

# SOCIOLOGY AT WBU

*If you are interested in helping people and want to be a catalyst for change in your community, sociology is the major for you!*

The Wayland Baptist University Sociology major equips students to initiate change, serve in their communities, and become social scientists. Students who graduate with a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology are positioned to attend graduate school in sociology or social work, or to work in social/human services field immediately after graduation.

**Skills, skills, and more skills** Sociology majors learn skills to successfully compete in the job market. Students learn these skills alongside the theories, concepts, and applications pertinent to the discipline. WBU sociology majors and minors become problem solvers, leaders in their communities and advocates for the disadvantaged. Graduates of the program see noticeable improvement in their oral and written communication as well. Employers are seeking these skills when looking to hire a college graduate.

**Flexibility** The degree is flexible. A Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology only requires 30 hours. The 30 hours includes six required courses (18 semester hours) and four electives (12 semester hours).

This includes working for non-profit community organizations that help alleviate social problems, such as poverty, violence, mental and physical health disparities, food insecurity, homelessness, child abuse, human trafficking, intimate partner violence, educational disadvantage, etc.

**Practical experience** Sociology majors enroll in a practicum course during the final year in the program. The purpose of the practicum is to transition you from student to professional. Students work at a local community agency of their choice. Practicum gives students the experience they need to perform well on the job after they graduate.

**You will never get bored** Sociology is the study of people, groups, and societies. This means that sociologists study everything. The discipline is expansive, with research ranging from the study of animals in society to social media, politics, identity, poverty, culture, ethnicity, race, social inequality, and family. With a major in sociology, the possibilities and opportunities for your future career are endless.

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# SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

*If you plan to attend graduate school for sociology:*

## Required Courses

Introduction to Sociology  
Social Problems  
Individual and Society  
Cultural Diversity  
Introduction to Social Work  
Practicum

## Recommended Courses

Theories of Sociology  
Research Methods and Data Analysis  
Elective  
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*If you plan to attend graduate school for social work or go directly into a social work career:*

## Required Courses

Introduction to Sociology  
Social Problems  
Individual and Society  
Cultural Diversity  
Introduction to Social Work  
Practicum

## Recommended Courses

Case Management  
Elective  
Elective  
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# SOCIOLOGY MINOR

*Sociology minors complete 18 semester hours (six courses).*

*The minor is unrestricted. This means you choose any collection of courses to fit your needs.*

*A sociology minor pairs well with several majors at the university, including Christian Ministry, English, History, Inter-cultural Missions, Justice Administration, Media Communication, Political Science, Psychology and Religion.*

## **Sociology minor recommended courses for major career paths:**

### **Religion, Christian Ministry and Inter-cultural Missions Majors:**

- Introduction to Sociology
- Social Problems
- Cultural Diversity
- Sociology of Religion
- Elective
- Elective

### **Psychology Majors:**

- Introduction to Social Work
- Individual and Society
- Social Problems
- Cultural Diversity
- Elective
- Elective

### **Justice Administration Majors:**

- Introduction to Sociology
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Law and Society
- Criminology
- Deviance
- Elective

DALTON CONLEY  
 ROBIN WILLIAMS  
 EMILE DURKHEIM  
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# FAMOUS SOCIOLOGISTS

## Careers in Sociology

Adoption Services  
 Child Protective Services  
 Community Organizer  
 Counselor  
 Criminologist  
 Developmental Disability Services  
 Human Rights Officer  
 Human Services Professional  
 Institutional Research  
 Mental Health Services  
 Newspaper and Magazine Reporting  
 Not-for-Profit Executive Director  
 Professor  
 Public Policy  
 Public Relations Specialist  
 Social Work in Health Professions  
 Statistician  
 Warden

## Organizations that Employ Sociologists

Bureau of Labor Statistics  
 Census Bureau  
 Department of Health and Human Services  
 Department of Justice  
 Gallup  
 National Institutes of Health  
 Pew Research  
 State and Local Government  
 Universities