



DREXEL UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

# SOCIOLOGY

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## DREXEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

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.

## DEGREES OFFERED

Sociology (BA)

Accelerated BA/MS in Sociology and Urban Strategy

Accelerated BA/JD in Sociology and Law

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Admissions

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Department of Sociology

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## BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

Sociological approaches can be used to study numerous aspects of social life — from consumer behavior to barriers blocking environmental change. While students can pursue a curriculum that fits their interests, the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology offers three tracks that build on faculty research and expertise. Training in these areas prepares students to tackle major challenges facing our world today.

### Environmental Sociology

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

Coursework in 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

Urban sociologists identify the practices, policies and norms that create vibrant, safe cities, as well as those that decrease resilience. As urban sociologists, 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?

## DREXEL CO-OP

Through Drexel's cooperative education program, students embark on up to three, six-month periods of employment, exploring their career options, strengthening their résumés and building a professional network in the process. Sociology students may be interested in co-op positions with nonprofit organizations, businesses, or city and state agencies.

## COURSES

To hone their ability to analyze and remake contemporary life, sociology students take fascinating courses such as Social Movements; Sociology of Health and Illness; Urban Sociology; Sociology of Disasters; Race, Ethnicity and Social Inequalities; and Environmental Change. By developing expertise in one of the department's three tracks, and by taking sociology courses in a range of other areas, students strengthen their command of the discipline.

### 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).

The seminar format enables students to engage in dialogue with one another and to integrate the skills and knowledge they have gained in previous coursework. Students also reflect on the Drexel co-op program; explore how their co-op experiences helped to shape their plans for work after graduation; and examine what it means to have a "public" orientation to sociology and justice.

## 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. A mural dedicated to his work can be found at 6th and South Streets (image above).

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