The field of Sociology aims to understand human actions - how they influence and shape society and how society collectively influences and shapes human behavior. Sociological theory can touch on almost every topic conceivable because everything involves people: personal relationships, workplace structure, the communities where we live, social movements, the global reach of media and business, and more.

Everyone is part of a society, be it your local community, your ethnic group, your religious organization, your State, a sports team, or many other types of groupings. The Sociology minor at UWM offers students a chance to better understand the world at large, and more specifically the people within it. Students explore the causes and consequences of human behavior including topics such as crime, population shifts, housing patterns, racism, gender, the legal system, organized sports, political beliefs, family structure, workplace organization, urban gardening, and more.

UWM students in Sociology can customize their minor. Beyond the core courses that everyone takes, students have many electives to choose from, and they can take a broad array of courses or become more specialized by choosing electives focused around particular topics of interest. Sociology is a social science and relies on data, statistics and research to form theories and draw conclusions. Students in UWM's Sociology program learn how to process, analyze and synthesize large volumes of information in a logical and consistent manner using the latest software tools, a skill that has gotten them noticed by employers from all types of businesses who rely on data to make business decisions.

The Sociology minor is available entirely online for students that wish to earn their degree from a distance. All classes required for the minor can be taken online, or students can mix-and-match and take a some online and some traditional classes.

Requirements

Students must complete at least 9 upper-division (numbered 300 and above) credits in the minor in residence at UWM. The College requires that students attain at least a 2.500 GPA on all credits in the minor attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.500 GPA on all minor credits attempted, including any transfer work.

The minor in sociology requires 18 credits distributed as follows:

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Electives

Select 3 credits of SOCIOL at any level

Total Credits 18

1 With the approval of the undergraduate advisor, minors may substitute an elementary statistics course from another discipline for the SOCIOL 261 requirement.

2 Those who have completed a methods course in a related discipline may be exempted from the SOCIOL 361 requirement, with the approval of the undergraduate advisor. Students who receive exemption from SOCIOL 361 must take an additional upper-division Sociology course for the minor.

Declare Your Sociology Minor with a Faculty Advisor

http://uwm.edu/sociology/undergraduate/declare-major-minor/

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