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Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (*including biology*)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language (*same language or two years of American Sign Language-ASL*)
- Academic electives (*to equal at least 17 total credits*)

To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.

Major Requirements

- 36 credits Sociology
- 3 credits ENG 212 or ENG 317
- 3 credits Statistics

120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Program Description

Sociology offers courses designed to further the student's understanding of society. The courses focus on such questions as—How do our social backgrounds influence our attitudes and behavior? What are the chances for full equality between women and men? What can we do to reduce the problems of poverty and crime? How do deviant identities arise? What kind of family forms are emerging in the post-industrial world? Why are rates of physical and mental illness unusually high in some areas of society? Most importantly, what options do people have to change their groups, organizations and culture?

As a core discipline in the liberal arts, Sociology's perspectives and methodologies make it particularly suited to address many of the problems facing us in the next few decades—the growing health care crisis, drug use and abuse, violence and discrimination against women and minorities, divorce and the growing feminization of poverty. The Sociology curriculum also provides excellent preparation for a variety of careers involving people and organizations, as Sociology students learn important skills in research methods, data analysis, and evaluation and policy analysis. The department also offers a minor in Sociology and two optional concentrations within the major: (1) Crime, Law, and Deviance and (2) Race, Class, and Gender.

Career Opportunities

Opportunities exist for employment in fields such as criminal justice, public relations, human resources management, industrial relations, organizational research, marketing, family counseling, community planning, teaching, and health care and family planning. Skills developed during this four-year program include knowledge of complex organizations and social institutions and a firm grasp of research design and methods.

Graduates have reported obtaining some of the following positions: Assistant Administrative Coordinator, Elan One Corporation; Insurance Adjuster, American International Adjustment Company; Community Education Coordinator, Womancare; Residential Counselor, Homestead Project, Inc.; Underwriter Trainee, Aetna; Employee Administrator, Hannaford Brothers Company; Legal Assistant, Seabron Associates, PA; Home Care Consultant, Central Maine Area Agency on Aging; Personnel Manager, Blue Cross/Blue Shield; Counselor, Substance Abuse, Community Alcoholism Services; Director, Penquis C.A.P., Inc.; Trust Administrator; Legal Assistant; Contract Administrator, USAF; Health Care Administrator; Public Information Coordinator, Eastern Transportation Services.

General Education Requirements*

- ENG 101 College Composition
- 18 credits Human Values & Social Context area (*a single course may satisfy more than 1 sub-category, but a total of 18 credits must be completed*)
 - Western Cultural Tradition
 - Social Context & Institutions
 - Cultural Diversity & International Perspectives
 - Population & the Environment
 - Artistic & Creative Expression
- 2 courses Designated Writing Intensive (*1 must be within the major*)
- 2 courses Biological or Physical Sciences (*must include at least 1 laboratory course*)
- 1 course Ethics (*emphasis on discussion of ethical issues in 1 course or series of courses*)
- 6 credits Mathematics (*including statistics & some computer science, only 3 credits in computer science can count toward this requirement*)

General Education Requirements* (continued)

- 1 capstone An approved experience in which the student integrates the components of his or her undergraduate training to perform at a professional level. The capstone experience is usually completed during the senior year in consultation with the student's academic advisor.

**All UMaine students must complete these general education requirements, which are counted in the total credit hours required for graduation and may be contained in the Major Requirements previously listed.*

Specialized Information

The Department of Sociology offers a minor in Sociology. The minor is open to all undergraduate, degree-seeking University of Maine students and requires the completion of 18 credit hours in Sociology courses. Please consult the department for specific requirements.

The Department offers two optional concentrations within the major:

CRIME, LAW, AND DEVIANCE

Required core courses:

- SOC 220 Deviance and Social Control
- SOC 201 Social Inequality
- SOC 214 Crime and Criminal Justice
- SOC 314 Law and Society

Elective courses: at least one of which must be taken to complete the concentration requirement.

- SOC 208 Problems of Violence and Terrorism
- SOC 319 Domestic Violence and Social Structure
- SOC 337 Sociology of Mental Illness

RACE, CLASS, AND GENDER

Required core courses:

- SOC 201 Social Inequality
- SOC 329 Sociology of Gender
- SOC 338 Race and Ethnicity

Elective courses: At least two of the following must be taken to complete the concentration. At least one of the following Sociology courses must be taken to complete the concentration:

- SOC 304 Sociology of Lesbian and Gay Families & Relationships
- SOC 319 Domestic Violence and Social Structure
- SOC 330 Perspectives on Women

Students also have the option of taking one of the following courses and having it count towards completing the concentration:

- BLS 101 Introduction to Black Studies
- FAS 101 Introduction to Franco-American Studies
- NAS 101 Introduction to Native American Studies
- WST 101 Introduction to Women's Studies

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