

# Sociology



WASHINGTON  
& JEFFERSON  
COLLEGE

Sociology prepares students to investigate and navigate the social world. The Sociology Program in the Department of Public Service and Community Studies provides academic experiences for both sociology majors and those students taking sociology courses as core requirements or electives. The sociology curriculum **lays the foundation for doing research in sociology and prepares students to continue their studies at the graduate level** or to pursue careers in numerous other fields.

## Major Requirements

Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101)  
Research & Writing (SOC 200)  
The Sociological Tradition (SOC 201)  
Contemporary Social Theory (SOC 301)  
Research Methods (SOC 314)  
Probability & Statistics (MTH 125)  
Senior Seminar (SOC 495)  
**One** SOC 200-level elective  
**Two** SOC 300-level electives

## Minor Requirements

Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101)  
Research & Writing (SOC 200)  
The Sociological Tradition (SOC 201)  
**Three** additional courses at least two of which must be at the 300-level

*\*All specific courses listed except SOC 101 and MTH 125 must be taken at W&J*

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# Beyond the Classroom

Students have many opportunities for research, internships, conferences and networking beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J.

## Recent Student Research Topics

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- "Effects of Religiosity and Moral Communities on Undergraduate Students' Binge Drinking Habits"
- "Sex Trafficking in the United States: Exploitation of Minorities"
- "Behind the Opioid Crisis: Cartels, Medical Doctors and Corporate Executives"
- "Prison Reform in the United States"

## Recent Graduate Programs

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- Master of Science in Healthcare Management & Policy - Carnegie Mellon University
- Master of Science in Exercise Science at Pennsylvania Western University-California (formerly California University of Pennsylvania)
- Master of Science or Ph.D. in Counseling - Chatham University
- Master's degree programs in social work, specializing in drug and alcohol counseling

## Notable Alumni Achievements

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- Judge in the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida
- Financial service executive
- Staff member in the U.S. Department of State
- Pursuit of doctorates in Rural Sociology, Public Health and Public Administration



Program Website

[washjeff.edu/sociology](http://washjeff.edu/sociology)

## Your Future. Founded here.

A full list of courses and descriptions can be found online in the College Catalog.