

Department of Sociology



Sociology is the scientific study of people in groups—from friendship networks to communities to entire nations. Sociologists describe the characteristics of social groups and consider explanations for social stability and social change. They promote critical thinking on issues such as social inequality, racial and ethnic conflict, law and justice, and the role of gender and sexuality.

STUDENTS (AUTUMN 2010)

342	Undergraduate majors
90	Graduate students

DEGREES AWARDED (JULY 2009–JUNE 2010)

292	Bachelor of Arts degrees
9	Master of Arts degrees
7	PhD degrees

MAJOR STUDENT AWARDS (SINCE 2005)

1	Marshall Scholarship
1	Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship
11	American Sociological Association (ASA) Graduate Student Paper Awards
3	ASA Fellowships
3	Fulbright Fellowships
2	American Society of Criminology Gene Carte Student Paper Awards
3	National Science Foundation (NSF) Fellowships
4	NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants
1	Mary Gates Scholar
2	Mary Gates Research Training Grants
2	Mary Gates Leadership Grants
1	Christine Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Fellowship, National Academy of Sciences
1	Association for Institutional Research Fellowship
1	A&S Dean's Medalist
1	J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Scholarship Award, Society of Former FBI Agents
1	UW Graduate School Distinguished Dissertation Award
2	UW John C. Flanagan Dissertation Fellowships

Highlights

- ▶ The Department of Sociology has consistently received high national rankings. Specialty areas with high rankings from *U.S. News and World Report* include Sex and Gender (5th) and Sociology of Population (8th). The magazine ranked the department 17th in the nation in 2009.
- ▶ Four of the department's 27 faculty have been honored with UW Distinguished Teaching Awards, and three graduate teaching assistants have been honored with the University's Excellence in Teaching Award.
- ▶ The department will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2016-2017; its first PhD was awarded in 1932.

Education

The undergraduate major in sociology provides students with knowledge of and a perspective on social life that transcends their personal experience and helps them understand trends such as changes in the American family, the experiences of immigrants, and changes in social mobility.

UW Sociology courses attract more than 6,500 students each year, many of them non-majors fulfilling general education requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences and other units.

The Sociology Honors Program offers an academically rigorous alternative to the general major, designed for students interested in graduate work in sociology or in related professional fields.

The Department's newly formalized practicum program offers real world experiences in conjunction with classroom learning. Sociology students have worked with the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Contracts Compliance Program on workplace discrimination issues; in Seattle Public Schools as tutors; at Helping Link, a Vietnamese grass-roots organization; with the American Civil Liberties Union; and with Making Connections, a social service agency.

The department's graduate program consistently ranks among the top twenty in the country. Graduate study is offered in ten substantive areas. (See reverse.)

Alumni from the Department of Sociology have translated their degrees into successful careers in business, education, law, law enforcement, social work, and government.



Faculty

Department of Sociology faculty awards and honors include:

2 Members of the National Academy of Sciences	1 Distinguished Alumnus, St. Louis University Award
6 Members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences	2 Russell Sage Foundation Visiting Scholars
1 W.E.B. DuBois Career of Distinguished Scholarship Award	4 UW Distinguished Teaching Awards
7 Members of the Sociological Research Association	1 UW Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award
1 Fellow, Institute of Mathematical Statistics	1 UW Distinguished Public Service Award
1 Fellow of the American Society of Criminology	1 UW Honors Program Excellence in Teaching Award
1 Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science	3 Members of the Washington Academy of Sciences
2 Past Presidents of the Pacific Sociological Association	1 UW Annual Faculty Lecturer
1 Past President of the Population Association of America	1 European Academy of Sociology Book Award
1 Past President of the American Sociological Association	1 Editor of <i>Social Problems</i>
	1 Editor of <i>Demography</i>
	1 UW Graduate School Legacy Award

In addition, awards from the American Sociological Association include: 1 Paul F. Lazarsfeld Memorial Award, 5 awards for published articles, 1 Award for Public Understanding of Sociology, and 1 Otis Dudley Duncan Book Award.

Research

Department faculty are engaged in research on a wide variety of important issues, including: modern demography in post-war Vietnam; the causes of racial and ethnic conflict in the world; the causes and consequences of violence; the dynamics and impacts of HIV infection; the effects of the elimination of affirmative action; the basis of racial disparities in the juvenile justice system; the growing importance of law in shaping the role of justice in society; and the role of gender and sexuality in the family and in society.

The department and its faculty are affiliated with several UW interdisciplinary research centers:

- ▶ Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences
- ▶ Center for Social Science Computation and Research
- ▶ Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology
- ▶ West Coast Poverty Center
- ▶ Comparative Law and Society Studies Center

Fiscal Information (fiscal year ending June 30, 2010)

State Support*	\$2,986,123
Gifts and Endowment Revenue	\$213,829
Grant Expenditures**	\$2,048,739

*98% of state funding is committed for salaries. This makes private gifts and endowments crucial to the department's mission of excellence in scholarship, teaching, and graduate student training.

**All faculty grants included.



FACULTY (AUTUMN 2010)

16 Professors
5 Associate Professors
1 Research Associate Professor
6 Assistant Professors
1 Senior Lecturer
14 Emeritus Professors
1 Emeritus Principal Lecturer
1 Research Associate (Postdoctoral Fellow)

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Demography and Ecology
Deviant Behavior and Social Control
Economic Sociology and Organizations
Family and Kinship
Political Sociology
Research Methodology
Sex and Gender
Social Psychology
Stratification, Race, and Ethnicity
Theory

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