

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN Sociology & Anthropology



PROGRAM OVERVIEW »

BACHELOR OF ARTS | SOCIOLOGY: MAJOR, MINOR | ANTHROPOLOGY: MINOR

As a sociology or anthropology student, you benefit from a variety of small classes, close faculty-student mentorship, a challenging curriculum and various teaching and learning approaches, including seminars, experiential and collaborative learning, community-based research, independent research, faculty-student scholarly collaborations and internships in diverse settings, including the medical examiner's office, local law enforcement agencies, the Rape Crisis Center, the Domestic Abuse Council, the Council on Aging, local schools and social service and nonprofit agencies. These experiences will help prepare you for a broad range of graduate programs and careers.

With a sociology major or minor, you will investigate facets of society, including social institutions such as family, law, work, health and medicine, and sport; social issues and inequality such as criminology, social deviance, social inequality, race and ethnicity, and gender; and social change such as population and the environment, developing societies, work and globalization or pandemics. As a major in sociology, you are trained as social scientists in the core areas of sociological theory, social research methods and statistics and data analysis, and you apply your knowledge and skills in designing and executing your own independent empirical research study for your senior project.

The anthropology minor focuses on two aspects of anthropology: cultural anthropology and archaeology. Cultural anthropologists describe and explain human behavior within a social context. Archaeologists unravel the mysteries of cultures that no longer exist. Importantly, you will come to understand the value of diversity, inclusion and social justice. You will learn to place twenty-first-century U.S. American culture and society in its unique context.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS »

- The sociology major provides an excellent foundation for those interested in graduate school in sociology or other social science disciplines, as well as for interdisciplinary fields such as gender studies, Africana studies, media studies, and areas such as Latin American and Latino studies or Asian studies. The anthropology minor prepares you for master's degree programs in anthropology, archaeology and forensic science.
- Sociology majors may opt to concentrate in criminology and to earn a criminology certificate.
- Annually, the department may recognize a sociology major with an award for their senior thesis project: The Durkheim Prize for Research Excellence in Sociology is the highest honor bestowed on a sociology major.

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At Stetson University, a major or minor in sociology or a minor in anthropology invites students to learn about social and cultural worlds while challenging them to question the obvious and customary, to ponder provocative questions, to investigate social issues and cultural phenomena, and to learn how to make our rapidly changing and globalizing world a better place.

- Additionally, The Joel Stanton Wright Sociology and Anthropology Award for the Outstanding Senior Thesis recognizes the significant achievement of a sociology major for a senior thesis project and paper that demonstrate the highest standards of student scholarship.
- Sociology majors take the core sequence of research methodology courses (sociological theories, social research methods, statistics and data analysis, senior project, etc.) as a cohort; hence, they develop close and supportive peer relationships.

FACULTY »

Our faculty members will guide you on your academic journey to uncover how social worlds work and what they mean.

- **Nicole Banton, PhD**, Georgia State University
- **Zenta Auyong, PhD**, University of Florida
- **Rachel Core, PhD**, The John Hopkins University
- **Ana Servigna, PhD**, Syracuse University
- **Sven Smith, PhD**, University of Florida; JD, Florida State University



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Departmental activities both in and outside of the classroom in the department are designed to improve basic skills that form the key elements of success in any career. These skills include written and oral communication, research design and implementation, facility with social science statistical software and technical and interpretive skills.

Furthermore, sociology and anthropology students engage in educational experiences and practices that equip them with the key competencies identified by the National Association of Colleges and Employers as those that are associated with career readiness, including:

- Critical thinking/Problem solving
- Oral/Written communications
- Teamwork/Collaboration
- Digital technology
- Professionalism/Work ethic
- Global/Intercultural fluency

With these skills, knowledge and competencies, you will be equipped for a wide range of occupations and professions, and to pursue further education for careers in such fields as:

- Law
- Social work
- Counseling
- Teaching
- Higher education administration
- Government
- The nonprofit sector
- Business
- Public administration
- Health and medicine

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