



# SOCIOLOGY

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## Overview of Degree with Learning Outcomes

- Bachelor of Arts in Sociology
- Minor in Sociology

Sociology is the study of the organization, dynamics and consequences of social life. The subject matter of sociology ranges from the intimate family to the hostile mob, from crime to cults, from the divisions of inequities of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, and class to the beliefs of a common culture, and from work to leisure and sport. The Sociology major at CSUCI is designed to give students the ability to analyze the world around them, its people and institutions, from local and

particular issues that affect people in Ventura County and the region to national and international questions. The program stresses the mission of CSUCI: we value interdisciplinarity and we emphasize the multicultural, global perspective which is the hallmark of Channel Islands programs. Graduates of the Sociology Program will be well-trained in the empirical methodology of the discipline to engage in the systematic study of human social interaction and institutions. The Sociology major will prepare students for further study and for entry into a variety of professional paths.

### SOCIOLOGY GRADUATES WILL:

- Understand the role of evidence in the social sciences and how to conduct quantitative and qualitative sociological research;
- effectively communicate about the field of sociology in writing and orally;
- demonstrate substantive knowledge of core areas and controversies in sociology and the ability to think critically about them;
- understand the history and evolution of the discipline of sociology; and

- be prepared for professional or graduate study beyond the B.A. degree, or entry into a suitable career in the social sciences.



## Accomplishments

- The Sociology major opened in the fall, 2005 with 20 students. There are now nearly 200 Sociology majors. The first graduating class will include 30 students this May.

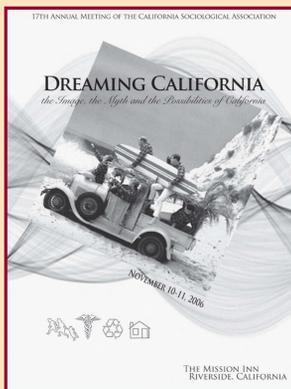


- Sociology students contribute to their community at the beginning and end of their program. In the freshman/sophomore level class, *Social Problems in a Service Learning Context*, students are placed in local agencies such as El Concilio, the Self-Help Legal Access Center, Ventura County Superior Court, and the Boys and Girls Club. In the senior-level Capstone course, students are collecting and analyzing data with the Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation on neighborhood issues; continuing the follow up to January's Homeless Count project in Ventura County; analyzing the efficacy of alternative adjudication through homeless court, and others.

- Students in the spring 2006 interdisciplinary course (ENG/SOC 331), *Narratives of the Working Classes*, interviewed the new residents of Villa Cesar Chavez, an affordable housing complex built through CEDC and opened in March, 2006. Students partnered with other students in SPAN 320, *Introduction to Spanish Translation*, to conduct interviews in Spanish. Those histories will be available at the Chavez week celebration in late March.

- Students in SOC/SPAN 490: *Special Topics: Social Change in Spain* have the opportunity to study and travel in Spain this summer. The program emphasizes language acquisition and application of sociological concepts to Spanish culture. Each student will receive a generous travel grant

- Students formed a Sociology Club in the fall, 2006 term. The Club is devoted to providing needed service to the community while promoting the study of sociology.



- Dr. Elizabeth Hartung is current President of the California Sociological Association. Sociology student Yovani Lopez designed the cover art for the annual CSA program in November.

- The excellent faculty affiliated with the Sociology program are Dr. David Bogumil, Dr. Sunghee Choi; Dr. Mark Jepson; Dr. Jerome Rabow; and Mr. Raquota Berger.

