

# Sociology Major

Students completing the Bachelor of Arts major in Sociology will have an understanding of group life: its characteristics, values, changes, causes and consequences. It employs scientific and humanistic perspectives in the study of urban and rural life, family patterns and relationships, social change, inter-group relationships, social class, environment, technology and communications, health-seeking behavior, and social movements.

All major requirements must be completed with a grade of 'C' or higher (unless otherwise indicated below). This major requires a minimum of 39 credits.

*In order to earn a Bachelor's degree at Charter Oak, all Major, General Education, Liberal Arts, elective, and Upper Division credit must equal 120 or more credits*

## Major Requirements

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| *Choose one of the following:  | 3cr  |
| • MAT 105: Statistics  |      |
| • PSY 216: Statistics for Behavioral Science   |      |
| PSY 101: Psychology  | 3cr  |
| PSY 410: Research Methods for Behavioral Science   | 3cr  |
| SOC 101: Sociology   | 3cr  |
| SOC 315: Sociology of Diversity  | 3cr  |
| SOC 450: Social theory   | 3cr  |
| Electives: Select additional courses for a cohesive plan of study from the areas of Social Stratification, Social Organizations, Social Psychology, Urban/rural Sociology, Sociology of the Family, or Social Change. A minimum of 9 credits must be upper level (300 or 400 level). Course options include: | 18cr |
| • SOC 210: Sociology of the Family   |      |
| • SOC 215: Women in American Society   |      |
| • SOC 311: Sociology of the City   |      |
| • SOC 320: Urban Youth in American Society   |      |
| • SOC 350: Children, School & the Community  |      |
| • SOC 449: Social Problems: Impact on the Workplace  |      |
| No more than 9 credits (out of 18 electives) may be from:  |      |
| • PSY 321: Social Psychology   |      |
| • PSY 333: Social Psychology & Deviance  |      |
| • PSY 454: Psychology of Addiction   |      |
| • PUB 215: Making Public Policy  |      |
| <i>Note:</i> Credits in Social Work are not acceptable for elective credit. See General Studies major for Applied Behavior Science-Sociology Concentration.  |      |
| SOC 495: Sociology Major Capstone  | 3cr  |

\* Grade of C- or higher required for MAT 105 and PSY 216. All other major courses require a grade of C or higher.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Students who graduate with a major in Sociology will be able to:

- use qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, including statistical reasoning, research design, and evaluation of data;
- identify key concepts of classical and contemporary sociological theory;
- evaluate societal institutions and social processes, e.g., stratification, racial and ethnic groups, gender, family, urban, work, health care, and education;
- relate sociological research to social policy formation;
- explain the relationship between personal experience and societal change within an historical/global context; and
- synthesize their learning of the concentration through a research paper, project, portfolio, or practicum.