



Sociology—with an Eye on Law School

A&L Majors are good prep for Law School because you are...

- ◆ Constantly interpreting complex texts
- ◆ Researching and writing
- ◆ Analyzing and synthesizing data
- ◆ Developing logical arguments
- ◆ Participating in oral discussions
- ◆ Linking specifics to broader contexts

The Sociological Advantage

Sociology is already a great choice because it has all the features of an A&L major—plus...

- ◆ Sociology concerns itself with many of the issues confronting the law, e.g., social problems, family trends & patterns, crime & deviance, race/ethnicity, culture, religion, power, politics, economics, the environment, human behavior, social interaction, and the social construction of reality.
- ◆ Sociology places an emphasis on empirical evidence to answer complex questions.
- ◆ Sociology bases the interpretation of empirical data in theory.

Come let Sociology help you prepare for a career in the legal profession!

To get into Law School, it doesn't matter what your undergraduate major is as long as you:

- ◆ Work hard
- ◆ Get good grades
- ◆ Develop your writing and analysis skills
- ◆ Rock the LSAT

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For a copy of our most recent course descriptions packet, visit <http://sociology.nd.edu/undergraduate-program/requirements/>



Courses for Students Interested in Pre Law Studies

SOC 10002 or 20002 – Understanding Societies

Helps students understand human behavior and social life and their effects on life experiences and outcomes.

SOC 10033 or 20033 – Introduction to Social Problems

Helps students to develop a sociological perspective on many of our most pressing social problems, such as crime & deviance, drug abuse & addiction, domestic violence and abuse, hunger, poverty, & racial/ethnic discrimination.

SOC 10722 or 20722 – Introduction to Social Psychology

Helps students understand the interaction between individuals and society – how our attitudes and personalities are shaped by others, the groups we belong to, the social structures around us, & social interaction.

SOC 20342 – Marriage and the Family

Helps students examine the family as an institution, its diverse forms over time & across cultures; its formation, dissolution, & reformation; the implications that race/ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic class has for families; national trends & patterns and policy implications.

SOC 20732 – Introduction to Criminology

Helps students examine crime as a social problem within US society. Particular attention is given to the nature & function of the law in society, theoretical perspectives on crime, victimology, sources of crime data, the social meaning of criminological data, and societal responses to crime.

SOC 30581 – Racism and Activism

Helps students analyze race-based organized collective action. Particular attention is given to the causes and consequences of both progressive & conservative social movements, e.g., Civil Rights, the KKK, and the Tea Party.

SOC 30806 – Race and Ethnicity

Helps students examine the contested ground of race in the U.S. Focus is on the invention, production, & reproduction of race from a social constructionist perspective. Also examines the ways race structures inequality and the racial controversies directly tied to resource allocation and federal policy.

SOC 30838 – Poverty, Inequality, and Social Stratification

Helps students understand the causes of inequality in society and the reasons for its persistence. Topics include class structure in U.S. society, status attainment, occupational mobility, racial and ethnic stratification, gender stratification in labor markets, inner-city and rural poverty, welfare dependence, and causes of homelessness.

SOC 30900 – Foundations of Sociological Theory

Helps students explore the content and method of great written works by social theorists such as Durkheim, Weber, Marx, and Tocqueville. Major emphasis is on classic texts to examine two themes: the methodological arguments concerning sociology's ambitions and substantive debates over the nature and dynamics of a changing society. This is the department's writing intensive course in which students are given many opportunities to write from a sociological perspective.

Any 43xxx level course, especially those in the areas of ...

Culture and Media

- SOC 43101 – Telling About Society
- SOC 43110 – Sociology of Media, Technology, and Society
- SOC 43113 – Cultural Sociology
- SOC 43197 – Culture, Morality, and Society



Deviance, Criminology, and Law

- SOC 43704 – Law, Society, and Criminal Justice
- SOC 43730 – Crime and Deviance in Ideological Perspective
- SOC 43732 – Controversies and Crises in Modern Criminology

Migration, Demography, and Medicine

- SOC 43402 – Population Dynamics
- SOC 43404 – International Migration: Mexico & the U.S. II
- SOC 43479 – International Migration & Human Rights

Political, Development, and Economics

- SOC 43513 – Sociology of Development
- SOC 43524 – Employment in a Changing Economy
- SOC 43553 – Building Democratic Institutions
- SOC 43578 – Chile in Comparative Perspective
- SOC 43579 – Social Organization of Secrecy & Deception
- SOC 43590 – Sociology of Economic Life

Social Psychology

- SOC 43713 – Socialization and the Life Course
- SOC 43719 – Self, Society, and Environment

Stratification, Race, Ethnicity, and Gender

- SOC 43839 – Unequal America

According to a survey by the American Sociological Association, 11% of Sociology grads who responded had gone on to law school.