

# Sociology (SOC) & Anthropology (ANTH)

Our society is becoming more complex, ethnically and religiously more diverse, and increasingly tied economically, politically and culturally to other countries. To help students understand this new globalized world and its direct and subtly indirect influences on individuals and institutions, the Department of Sociology and Anthropology offers an interdisciplinary major that combines sociology and anthropology classes. Students may earn a major or a minor in Sociology and Anthropology. Courses in the department contribute to a number of other interdisciplinary majors, minors and programs, including African American Studies, Education, Gender Studies, Intercultural Studies and Medical Humanities. Many of the department's classes meet general education's peoples and cultures requirement.

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## Requirements for the Joint Major in Sociology and Anthropology

The major requires 30 credit hours as outlined below. It is strongly recommended that Sociology students fulfill their mathematics requirement by completing MATH 140 Statistics. Typically, students will complete SOC 450 Capstone during the spring of their senior year. Students may apply cognate courses (courses offered outside of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology) taken at Wofford or through study abroad, with the approval of their adviser, to the Complex Problems and Critical Thinking requirement.

Students seeking to complete licensure requirements to teach social studies in secondary schools should refer to the *Teacher Education Handbook* and consult with the chairs of the Departments of Sociology & Anthropology and Education to plan for the related work they must do in History, Geography, Government and Economics.

<b>Core Courses</b>	6
ANTH 202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology and Communications
SOC 210	Introduction to Sociology
<b>Social and Cultural Inquiry</b>	3
Select one of the following:	
ANTH 300	Ethnography
SOC 330	Social Research
<b>Social Theory</b>	3
SOC 340	The Development of Sociological Theory
<b>Complex Problems and Critical Thinking</b>	15
Select one course from Anthropology (ANTH)	
Select one course from Sociology (SOC)	
Select an additional nine credit hours from Anthropology (ANTH) and Sociology (SOC) courses	

<b>Capstone</b>	3
SOC 450	Capstone
<b>Total Hours</b>	30

## Requirements for the Joint Minor in Sociology and Anthropology

The minor requires the completion of 15 credit hours as outlined below.

<b>Core Courses</b>	6
ANTH 202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology and Communications
SOC 210	Introduction to Sociology
<b>Complex Problems and Critical Thinking</b> <sup>1</sup>	9
Select one Anthropology (ANTH) course	
Select one Sociology (SOC) course	
Select an additional three credit hours from Anthropology (ANTH) or Sociology (SOC) courses	
<b>Total Hours</b>	15

<sup>1</sup> Students may take SOC 450 Capstone as one of their Complex Problems and Critical Thinking courses, if they desire.

## Anthropology (ANTH)

### ANTH 201. Introduction to Archaeology and Physical Anthropology. 3 Hours.

The study of humanity from the perspective of two of the four main subfields of anthropology. Archaeology studies humankind through time, since the species' appearance in the evolutionary record until the historical era, and across the wide geographical range of hominins. Physical anthropology studies humankind as evolving from biological organisms in all of our variations stretching from the tropical to the polar regions and from pre-birth to death. Students interested in learning about the other two main subfield are invited to take ANTH 202, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology & Communications.

### ANTH 202. Introduction to Cultural Anthropology and Communications. 3 Hours.

Taught in tandem with ANTH 201, this course focuses on the study of humanity from the perspective of cultural anthropology and linguistics. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirements for graduation.

### ANTH 225. Human Ecology. 3 Hours.

An ecological approach to an examination of the relationships between natural resource bases and the human societies they support. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirement for graduation.

### ANTH 280. Selected Topics in Anthropology. 1 to 4 Hours.

Introductory-level independent research or exploration in topics not offered in the regular department courses.

### ANTH 300. Ethnography. 3 Hours.

An introduction to nonquantitative methods in anthropological research, including case studies, participant observation, and unstructured interviews. Students will apply these methods in their own study of a social scene. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirement for graduation.

**ANTH 310. Ethnographic Film. 3 Hours.**

This course in visual anthropology leads the student through a series of case studies about peoples around the world as they represent themselves and as they are represented by others in film and writing. To expand students' social science research skills, this course teaches students how to interpret visual documentations of culture and how to produce films. Students will explore cross-cultural patterns and differences in human societies by viewing these films about peoples from Australia, the Canadian Arctic, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, India, Indonesia, and many other places. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirement for graduation.

**ANTH 311. Ecological Anthropology. 3 Hours.**

Explores the ways people perceive and manage ecosystems using an evolutionary, comparative, and interdisciplinary approach. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirement for graduation.

**ANTH 312. Medical Anthropology. 3 Hours.**

Explores understandings of health, disease, and the body using a comparative biocultural approach to examine medical systems throughout the world. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirement for graduation.

**ANTH 313. Cultures of Southeast Asia and Oceania. 3 Hours.**

Explores the geographical, historical, cultural, religious, and ecological characteristics of the people of this region. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirement for graduation.

**ANTH 314. Prehistory and History of Native American Culture in the Southeast. 3 Hours.**

Explores the prehistoric and historic Native American Cultures of Southeastern North America. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirement for graduation.

**ANTH 480. Advanced Topics: Anthropology. 1 to 4 Hours.**

Advanced-level independent research or exploration in topics not offered in the regular department courses.

**ANTH 493. Case Studies in Public Health. 3 Hours.**

This course is structured by a series of case studies that contain public health principles and focus on specific public health problems, its symptoms, treatments, prevention, and solutions. Work inside and outside of class deepens the investigation of public health principles, problems, and solutions by developing questions and answers for each case study.

**Prerequisite:** ANTH 201 with a minimum grade of D or ANTH 202 with a minimum grade of D or ANTH 312 with a minimum grade of D or SOC 210 with a minimum grade of D.

## Sociology (SOC)

**SOC 210. Introduction to Sociology. 3 Hours.**

An introduction to the sociological perspective, focusing on the interrelations of individuals, groups, and institutions in modern society.

**SOC 215. Social Problems. 3 Hours.**

An examination of the question of what constitutes a social problem, along with a focus on one or two social problems such as war, poverty, inequality and consumerism.

**SOC 220. Sociology of Criminal and Deviant Behavior. 3 Hours.**

An application of the sociological perspective to an understanding of criminal and deviant behavior and to attempts to control such behavior.

**SOC 230. Urban Sociology. 3 Hours.**

The class examines life and human interactions in metropolitan areas. It focuses on the structures, processes and changes in urban areas and the problems cities face.

**SOC 240. Race and Ethnic Relations. 3 Hours.**

An examination of the history, major issues, and sociological dimensions of race and ethnic relations in the United States, with a view to meeting the challenges of our increasingly multicultural society.

**SOC 250. Sex & Gender Across Cultures. 3 Hours.**

Debates over gender and human sexuality in western societies generally assume that there are only two gender roles, male and female, and only two types of sexuality, heterosexual and homosexual. Some nonwestern culture have a far broader range of both gender roles and sexualities. This class examines gender roles and human sexuality primarily in nonwestern cultures, and explores what these cultures have to teach us about gender and sex in our society. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirement for graduation.

**SOC 280. Selected Topics in Sociology. 1 to 4 Hours.**

Introductory-level independent research or exploration in topics not offered in the regular department courses.

**SOC 302. Environmental Sociology. 3 Hours.**

An examination of the increasing impact of human beings on the natural world, focusing especially on how social and cultural factors affect our willingness or unwillingness to conserve and protect the natural world.

**SOC 305. The Sociological Wisdom of Martin Luther King, Jr.. 3 Hours.**

A thorough examination of the life and writings of Martin Luther King, Jr., emphasizing the sociological implications of his message.

**SOC 306. Life & Times of Malcolm X. 3 Hours.**

A sociological and historical examination of the life of Malcolm X and his place in the Civil Rights struggle.

**SOC 307. W.E.B. DuBois and the Development of Black Sociology. 3 Hours.**

A thorough examination of the life and work of W.E.B. DuBois and his influence on the development of a distinctly black sociology.

**SOC 315. Sex, Gender and the Family. 3 Hours.**

Examines the relationship between biological sex and gender, diversity and changes in gender roles and in families, and how these relate to larger changes in societies and cultures.

**SOC 320. Social Psychology. 3 Hours.**

An examination of the relationship of the individual to groups and society, focusing on both experimental studies under controlled conditions and nonexperimental studies in natural settings.

**SOC 330. Social Research. 3 Hours.**

An introduction to the methods and techniques of collecting and analyzing social data.

**SOC 340. The Development of Sociological Theory. 3 Hours.**

A review and analysis of the history of social thought leading up to and focusing especially on the development of modern sociology in the 19th and 20th centuries.

**SOC 450. Capstone. 3 Hours.**

Designated primarily for seniors completing the major in Sociology to review and integrate what they have learned in their studies in the major and to design and execute a research project on a topic of their choice.

**SOC 480. Advanced Topics in Sociology. 1 to 4 Hours.**

Advanced-level independent research or exploration in topics not offered in the regular department courses.

