

major in
SOCIOLOGY
University of California, Irvine

THE DEGREE

UCI sociologists are noted worldwide for cutting edge research in global inequality and change; immigration; social networks; social movements; political sociology; gender and class; population; social inequality; race/ethnicity; and more. Sociology majors explore topics such as how employment and incarceration status can change racial perceptions, how social networks affect gang violence and emergency response to hurricane Katrina, and how social movements can impact democracies. Research findings impact international population policy, the design and implementation of the U.S. Census, and the development of more effective communication plans for times of crisis.

CAREERS

A major in sociology provides students with skills critical for analyzing and understanding social behavior and structural patterns. UCI sociology majors have gone on to pursue professional careers in law, business, government service, advanced graduate studies, social work, urban planning, public health and teaching.



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**Times Higher Education*



**9th best public
university in the U.S.**

**US News & World Report*



**"Coolest School"
for sustainability**

**Sierra Magazine*

UCI SOCIOLOGISTS ASK QUESTIONS LIKE ...

- What will an increasingly older population mean for our economy and way of life?
- What roles do racial preferences play in dating?
- How many undocumented immigrants live in the United States and what does this mean for policymakers?



Sociology major Amy He is interested in how low-income students experience education differently than others.

SUGGESTED CURRICULUM

Freshman¹ (12 to 16 units per quarter)

- Sociology 1
- Sociology 2 or 3 (one course)
- Additional Introductory Social Science course
- Lower Division Writing (two courses)
- General Education II or IV (three courses)
- Social Science 3A
- General Education VI²

Sophomore³ (16 units per quarter)

- Sociology Lower Division Core (two courses)
- Sociology 10A–B–C or another series for school math requirement
- General Education II or IV (three courses)
- General Education VII (one course)
- Social Sciences Lower Division course (one course)
- Elective (about two courses)

Junior⁴ (16 units per quarter)

- Upper Division Writing (one course)⁵
- Sociology 110
- Sociology 120–129 (one course)
- Sociology Upper Division Core (three courses)
- General Education VIII (one course)
- Electives (about four or five courses)

Senior (16 units per quarter)

- Sociology 180A⁵
- Upper Division Sociology (one course)
- Upper Division Social Science (two courses)
- Electives (about eight courses)



¹Students should move from a 12 to 16 unit work load in the second quarter of their first year.

²Language may be satisfied in high school prior to matriculation.

³Students need approximately 60 elective units beyond general education, school and major requirements. They should start thinking early about how to satisfy these, especially when considering minors or double majors.

⁴Students interested in the Sociology Honors Program should complete Sociology 10A–B–C, Sociology 110, Sociology 120 and two core classes by the end of junior year.

⁵Students completing an honors thesis will not need to complete Sociology 180A or UD Writing; instead they take H188A and H188BW.

OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the regular curriculum, sociology students have their choice of programs, clubs, and organizations to further their education, both within the department and outside of it. These opportunities include:

- **HONORS PROGRAM**
- **NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY**
- **CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**
 - Business, Economy and Organizations
 - Diversity and Inequality
 - Global and International Sociology
 - Social Problems and Public Policy
- **MINOR PROGRAM**
- **SOCIOLOGY CLUB**
- **GLOBAL CONNECT***
- **DEAN'S AMBASSADORS COUNCIL***

*Open to all majors

UNDERGRAD STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Social Sciences Undergraduate Student Affairs Office provides numerous services and special programs for undergraduate students including:

- Course planning
- Change of major requests
- Financial aid appeals
- Graduate and professional school information
- Information concerning honors
- Course substitutions
- Career and internship guidance

To set up an appointment, call 949.824.6803, or visit their website at www.undergrad.socsci.uci.edu/offices/studentaffairs.

ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

The School of Social Sciences Academic Resource Center (SSARC) is a great starting point for information regarding internships, graduate school, and prospective careers.

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