

Sociology

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Possible career opportunities

Sociology provides students with career opportunities including criminologist, employment counselor, interviewer, researcher, social worker, and urban planner. Most career options require more than two years of college study.

Program-level student learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes are subject to change. The most current list of program learning outcomes for each program is published on the DVC website at www.dvc.edu/slo.

Associate in arts in sociology for transfer

Students completing the program will be able to...

- A. define and apply sociological concepts.
- B. identify, explain and provide possible solutions to social problems.
- C. identify and apply the major theoretical paradigms, functionalist, conflict and interactionist perspectives to analyze social and cultural issues.
- D. demonstrate knowledge of research methods and ethical considerations in conducting research.
- E. utilize critical thinking skills to analyze and evaluate complex social issues.
- F. utilize data to study social phenomena.
- G. make connections between individuals’ lives, their biographies and their social context.

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The sociology major is a valuable liberal arts major for students planning careers in social research, criminology, demography, or social psychology, but also for those pursuing a course of study in public administration, gerontology, education, social work and market research. Sociology provides a useful background for those planning to enter law, business, marketing, medicine, community planning and services, architecture, and politics. In many professional programs in human services, courses in sociology are part of the required training. Sociologists with graduate degrees may teach at the high school, college or graduate levels. They may also become research sociologists in both the public and private sectors and work in areas of public policy, the law and international studies. Applied sociologists may work with social service agencies and community programs on behalf of others, including underrepresented or neglected populations.

Sociology at Diablo Valley College offers a broad range of courses including the urban environment, marriage and families, minority and race relations, social problems, social research and gender studies.

The associate in arts in sociology for transfer is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor’s degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major.

In order to earn the degree, students must:

- Complete 60 semester CSU-transferable units.
- Complete the California State University-General Education pattern (CSU GE); or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern.
- Complete a minimum of 18 semester units in the major.
- Obtain of a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.
- Earn a grade of “C” or higher in all courses required for the major.

Students transferring to a CSU campus that accepts the degree will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor’s degree. This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to university or college that is not part of the CSU system, or those students who do not intend to transfer.

Some courses in the major satisfy both major and CSUGE/IGETC general education requirements; however, the units are only counted once toward the 60 unit requirement for an associate’s degree. Some variations in requirements may exist at certain four-year institutions; therefore, students who intend to transfer are advised to refer to the catalog of the prospective transfer institution and consult a counselor.

<i>major requirements:</i>	<i>units</i>
SOCIO-120 Introduction to Sociology.....	3

<i>plus at least 6 units from:</i>	
BUS-240 Business Statistics with Probability	3
or	
MATH-142 Elementary Statistics with Probability.....	4
and	
SOCIO-121 Introduction to Social Problems	3
SOCIO-123 Introduction to Social Research	3

<i>plus at least 6 units from any course not used above, or:</i>	
PSYCH-225 Social Psychology	3
SOCIO-124 Gender, Culture and Society.....	3
SOCIO-125 Introduction to Marriage and Family.....	3
SOCIO-135 Introduction to Race and Ethnicity	3

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plus at least 3 units from any course not used above, or:

SOCIO-131	The Urban Community.....	3
SOCIO-122	Critical Thinking About Social and Cultural Issues	3
SOCSC-120	Women and Social Change in the United States:1890-Present	3
total minimum required units		18

SOCIO-120 Introduction to Sociology

- 3 units SC
- 54 hours lecture per term
- Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL-122 or equivalent

This course provides an introduction to the theory and scientific methodology of sociology; a survey of the interactions, interrelationships, and processes of society as an organized structure. Sociology’s substantive areas including methodology, socialization, culture, social stratification, race, and ethnic minorities, gender and sexual orientation will be discussed. Institutional analysis beginning with the family, religion, and education is introduced. C-ID SOCI 110, CSU, UC

SOCIO-121 Introduction to Social Problems

- 3 units SC
- 54 hours lecture per term
- Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL-122 or equivalent

This course is a survey of perspectives on major social problems, primarily in the urban, industrial settings. Includes sources, consequences of and means of coping with a variety of social problems. The scientific methodology required for accurate analysis is emphasized. Topics will be selected from social problems such as aging, health care, mental illness, environmental issues, labor force conditions, gender and sexuality, poverty, crime, juvenile delinquency, suicide, addiction, abuse, migration and relations with minority groups, or membership in deviant subcultures. C-ID SOCI 115, CSU, UC

SOCIO-122 Critical Thinking About Social and Cultural Issues

- 3 units SC
- 54 hours lecture per term
- Prerequisite: ENGL-122 or equivalent

Critical reasoning in sociology is a process of questioning, analyzing and evaluating oral and written ideas, concepts, and interpretations of the political, economic and social issues and patterns found in human societies. This process will include an introduction to the principles of logic, the structure of language, the scientific method, and prevailing theoretical models in sociology. Specific writing skills will be developed through a series of increasingly complex analytical essays and through instruction in metaphor, analogy, comparing and contrasting, the nature of evidence, as well as essay structure and expression. The goal is for students to learn how to identify sociological viewpoints, to gather and analyze sociological information, to recognize sociological relationships and patterns, and to see the relevancy of sociological insights and theories as a background for understanding current events and issues. CSU, UC

SOCIO-123 Introduction to Social Research

- 3 units SC
- 54 hours lecture per term
- Prerequisite: SOCIO-120 or equivalent
- Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL-122 or equivalent

This course is a study of the various social research methods and a review of problems in assessing data relating to social life. Topics to be covered include: posing a sociological problem, data-gathering techniques, sampling, measurement, and establishing relationships among data. This class allows students to become involved in the process of conducting survey research and to participate in the use of other social research techniques. C-ID SOCI 120, CSU, UC

SOCIO-124 Gender, Culture and Society

- 3 units SC
- 54 hours lecture per term
- Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL-122 or equivalent

A multidimensional examination of the socialization of sex roles in United States society and other cultures, including the mechanisms by which gender roles develop and the social consequences for society. The course examines the social and cultural processes and institutional arrangements that give meaning to being a woman and a man in gendered society. C-ID SOCI 140, CSU, UC

SOCIO-125 Introduction to Marriage and Family

- 3 units SC
- 54 hours lecture per term
- Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL-122 or equivalent

An examination of basic issues concerning marriage, family and kinship in African American, Euro American, Hispanic, Asian and Native American families. Emphasis on cross-cultural and cross-societal comparisons, kinship groups, the nature of human marriage, relationship of the family to other social institutions, child rearing, plural marriages, family politics, and speculations concerning the future of the family. C-ID SOCI 130, CSU, UC

SOCIO-131 The Urban Community

- 3 units SC
- 54 hours lecture per term
- Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL-122 or equivalent

This course examines current and historical social change in cities and suburbs through the experience of African Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, Native Americans and European Americans. Challenges faced by multicultural communities, neighborhoods and suburbs, and programs and strategies that are designed to meet these challenges will be covered. CSU, UC

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SOCIO-135 Introduction to Race and Ethnicity

3 units SC

- 54 hours lecture per term
- Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL-122 or equivalent

This course is a sociological analysis of ethnic cultures in the United States. Topics include political, economic, religious, judicial, and familial organization of ethnic communities, the effects of the dominant society on these institutions and recent socio-political movements. C-ID SOCI 150, CSU, UC

SOCIO-155 Topics in Sociology

.3-4 units SC

- Variable hours

A supplemental course in sociology to provide a study of current concepts and problems in sociology and related substantive areas. Specific topics will be announced in the schedule of classes. CSU

SOCIO-298 Independent Study

.5-3 units SC

- Variable hours
- Note: Submission of acceptable educational contract to department and Instruction Office is required.

This course is designed for advanced students who wish to conduct additional research, a special project, or learning activities in a specific discipline/subject area and is not intended to replace an existing course. The student and instructor develop a written contract that includes objectives to be achieved, activities and procedures to accomplish the study project, and the means by which the supervising instructor may assess accomplishment. CSU

SOCIO-299 Student Instructional Assistant

.5-3 units SC

- Variable hours
- Note: Applications must be approved through the Instruction Office. Students must be supervised by a DVC instructor.

Students work as instructional assistants, lab assistants and research assistants in this department. The instructional assistants function as group discussion leaders, meet and assist students with problems and projects, or help instructors by setting up laboratory or demonstration apparatus. Students may not assist in course sections in which they are currently enrolled. CSU