



Sociology & Gerontology



College of the
ARTS, HUMANITIES
& SOCIAL SCIENCES

About the College

The College of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences supports the university's liberal arts foundation with a broad range of undergraduate and graduate course offerings and degree programs. The college exemplifies excellence in teaching, research, scholarship and service and is home to the School of the Arts, the Council for Sustainable Futures, and six centers and institutes including the Center for Portuguese Studies and the Center for Public Policy Studies.

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Sociology is the study of social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. Sociology majors receive a strong grounding in traditional and contemporary social theory, methods of conducting social research, and techniques of analyzing social data.



Recent graduates of the Sociology Department have applied their training to enter prestigious graduate schools or to obtain entry-level management and administrative positions with such varied organizations as large and small businesses, criminal justice agencies, child welfare organizations, local welfare and mental health departments, the criminal courts and social service agencies.

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Degrees and Programs

- Bachelor of Arts, Sociology
- Minors: Gerontology, Sociology
- Concentrations: Those majoring in Liberal Studies or Social Sciences can complete their concentration in Sociology.
- Credentials: Social Sciences Subject Matter Preparation Program
- Graduate certificate available in Gerontology/Geriatrics

Our faculty

Paul W. O'Brien (Chair), Ph.D.,
Colorado State ('92)

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Washington State ('75)

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Interesting classes you might take

Criminology
Social Inequalities
Juvenile Delinquency
The Family
Sociology of Youth
Sociology of Sex Roles
Sociology of Film
Social Change
Social Deviance

Course Spotlight

SOCL 3240:

Social Deviance

The study of social behaviors which differ from the norm or expected behavior. Focus is on the reaction of segments of society to these behaviors; i.e., the process by which some behavior is ignored, other behaviors generate social sanctions, and certain behaviors are criminal.

Go online to
www.csustan.edu/sociology
for more course descriptions.

What you can learn

- Knowledge competency in sociology
- The sociohistorical and theoretical groundings of sociology as a field of study and practice
- Understanding of the reasoning process involved in theoretical construction
- The facility for critical thinking, with the ability to separate fact from fallacy, myth from reality

What you can earn

- Social Services Specialist, \$55,000
- Social Services Case Manager, \$36,000
- Housing Support Specialist, \$38,000

Source: Indeed.com 2011

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