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Sociology Program

Mission Statement
The mission of the sociology program is to develop students' ability to analyze the social world by using diverse sociological theories and research methods that stress the importance of social, cultural and historical contexts for understanding relationships between social actors and structures.

Goals and Objectives
To fulfill its mission, the sociology program cultivates the sociological imagination, providing students the following sets of skills and experience. Upon completion of the B.A. or B.S. degree in sociology, students will be able to:
- Recognize and understand the social dimension of the human experience and the diverse social arrangements and practices found within and across societies and cultures.
- Recognize how developing a sociological lens is a practical skill for living a productive and meaningful life.
- Identify and understand sociology's major theories, schools of thoughts and analytical paradigms.
- Identify and understand sociology's origin, development and practice within its social and historical contexts.
- Demonstrate the use of skills in investigating the social world utilizing methodological components such as concept formation, measurement strategies, data analysis, summary and presentation of findings.
- Demonstrate the use of the scholarly tools needed to practice sociology, including rigor, perceptiveness, creativity, logical consistency, tenacity and discipline.
- Recognize the norms of the scholarly community and of a participatory society, including collegiality, openness to public scrutiny, testing reinterpretation and refutation.

Career Opportunities and Marketable Skills
Working as a professional sociologist most often requires a graduate degree, but the following careers, some supplemented with collateral training, are representative of our previous graduates:
- Criminologist, probation/parole officer, police officer, corrections officer
- Teacher, professor, social worker, researcher, case manager, biostatistician
- Admissions officer, demographer, data analyst, personnel interviewer
- Nursing home director, hospice coordinator, day care provider/director, epidemiologist
- Mediator, congressional aide, writer/author, advocacy worker, job analyst
- Population specialist, management trainee, sociologist, market research analyst
- Secret service agent, customs/immigration officer, labor relations specialist
- Personnel administrator, public relations specialist, public health statistician
- Urban/regional planner, race relations specialist, underwriter, fundraiser
- Education specialist, community services director

A major in sociology provides skills and perspectives that enhance all careers. Students who study sociology gain:
- Increased general knowledge.
- Broadened viewpoints informed by sociological perspectives.
- Sensitivity to organizational issues and social change.
- Abilities in critical thinking, analysis, writing and communication, examination of attitudes and values and enhancement of computer skills.

Further information about careers in sociology is available from the American Sociological Association website under “Careers and Jobs.”

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Co-curricular Activities and Organizations
- Alpha Kappa Delta, the Sociological Honorary Society
- Student Research Symposium
- The Sociology Club

Degree and Major Requirements

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

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2. The foreign language requirement may be satisfied by successful completion of the second semester of the intermediate level of the student's chosen language (typically 220) or by placing out of that language through the Department of Foreign Language's placement test.

Major Requirements

To earn the B.A. degree with a sociology major, students must complete a minimum of 39 credit hours in sociology. Of these credit hours, 18 are required courses; the remaining 21 credit hours are electives chosen from over 30 sociology courses.

Students must earn at least a “C-” in all sociology classes or any course that is substituted for a sociology core course. If a student earns below a “C-” in a course, he/she can re-take the course once in order to meet the “C-” standard.

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2. In addition to core work taken to fulfill General Education requirements.

Concentrations

The sociology program encourages majors to select electives that create a coherent program of study suited to their special needs and interests. Such a focus would involve four or more courses from the following concentration groupings:

1. Environment, Technologies and Innovations
   - SOCI 311. Sociology of the Environment
   - SOCI 313. Processes of Social and Cultural Change
   - SOCI 315. Technology and Society
   - SOCI 344. Work and Society
   - SOCI 348. Introduction to the Developing Societies
   - SOCI 354. Social and Cultural Stratification
   - SOCI 360. Social Movements
   - SOCI 361. Sociology of Organizations
   - SOCI 366. Sociology of Knowledge
   - SOCI 375. Medical Sociology

2. Political and Global Analysis
   - SOCI 214. Social Deviance
   - SOCI 260. Sociology of Culture
   - SOCI 312. Processes of Social and Cultural Change
   - SOCI 322. Politics in Society
   - SOCI 342. Muslim Movements in the Middle East
   - SOCI 344. Work and Society
   - SOCI 348. Introduction to Developing Societies
   - SOCI 354. Social and Cultural Stratification
   - SOCI 361. Sociology of Organizations
   - SOCI 375. Medical Sociology

3. Community Action and Evaluation
   - SOCI 295. Sociology of the Community
   - SOCI 276. Sociology of Families
   - SOCI 280. Social Gerontology
   - SOCI 321. Politics in Society
   - SOCI 322. Sociology of Religion
   - SOCI 327. Juvenile Delinquency

Further information about these concentrations and additional electives can be found in the College of Arts and Letters: Department of Sociology and Anthropology catalog at http://www.jmu.edu/catalog/14
Anthropology Program

Mission Statement

Anthropology is unique among the social sciences in that it celebrates humans as biological organisms and as innovative, creative, culture-bearing beings. Through course work, field schools, study abroad, independent studies and internships, students learn about cultural, linguistic, and biological diversity, human biological characteristics, and the human past as revealed by archaeology. The anthropology program provides globally-oriented courses that stress critical thinking, method and theory, gathering and interpreting data, intensive reading and writing, hands-on learning and the research methods and techniques used by anthropologists to understand contemporary human problems.

Goals

The Anthropology program has the following goals:

- To introduce students to the nature of culture and of diverse cultural systems, their social organization and how anthropologists interpret cultural differences and similarities.
- To introduce students to the relevance of human biology for understanding contemporary human populations and biological variation and disease and to provide them with the fundamentals of evolutionary theory and the fossil and genetic evidence that supports it.
- To develop student understanding of cultural origins and the development of human societies through the analysis of material remains (artifacts) left by prehistoric and historic cultures.
- To encourage an integrative approach to understanding the human condition that incorporates the contributions of all sub-disciplines of anthropology.

Career Opportunities and Marketable Skills

An undergraduate degree in Anthropology provides a solid foundation for a wide range of rewarding careers. Students with a B.A. or B.S. degree in anthropology have gone on to become:

- Graduate students in archaeology, cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, linguistics and area studies programs
- Professors of anthropology in each of the sub-disciplines
- Professional students in law, medicine, education, international affairs, public policy and public health
- Americorps and Peace Corps volunteers
- Archivists
- Business executives
- City planners and government officials
- College librarians
- Field archaeologists
- Cultural affairs directors
- Historical preservationists
- Museum and zoo curators and staff
- International aid workers and development consultants
- Management trainees
- Nurses, medical technicians and physicians assistants
- Forensic analysts
- Coroners
- Technical writers
- Conservation scientists and practitioners

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The anthropology major is a liberal arts program that stresses such marketable skills as:
- Data analysis
- Computer skills
- Critical thinking
- Global knowledge
- Research skills
- Rigorous writing and presentation skills

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- Student Anthropology Club

Degree and Major Requirements

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2. MATH 220, Statistics, is strongly recommended for those students who have not taken that course or an equivalent as part of their General Education.

Major Requirements

To earn a B.A. or B.S. degree in anthropology, students complete 40-41 credit hours in the major. Given the diverse opportunities the discipline provides, the major is designed to allow students the opportunity to work closely with their advisers to develop a curriculum appropriate to their personal and professional interests. Those students wishing to do so may elect to pursue a concentration in one of the three sub-disciplines of cultural, biological or archaeological anthropology.

The concentrations guide students in choosing courses to enhance opportunities for graduate school or allow them to pursue an area of personal interest within the larger discipline of anthropology. Up to two elective courses from a discipline outside of anthropology may be applied to the major. Elective courses from outside of the program must be approved by the student's adviser and must be at the 300- or 400-level. Students must receive at least a “C-” in a class to have it count toward the major.

General Program

The general program provides students with a holistic introduction to the breadth of anthropology highlighting experience in the sub-disciplines of cultural, archaeological and biological anthropology, as well as introductory experiences in linguistics. The program is designed to provide students with a well-rounded understanding of the discipline in preparation for advanced graduate training or as an adjunct to their personal and professional aspirations.

Degree and Major Requirements

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology

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One course from the following:

- ANTH 315. Human Evolution
- ANTH 316. Human Evolutionary Psychology
- ANTH 435. Ethnographic Genres and Methods
- ANTH 455. Archaeology: Methods of Analysis and Interpretation

One elective from each of the following: cultural anthropology, biological anthropology and archaeology

Other electives 1, 2

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2. Students may take up to two adviser approved electives at the 300 or 400 level from courses outside of the program.
3. Students should consider including ANTH 305, Language and Culture, as one of their electives.

Concentrations

Cultural Anthropology

Cultural anthropology is at the core of anthropology. It provides students with in-depth experience in the interpretation and comparison of cultures. It is closely linked to the humanities and to other social sciences. Students learn what culture is, how different cultural systems and forms of social organization work, how language both reflects and constitutes culture and methodological and theoretical frameworks for interpreting cultural differences and similarities. Students work closely with cultural anthropology faculty to choose a series of electives from both within and outside of the department to refine their own research interests.

Students are encouraged (but not required) to become proficient in a foreign language beyond the level required for the B.A. and to develop a regional area of specialization through course work or a minor (e.g. Latin American studies, Africana studies, Middle Eastern studies, Asian studies). Outside upper-level electives are recommended in history, sociology, economics, religion, modern foreign languages and political science. Students are encouraged to pursue study abroad, ethnographic field school and internship opportunities.

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Required Courses | Credit Hours
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**GANTH 195. Cultural Anthropology** | 3
**GANTH 196. Biological Anthropology** | 3
**ANTH 197. Anthropology** | 3
**ANTH 201. The Discipline of Anthropology** | 1
**ANTH 375. History of Theory in Sociocultural Anthropology** | 3
**ANTH 435. Ethnographic Genres and Methods** | 4
One upper-division course archaeology and biological anthropology | 6
Electives | 18

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2. Students may take up to two adviser approved electives at the 300 or 400 level from courses outside of the program.
3. Suggested electives include: ANTH 305, Language and Culture; area studies courses such as ANTH 286, Peoples and Cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean, ANTH 312, Native Americans, ANTH 280, Peoples and Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa, ANTH 295, Peoples and Cultures of East Asia, and upper-division courses addressing topical issues which are generally more theoretically intensive such as ANTH 390, Topics in Cultural Studies, ANTH 313, Culture Process and Change, ANTH 323, Visual Anthropology, ANTH 370, Topics in the Anthropology of Gender; and ANTH 395, Special Topics.

**Archaeology**

Archaeology is the study of the development and change of human societies from the prehistoric past to the present through the identification, gathering and interpretation of material remains. While a major contributor to biological anthropology and forensics, archaeology is most closely tied to cultural anthropology and has been described as cultural anthropology in the past tense. As demonstrated by the emergence of discipline of historical archaeology, the field has strong ties to the practice of history.

Students planning a career in archaeology might enroll in an archaeological field school. Those interested in historical archaeology should consider the cross disciplinary historical archaeology minor. Archaeology students are also encouraged to take ANTH 435, Ethnographic Genres and Methods. This sub-discipline shares strong methodological and thematic ties with history, geography, biology and art history and upper-level course electives from these areas are encouraged. Students may consider co-majoring or minoring in these fields as a complement to their education.

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2. Students may take up to two adviser approved electives at the 300 or 400 level from courses outside of the program. BIO 270 (Human physiology) and BIO 290 (Human anatomy) are accepted electives.
3. In addition to biological anthropology courses, students are encouraged to take electives from across the breadth of cultural and linguistic anthropology and archaeology.

**Biological Anthropology**

The focus of biological anthropology is the study of human biology from an evolutionary perspective. Biological anthropology is interested in understanding how and why the human species became what it is today. Thus, it involves the study of human evolution, human biology and its variation, human ecology (how humans interrelate with their environment) and primate behavior and biology (to place humans in the proper comparative context).

Biological anthropologists also recognize that human culture, and learned behavior in general, are fundamentally important to understanding the human condition which leads them to emphasize a bio-cultural approach in which both biology and culture are integrated into a holistic understanding of humanity.

Students work closely with biological anthropology faculty to choose electives from both within and outside of the department to refine their own research and scholarly interests. Upper-level electives in biology, psychology and/or geographic sciences are recommended depending on the student’s particular goals.

Students might consider taking a minor or second major in these disciplines. Students are strongly encouraged to gain practical experience in biological anthropology through study abroad, internships or independent study with faculty.

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3. In addition to biological anthropology courses, students are encouraged to take electives from across the breadth of cultural and linguistic anthropology and archaeology.

**Minor Requirements**

**Anthropology Minor**

Students complete a minor in anthropology by completing 18 hours in anthropology including the core courses GANTH 195, Cultural Anthropology; GANTH 196, Biological Anthropology and ANTH 197, Archaeology. Students must receive at least a "C-" in a class to have it count toward the minor.

**Historical Archaeology Minor**

The minor is designed for students interested in the field of historical archaeology, a discipline that integrates the research interests and methods of archaeology and history. For a full description of this program, refer to the cross disciplinary Historical Archaeology program.

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