

Sociology

Our Commitment to Sociology Majors

As an HBCU, Delaware State teaches sociology from a unique perspective. We provide our students with a strong basic foundation in the study of social institutions, including religion, politics, media, marriage/parenthood, and labor/industry. But Delaware State's program also explores how societies are affected by factors such as

- race
- gender
- ethnicity
- sexual orientation
- cultural identity

Sociology majors become proficient in writing, critical thinking and analysis, academic research, and interpersonal communication. They have the opportunity to apply for internships and gain real-world, hands-on experience. All seniors in the program complete an independent, in-depth capstone project on a subject of their own choosing.

Students graduate with a widely applicable skill set and a variety of career options, including graduate school.

To graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, a student must complete at least 121 credit hours of coursework. Coursework includes general education courses, as well as a wide range of Sociology courses. Sociology majors must complete an internship in their junior or senior year. Sociology majors are encouraged to complete a minor and/or develop a specific area of interest, such as law studies, woman and gender issues or health promotion.

A minimum grade of "C" is required in most Sociology courses.

Professional Preparation

Many Sociology graduates pursue advanced degrees in sociology, social work, law, criminal justice, and related disciplines. Others go directly into the work force and compete successfully for positions in fields such as

- criminal justice
- corrections
- mental health counseling
- drug and alcohol counseling
- social work

Faculty [1]

Faculty in the sociology department are devoted teachers with a keen interest in undergraduate education. Professors are approachable and supportive, offering mentorship and academic guidance as well as classroom expertise.

Members of Delaware State's sociology faculty are active researchers and writers, with specialized interests that range from cultural anthropology to social stratification and global inequality.

Research and Experience

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Sociology students can gain real-world experience through internships in the public and nonprofit sectors. The internship program has been expanded; students can now apply for hands-on work opportunities at

- mental health facilities
- drug / alcohol counseling centers
- juvenile counseling programs
- prisons
- homeless shelters
- transitional housing

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