

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The UCA undergraduate program in sociology teaches students the conceptual and methodological foundations of sociology for understanding the structure and patterns of human social life. A 15-hour core curriculum is required of all majors, consisting of: Principles of Sociology, Statistics, Research Methods, Sociological Theory, and a Senior Seminar. Students may choose from one of two areas of concentration (general sociology and criminology) to complete the 33-hour requirement for either a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology. Additionally, a minor degree in Anthropology is now available.

FACULTY

UCA sociologists and anthropologists have a wide range of teaching and research interests. They have published books and scholarly articles on marriage and divorce, death and dying, juvenile delinquency, victim rights, Native American health care systems, migration patterns, social issues and the mass media, religion and social movements, and the political values of academics. Sociology and Anthropology faculty have earned a reputation among UCA students for their willingness to treat students with respect and understanding. Sociology courses at UCA are some of the most popular and heavily enrolled elective courses in the university curriculum.

CAREER OUTLOOK

Sociology students pursue careers in such fields as health care, social services, gerontology, child welfare, education, law, government agencies, city management, criminal justice, evaluation research, business consulting, personnel administration, and public relations. In addition, a number of our students go on to pursue advanced degrees in sociology and related fields like social work, criminal justice, anthropology, religious studies, health sciences, law, and school management.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

To facilitate on-the-job experience and future employment contacts, the UCA sociology program offers an elective internship course to senior students for which they can earn academic credit while applying classroom knowledge to a particular work setting. Internships may include placement in such settings as the prosecuting attorney's office, juvenile probation, child protection services, area agencies on aging, local hospitals, and the Native American Center.

FIELD EXPERIENCE

For students interested in experiencing a new culture, there is a travel seminar course which provides opportunities to immerse oneself into a foreign environment. For example, recent trips have included observing health care problems of Latin American countries and experiencing life on Hopi and Navajo reservations.

HONORS

Outstanding sociology majors can join Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society. Our top majors are invited to graduate with honors through the completion of a thesis. Each year one major is selected to receive the Katherine Hinson Outstanding Sociology Student Award. Finally, faculty members encourage their students to actively participate at the annual Arkansas Sociology and Anthropology Undergraduate Symposium, where college students from all over the state meet to present and discuss their own research projects.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial aid is awarded in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and Federal College Work Study. For information on financial assistance, call the UCA Financial Aid Office at (501) 450-3140.

ADMISSIONS

An entering freshman applicant may be unconditionally admitted to UCA if he or she has graduated from high school and meets the following criteria:

1. A cumulative high school GPA of 2.75 or above on a 4.0 grading scale, with a minimum of six semesters of high school work and
2. A score of 19 or above on the reading, mathematics, and English sections of the ACT, or equivalent SAT or ASSET exams.

All graduates of Arkansas high schools after May 1, 1997, must also complete either the college preparation or technical preparation core curriculum in order to qualify for admission into a public institution of higher education in the state of Arkansas.





PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS PONDERED HUMAN NATURE AS IT SEEMED TO REVEAL ITSELF IN THE SOCIAL LIFE OF OUR SPECIES. WHY DO HUMAN BEINGS FORM FAMILIES AND WHY DO THEY WORSHIP GODS? WHAT MAKES SOME PEOPLE BREAK SOCIAL RULES WHILE OTHERS OBEY THEM? WHAT HOLDS A SOCIETY TOGETHER AND WHY DO SOCIETIES CONTINUALLY CHANGE OVER TIME? SOCIOLOGY IS AN ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE FOR GRAPPLING WITH THESE KINDS OF QUESTIONS. THE STUDY OF SOCIOLOGY REQUIRES THAT WE BECOME KEENLY AWARE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRIVATE EXPERIENCE AND THE INSTITUTIONS OF SOCIETY. THE SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE OPENS A WINDOW TO THE WIDER WORLD BEYOND OUR OWN EXPERIENCE; IT CAN TAKE US INTO THE WORLDS OF THE RICH AND POWERFUL, THE POOR AND THE WEAK, THE WORLDS OF CORPORATE EXECUTIVES, AS WELL AS THOSE OF SLUM DWELLERS AND DRUG ADDICTS. SOCIOLOGY ENABLES US TO APPRECIATE PATTERNS OF LIFE OTHER THAN OUR OWN, AND IN THE PROCESS, TO BETTER UNDERSTAND OURSELVES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Visit the program's home page on the World Wide Web at

<http://www.uca.edu/sociology/>.

For information about other programs and admission to UCA, contact:

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