

Sociology (BA)



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In Drexel's Department of Sociology, students investigate the values and incentives that are embedded in social norms, policies, institutions and our built environment in an effort to better understand issues of social justice and equality.

Sociology students develop strong skills in critical thinking, research design, research methods, data analysis, writing and public speaking.

CONCENTRATIONS & MINORS

ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY examines the social causes of environmental problems and identifies the changes in society needed to address such problems. Students interested in environmental sociology will engage questions such as: Why is climate change controversial in the United States? How do communities organize, document and challenge exposure to pollution? Why do political and economic institutions have such a profound impact on the health of ecosystems?

MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY is designed to give students a broader understanding of the social dimensions of health and illness, and contemporary medical practice, from a national and global perspective. For students majoring in such fields as health sciences, nursing, or biology, medical sociology complements their scientific training with a social science focus on humans, policy, and power in health care.

URBAN SOCIOLOGY identifies the practices, policies and norms that create vibrant, safe cities, as well as those that decrease resilience. Students will ask questions such as: What role do social networks play in neighborhood responses to heat waves or hurricanes? What effects do alternative media have on city life? How do public spaces contribute to urban social cohesion?

MINORS: Sociology; Medical Sociology; Environmental Sociology



ACCELERATED DEGREES

BA/MS IN SOCIOLOGY AND URBAN STRATEGY

BA/JD IN SOCIOLOGY AND LAW

INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM

Notable courses in the Department of Sociology include:

- Social Movements
- Sociology of Health and Illness
- Urban Sociology
- Sociology of Disasters
- Race, Ethnicity and Social Inequalities
- Environmental Change

SOC 450 CAPSTONE IN SOCIOLOGY

The Capstone in Sociology is required for all students majoring or minoring in sociology and is taken during the junior or senior year. Readings in the course are drawn from current scholarship in Drexel Sociology's core areas (urban, environmental and medical sociology).



DREXEL CO-OP

Co-operative education options prepare sociology students to pursue advanced education and careers across wide-ranging areas including nonprofit organizations, businesses, or city and state agencies. Previous co-op placements include:

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA • DUANE MORRIS LLP • OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR • ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA • METHODIST SERVICES AND MORE.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

SOCIOLOGY IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia is a rich cultural and social setting where people create and participate in the arts, media, politics, medicine, health care and sustainability issues in real time. From urban farms to murals to vegan restaurants, the people of Philadelphia are creating vibrant communities that address and transform the challenges of our times. In fact, the field of sociology was created in part in Philadelphia, when W.E.B. DuBois conducted one of the first empirical sociological studies in the city's 7th ward from 1896 to 1897.

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