INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Sociology Major is the study of the social—social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human thinking and behavior. It is an exciting degree that allows its students to pursue a multiplicity of careers and interests. With access to world-renowned faculty and one of the best graduate programs in sociology, undergraduates have a unique opportunity to engage in a lively academic environment.

BUILD YOUR SKILLS

- Understand and apply key sociological concepts and social theories.
- Understand and be able to employ key research methods and data used by social scientists.
- Be prepared to use a sociological lens and skills in future endeavors, in the workplace or community.
- Formulate a well-organized argument supported by evidence.
- Develop effective oral and written communication skills.
- Achieve an understanding of professional, civic, and ethical responsibility.

"I have internalized a very distinct set of skills that I will take with me into any occupational field I decide to enter. [Sociology] has offered me an invaluable way to see the world."  

– 2018 Sociology Graduate

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Enroll in Berkeley Connect in Sociology to connect with faculty and graduate student mentors, and your peers.
- Explore study abroad through the Sociology department.
- Pursue potential Sociology funding for your own research project.
- Double major in Media Studies, Legal Studies, or Economics.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

CONNECT WITH US

Golden Bear Orientation
Join other students in the major for new student orientation before the start of your Berkeley studies. orientation.berkeley.edu.

Getting Your Bearings
On August 27, join us for the Sociology Department Tour, offered by our current Sociology major peer advisers. Meet us at 10am in 410 Barrows Hall.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit sociology.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

ADVISING

Sociology Advisors guide and support students by providing helpful and timely advising services, clarifying policies and procedures, and encouraging students to achieve their educational goals.

Advising drop-in sessions with advisors and peer advisors are available at 424-426 Barrows Hall.

Advising Drop-In Hours:
Monday - Friday 9am-12pm, 1-4pm

Email socadv@berkeley.edu or visit sociology.berkeley.edu/advising for more information and general advising questions.

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