

Sociology

Faculty

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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 sciences; and they may be applied toward a major in sociology for the Associate in Arts 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 the sociology major provides a rich fund of knowledge directly concerning each of these fields.

Associate in Arts Degree in Sociology:

Students must complete a minimum of 60 units of credit, including the courses in the major and general education requirements (page 22), with an overall GPA of 2.0 or better. A minimum of 12 units must be completed at Irvine Valley College. See pages 20-21 for further information, including other options for fulfilling the major requirement.

Transfer Preparation:

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. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should (1) refer to the transfer section of this catalog, (2) consult the catalog of their 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 beginning their program. It may be helpful to meet with the department faculty at IVC.

Associate in Arts Degree Sociology Major

Complete the following courses:

		Units
ANTH 2	Cultural Anthropology	3
MATH 1	Introduction to Statistics	3
OR		
PSYC 10	Statistical Methods in the Behavioral Sciences	3
PSYC 1	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 30	Social Psychology	3
OR		
SOC 30	Social Psychology	3
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 2	Social Problems	3
SOC 10	Marriage and Family Relations	3

TOTAL UNITS: 21

Recommended electives: SOC 19, 20.

Sociology Courses

SOC 1: Introduction to Sociology

3 Units

3 hours lecture

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)

SOC 2: Social Problems

3 Units

3 hours lecture

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

SOC 10: Marriage and Family Relations

3 Units

3 hours lecture

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

SOC 15: Socialization of the Child

3 Units

3 hours lecture

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

SOC 19: The Sociology of Sex and Gender**3 Units***3 hours lecture*

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

SOC 20: Ethnic and Minority Group Relations**3 Units***3 hours lecture*

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 models and theories applied by social scientists to race and ethnic relations in the United States. NR

SOC 21: Women in Contemporary Society**3 Units***3 hours lecture*

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

SOC 30: Social Psychology**3 Units***3 hours lecture*

Recommended Preparation: 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

SOC 289: Special Topics in Sociology**0.5–3 units***0.5–3 hours lecture*

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 version differs from other offerings in the same course. R-E