



Sociology, B.A.

We work to address social justice at the local, regional, and global level. Our goal is to foster a desire and respect for social change amongst our students and our local community. Our programs encourage imagination, creativity, and the development of applied methodological skills. We are engaged in our local community and the larger national and international debates through our research and our scholarly activism.

Experience Your Learning

Studying at Humboldt means gaining real-world experience that you wouldn't get as an undergraduate at many other universities. Hands-on learning experiences are built into your core major coursework and you have the opportunity to work with faculty on their research and projects, or develop your own.

In your first year, you will begin working with real web-based data sources to answer your own social science research questions.

As part of your core service-learning course, and supported by a faculty service learning coordinator, you will pick a site on or off campus that fits with your interests and schedule.

Humboldt is home to several institutes, which can give you real world experience. They include: Altruistic Personality and Prosocial Behavior Institute, Humboldt Institute for Interdisciplinary Marijuana Research, and the California Center for Rural Policy.

The Sociology & Criminology Club creates additional opportunities for students to connect with each other, faculty and local community organizations.



Did you know?

- Department faculty members have a strong commitment to social and environmental justice that shapes course offerings and content.
- Our campus provides a sense of care, support and belonging, and better prepares students to approach their chosen fields through a lens of social justice.
- We strive for societal and economic improvement, demonstrated in our personal passions and the professions that we pursue.
- Complete your B.A. plus an M.A. in Public Sociology in as little as five years with our combined degree pathway.



Academics & Options

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Sociology students study patterns in interactions, experiences, and life outcomes. Sociology offers something for everyone who is curious about the web and rhythm of human behavior. Because of the breadth, adaptability, and practical applications of the discipline, students find successful careers in many different sectors. Many Sociology students go on to make a difference in the world. Social justice shapes all our course offerings and content.

Minor

- Minor in Sociology



Careers

A career in sociology could include an academic career, but most graduates work in other sectors: government, nonprofit, research, and business. Sociology graduates offer a unique understanding of the complexities of a multicultural society and possible solutions to major social issues.

- Admissions Counselor
- Attorney/Mediator
- Community Organizer
- Diplomat
- Drug Counselor
- Employment Counselor
- Health Services Consultant
- Industrial Sociologist
- Population Analyst
- Urban Planner



I chose Sociology at Humboldt because I knew I needed a supportive environment. I wanted a rigorous education while also feeling like I could enjoy my life. Humboldt gave me the best of everything: a beautiful place to live, peers that were genuine and fiercely orientated to justice, and the training in my field that would support my goals of graduate work after my bachelor's."

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