

Sociology prepares you to investigate and navigate the social world. The Sociology Department provides academic experiences within and outside of the classroom for both sociology majors and those students taking sociology courses as core requirements and/or electives. The sociology curriculum lays the foundation for doing research in sociology, and prepares students to continue their studies at the graduate level, or to pursue careers in numerous other fields.

Major Requirements

- SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology SOC 200 Research & Writing SOC 201 The Sociological Tradition SOC 301 Contemporary Social Theory
- SOC 314 Research Methods
- MTH 125 Probability & Statistics
- SOC 495 Senior Seminar

And one SOC 200-level elective and two SOC 300-level electives

Minor Requirements

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology SOC 200 Research & Writing SOC 201 The Sociological Tradition

And three additional courses at least two of which must be at the 300-level

*All specific courses listed except SOC 101 and MTH 125 must be taken at Washington & Jefferson College



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Beyond the Classroom

Students have many opportunities for research, internships, conferences, and networking beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J.

Recent Student Research

- "Effects of Religiosity and Moral Communities on Undergraduate Students" Binge Drinking Habits"
- "Sex Trafficking in the United States: Exploitation of Minorities"
- "Behind the Opioid Crisis: Cartels, Medical Doctors and Corporate Executives"

Recent Graduates Are

- Pursuing an M.S. in Healthcare Management & Policy at Carnegie Mellon University
- Pursuing an M.S. in Exercise Science at California University
- Pursuing an M.S./Ph.D. in Counseling at Chatham University
- MSW drug & alcohol counselor

Alumni Achievements

- Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida
- Financial service executive
- Working for the State Department
- Ph.D.s in Rural Sociology, Public Health, Public Administration

