5
Transfer Information: CSU GE Area D0, CSU GE Area D1, IGETC Area 4A, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
C-ID: SOCI 113.

SOC 132 Sociology Of Sex and Gender (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Introductory course designed to examine the changing roles of women and men in contemporary American society.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B, SBCCGE Area E5
Transfer Information: CSU GE Area D0, CSU GE Area E, IGETC Area 4J, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
C-ID: SOCI 140.
SOC 115 Introduction To Social Research (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Introductory course which explores the variety of methods used by
sociologists to study the social world and human behavior. Examination
of classic and contemporary studies as models of research. Emphasis
on doing social research, from designing a project, to collecting and
analyzing data on various topics of interest to students.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D0, IGETC Area 4J, CSU Transferable,
UC Transferable
SOC 118 Media, Culture and Society (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Critical examination of the media and culture from a sociological
perspective. Focuses on how the media is shaped and influenced by
society, culture and the individual. Covers a variety of topics, including the
role of media in ideology and identity; economics and politics; race, class
and gender; social change, technology, and globalization.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D0, CSUGE Area D7, IGETC Area 4G,
CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
SOC 120 Introduction to Social Work (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Introduction to field of social work. Covers historical development
of the profession. Introduces theoretical perspectives and overview
of contemporary practices in the field. Emphasis on roles, training
in methods and skills, delivery of services, values and ethics of the
profession.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable
SOC 125 Introduction to Statistics in Sociology (4 Units)
Prerequisites: MATH 107 or Qualifying score on SBCC placement exam.
Hours: 72 (72 lecture)
An introduction to the basic statistical methods and analyses commonly
used in sociological research. Topics include descriptive and inferential
statistics, usually included in levels and types of measurement;
measures of central tendency and dispersion; normal, t, and chi-squared
distributions; probability and hypothesis testing; correlation and
regression. Applications of statistical software to sociological.
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area B2, IGETC Area 2A, CSU Transferable,
UC Transferable
C-ID: SOC 125.
SOC 127 Introduction to Women's Studies (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Introduction to feminist perspectives on women in society, covering
a broad range of historical and contemporary social issues. Involves
comparative issues of social, political and economic position in the
workplace, family and cultural institutions; historical basis of women's
subordination; relations between women and men; social roles of women
and men; intersections of ethnicity/race, class, gender, sexuality and
age; violence against women; cultural images of women and men; and
movements for social change.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable
SOC 295 Internship In Sociology (2-4 Units)
Prerequisites: ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Limitations on Enrollment: Completion of two courses in the Sociology
Department at SBCC prior to enrolling in an internship course.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 273 (273 lab)
Structured internship program in which students gain experience with
community organizations related to the discipline.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable
SOC 299 Independent Study In Sociology (1-4 Units)
Limitations on Enrollment: Other: 12 units at SBCC 2.5 and 6 units in
department with a 3.0.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 300 (300 lab)
Student works under the guidance and direction of sponsoring faculty
member on project consistent with student's interests and abilities.
Weekly meetings with faculty sponsor are required. Course may be
taken for one or more units of credit. Each unit of credit requires student
to devote approximately three hours per week to her/his project. For
complete information, see "Independent Study" in the Catalog Index.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable