

Sociology & Anthropology

Sociology and anthropology study societies and cultures. Since people live every aspect of life within a complex, sociocultural environment, it is possible to develop the self fully only with extensive knowledge of that environment. Sociology and anthropology help provide specific knowledge and theoretical frameworks as bases for understanding our relationships with society, culture, and each other, and for comprehending and guiding sociocultural change.

The Sociology and Anthropology Department uses the methods, theories, and content of both fields in a scientific and humanistic context that emphasizes an objective appraisal of social life, concern for its quality, and techniques for its improvement. Career preparation is important in the department and is based on the conceptualization of sociology and anthropology as both humanistic and scientific. By engaging students in the critical analysis of the institutions and human practices that produce and reproduce social structures, cultures, and individual identities, students should be equipped with a perspective that enables them to analyze, comprehend, and offer creative solutions for personal and organizational dilemmas, as well as larger social problems.

During the college years, there are many opportunities for internships with various kinds of private and public agencies, independent study projects, off-campus seminars, special topics seminars, and honors work. There are ample opportunities to study with instructors who are seriously concerned with the best development of each student and who have made major commitments to high-quality teaching. A semester or a summer of study abroad or in a markedly different part of the student's own culture also is encouraged to help strengthen the cross-cultural perspective. In addition to the specific content listed, each course focuses to some extent on social processes, especially those that help to create and resolve social problems.

Why Guilford College?

Consistently rated nationally by *The Princeton Review* as well as being one of the 40 colleges in *Colleges that Change Lives* by Loren Pope, Guilford College inspires each student to achieve excellence through an engaging community, rooted in Quaker values, which nurtures creativity and social responsibility.

What can a Guilford education offer you?

- An urban setting near other colleges & universities with an area student population of over 27,000 students
- A consortium agreement with University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro College, Bennett College, North Carolina A&T State University, Elon University and High Point University provides students with access to courses free of charge
- A college mission statement & core values based on, and consistent with, Quaker testimonies. Guilford's core values are: Community, Diversity, Equality, Excellence, Integrity, Justice & Stewardship.
- A challenging academic program which emphasizes not only academic tracks and the learning process, but also the interconnection between curricular and co-curricular pursuits
- A diverse student population providing a stimulating peer environment
- Excellent study abroad programs in China, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Scotland, Spain, and Wales

The academic program in Sociology and Anthropology

The Bachelor of Arts degree is offered in Sociology and Anthropology.
Minors are offered in both Sociology and Anthropology.

Required courses for the Sociology and Anthropology major

The major consists of eight courses (32 credit hours), four of which are specifically required courses: one 100-level course in sociology (101 or 102), one 100-level course in anthropology (103 or 105), a research methods course (SOAN 337) and a course in social theory (SOAN 342). In order for students to have varying degrees of challenge in their programs, four courses must be taken at the 300 and 400 levels, with enrollment in at least one 400-level capstone seminar after completion of the methods-theory sequence. We recommend that students limit their selections to two 100-level courses, but the following exceptions are admissible:

- Students tracking in sociology may choose to take both SOAN 101 & SOAN 102 & either SOAN 103 or 105.
- Students tracking in anthropology may choose to take both SOAN 103 & 105 & either SOAN 101 or 102.

Additional courses offered by the department can be taken as electives or to meet certain college distribution requirements.

Beyond the four courses specifically required, the variety of offerings makes it possible for each student to tailor a program to individual interests and long-range plans. These plans may be implemented by various emphases within the sociology and anthropology program: students may train for a wide range of careers, may prepare for graduate school, or may seek certification for elementary school teaching. A concentration, arranged with the help of an adviser, can support and broaden the emphasis in the major.

Internship Opportunities

The Sociology and Anthropology Department encourages students to participate in internships, research projects, study abroad and independent studies, all of which prepare them for graduate study and careers in education, business, social services, and government.

Students may elect to complete an individually designed internship under the supervision of a faculty member and receive credit(s). Recent placements include:

- Casa de Guadalupe
- Conflict Resolution Resource Center
- Guilford County Juvenile Detention Center
- Lutheran Family Services
- Clara House
- Greensboro Urban Ministry
- High Point Family Services
- Pathways Homeless Shelter

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