

# MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY

## SOCIAL WORK & HUMAN SERVICES

### WHY SOCIOLOGY?

Sociology provides an in-depth understanding of the social issues that impact individuals and communities. This foundation prepares you for a fulfilling career in social work and human services, where you can directly impact people's lives by providing support, counseling, and advocacy.

### MARKETABLE SKILLS

**Interpersonal Communication:** Effectively communicating with diverse populations  
**Case Management:** Managing and supporting individuals and families  
**Cultural Competence:** Understanding different cultural backgrounds in social services  
**Ethical Decision-Making:** Navigating ethical dilemmas in social work settings  
**Empathy and Advocacy:** Advocating for vulnerable populations with empathy

### POSSIBLE COURSES

**SOC 404:** Qualitative Research Methods  
**SOC 360:** Intro to Family Sociology  
**SOC 365:** Sociology of Aging  
**SOC 450:** The Family & Social Change

**Internships:**  
Academic internships with DCFS or other social service agencies

### GRADUATE PROGRAMS

**Master of Social Work:** Clinical and administrative roles in social work  
**Master of Counseling:** Careers in mental health counseling  
**Master of Public Health:** Roles in community health and public policy  
**PhD in Social Work/Sociology:** Academic and high-level administrative careers

### CAREERS

**Social worker**  
**Case manager**  
**Community outreach coordinator**  
**Non-profit administrator**