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SOCIOLOGY

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

SOCIOLOGISTS LEAD SOCIAL CHANGE

Imagine working to halt gang violence in southern California, helping hurricane victims in Florida recover their homes, or helping potential first generation college students apply to and succeed in college. Faculty, alumni and students from Humboldt State's Sociology Department are currently doing all this and much more. As a graduate of our program, you'll possess the skills you need to address the most important social challenges of our time.



"To empower people, you need to know their histories and concerns; you need to know the dialogues going on in their communities. Sociology has given me the tools to help empower others to make change in their community."

Ricardo Maldonado
Sociology, B.A. '02

Executive Director of Paradise Center for Tolerance and Nonviolence, Paradise, California
Hometown: Bakersfield, California

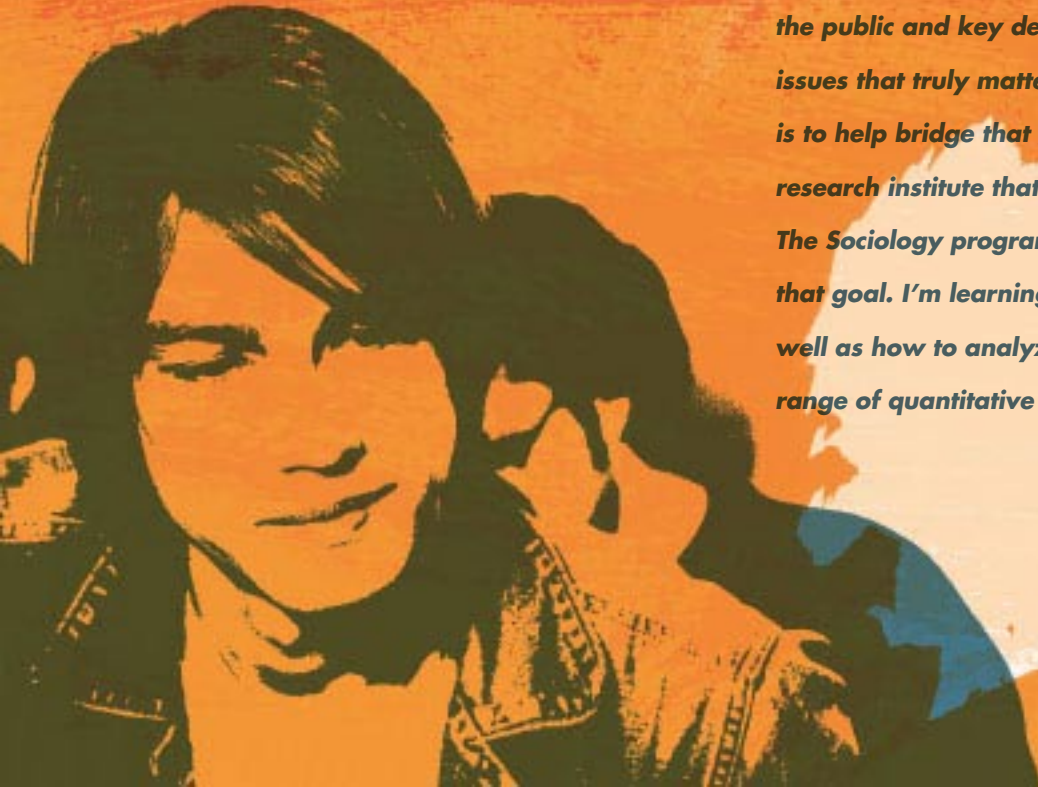
DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

An undergraduate degree in Sociology from Humboldt State will give you the skills you need to have a positive impact in your community. You'll graduate from our program with a keen understanding of how societies are structured, how they function best, and how you, personally, can change them for the better.

Our graduates are making a difference as advocates, counselors, business leaders, counselors, criminal justice professionals, community planners, educators, government officials, journalists, lawyers, medical staff, non-profit directors, social researchers and teachers.

"There's often a communication gap between the public and key decision makers on issues that truly matter. My long-term goal is to help bridge that gap, by working in a research institute that analyzes social issues. The Sociology program is helping me reach that goal. I'm learning how society works, as well as how to analyze and interpret a wide range of quantitative and qualitative data."

Nanette Star '07
Portland, Oregon



AN ENGAGED DEPARTMENT

In addition to their own research, HSU faculty and students are personally active in a wide range of community projects, such as the Arcata Homeless Task Force and Operation U-Turn—an organization that helps non-violent offenders enter higher education. Our faculty are also involved in several HSU research institutes and projects, such as the Center for Applied Social Analysis and Education, the Institute for Study of Alternative Dispute Resolution Mediator Training, the California Center for Rural Policy, the Altruistic Personality and Prosocial Behavior Institute and the Humboldt Journal of Social Relations.

REAL RESEARCH & PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

While we're proud of our rigorous academic program, we know that there is no substitute for real world experience. Practical fieldwork is an essential component of your sociological education at Humboldt State. Both our undergraduate and graduate students are actively involved in their community—applying what they've learned in all sorts of venues; including research institutes, government agencies and non-profits.

You'll also graduate with substantial research experience. Under faculty guidance, you'll conclude your bachelor's degree with a thesis project of your own choosing. It's a valuable experience, which most universities strictly reserve for their Masters and Ph.D. students. Past senior projects have ranged from studies of rap music and images of race to workshops developed for teachers of at-risk youth.

A VARIETY OF DEGREES TO SUIT YOUR GOALS

- Bachelor of Arts with a major in Sociology
- Minor in Sociology
- Minor in Criminal Justice
- Master of Arts in Sociology, Teaching Sociology
- Master of Arts in Sociology, Practicing Sociology

OUR GRADUATES ARE...

You'll be capable of embarking on a wide range of careers in an even wider range of places. Below are just a few of our recent graduates' job titles.

- Admissions Counselor
- Advertising Coordinator
- Attorney
- City Grant Review Coordinator
- City Planner
- Corporate Salesperson
- Crisis Line Coordinator
- Dean of Students
- Development Manager
- Dispatcher/Safety Coordinator
- Family Care Coordinator
- General Investigator, EEOC
- Gerontologist
- Librarian
- Probation Officer
- Research Associate
- Social Worker
- Teacher



TOOLS YOU CAN USE

Whether you're marketing the latest electric car or helping community members save a deteriorating neighborhood, Sociology will give you the tools to make a difference.

- **Analytical Reasoning:** to get you to the roots of social issues
- **Computing Skills:** for analyzing survey data and reporting statistics
- **Diversity Competencies:** to help you understand and build on our multicultural society
- **Evaluation Techniques:** for deciphering truth in media research and news reports
- **Listening and Communication:** methods that strengthen relationships

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