

Sociology

The Curriculum

Sociology focuses on patterns of human behavior within social contexts, seeking to understand both the forces that mold us as individuals and the elements that govern our social existence. Sociology's subject arena ranges from the intimate family to the hostile mob, from crime to religion, from the divisions of race, gender, and social class to the shared beliefs of a common culture. Courses offered in the curriculum may be taken to fulfill general education requirements in the social science; and they may be applied toward a major in sociology for the Associate in Arts degree.

The Associate Degree Major

In studying sociology, students develop an understanding of the cultural and social influences that interact in the world and that affect people's lives. Thus those who are considering careers in such professions as law, business, education, architecture, medicine, social work, politics, public administration, or related areas will find that sociology provides a rich fund of knowledge directly concerning each of these fields.

If you intend to transfer:

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree at Irvine Valley College may not be the same as those required for completing the major at a transfer institution offering a baccalaureate degree. If you plan to transfer to a four-year college or university, you should (1) refer to the transfer section of this catalog, (2) consult the catalog of your prospective transfer institution (see the IVC Transfer Center for assistance), and (3) schedule an appointment with an IVC counselor to develop a plan of study before you begin your program. In addition, it may be helpful to meet with the appropriate department faculty at IVC.

If you plan to complete an associate degree:

You must complete the following set of courses to fulfill the major requirement and, in addition, meet the general education requirements listed on page 21 for the Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree. Refer to page 16 for additional options for fulfilling the major requirement.

SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

(A.A. Degree)

		<i>Units</i>
ANTH 2	Cultural Anthropology	3
MATH 10	Introduction to Statistics	(3)
<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>	
PSYC 10	Statistical Methods in the Behavioral Sciences	(3)
PSYC 1	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 30	Social Psychology	(3)
<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>	
SOC 30	Social Psychology	(3)
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 2	Social Problems	3
SOC 10	Marriage and Family Relations	<u>3</u>
	Total units:	21

Recommended electives: *SOC 3, 19, 20.*

Sociology Courses

SOC 1 3 units

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

This course introduces the sociological perspective of human behavior; human institutions and patterns for human interaction; the nature of culture; the socialization process; and the forces and consequences of sociological change. (CAN SOC 2) NR

Lecture hours: 3

SOC 2 3 units

SOCIAL PROBLEMS

This course examines major social phenomena in contemporary society. Topics include crime, poverty, ageism, sexism, racism, pollution, nuclear arms, and warfare. This course evaluates sociological research and its application to social policy. (CAN SOC 4) NR

Lecture hours: 3

SOC 3 3 units

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH METHODS

This course is designed to introduce students to the various research methods and statistical analyses used by sociologists. Students will gain practical experience in conducting directed research and analyzing data working with appropriate computer programs. They will learn firsthand how to run cross-tabulations, perform simple linear regression analyses, and interpret computer-generated statistics. NR

Lecture hours: 2.5 Lab hours: 1.5

SOC 10 3 units

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY RELATIONS

This course examines the social forces that shape contemporary family patterns in the United States, exploring the current politics of the family, changing roles of family members, and future family trends. NR

Lecture hours: 3

SOC 15 3 units

SOCIALIZATION OF THE CHILD

This course offers a systematic examination of the societal institutions (e.g., the family, school, community, culture, religion and media) which socialize the child. Sociology 15 is also listed as Human Development 15; credit will be given in either area, not both. This course is required by Title 22 (Early Childhood Education) licensing criteria. NR

Lecture hours: 3

SOC 19 3 units

THE SOCIOLOGY OF SEX AND GENDER

This course offers an in-depth survey of gender roles in America from a sociological perspective. Readings and discussions will examine the continuing differences between men's and women's lives. Particular attention is given to the ways in which gender differences are reproduced culturally, reflecting differences in the organization of family, work, and other social institutions. An important concern is how structures of class and race interrelate with gender to create and define experience. Finally, the course will examine the ways in which males and females actively shape their experience and, as a result, often effect social change. NR

Lecture hours: 3

SOC 20 3 units

ETHNIC AND MINORITY GROUP RELATIONS

Sociology 20 provides a comparative framework to explore the relationships of the main ethnic and minority groups (including women) to the dominant society of the United States. The course takes an interdisciplinary approach to cultural variation, applying concepts and methods used in anthropology, history, and sociology. Race is examined as a social construct to determine how it has affected intergroup relations historically. The course includes a general discussion of the various modes and theories applied by social scientists to race and ethnic relations in the United States. NR

Lecture hours: 3

SOC 21 3 units

WOMEN IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY

Sociology 21 introduces some of the basic questions raised by the contemporary feminist movement relating to the social, political, legal, and economic status of women. Topics covered will include marriage and divorce, social roles and institutions, and the challenges of a changing society. NR

Lecture hours: 3

SOC 30 3 units

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

Recom: Soc. 1 or Psyc. 1. This course presents a general survey of some of the major areas of interpersonal behavior. The course examines affiliation, aggression, social influence, attitudes, groups, social norms, and personality. Sociology 30 is also listed as Psychology 30; credit will be given in either area, not both. NR

Lecture hours: 3

SOC 289 0.5-3 units

SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY

The Special Topics course is a grouping of short seminars designed to provide students with the latest concepts in the field of sociology. The course content is thematic in nature, and each seminar within the course differs from other offerings in the same course. A total of four different topics may be taken. R-E

Lecture hours: 0.5-3

SOCIAL SCIENCE LAB

SS 280 0.5 units

SOCIAL SCIENCE LABORATORY

The Social Science Laboratory is a credit/no-credit lab designed to supplement various social science courses. Students are provided computer-based exercises and assignments designed to promote the learning of theories, concepts, facts, and various social science research methods. Students will receive credit for successful completion of assignments designed, monitored, and evaluated by the faculty staffing the course. R-E-3

Lab hours: 1