

Thinking critically ... Doing Sociology

In Sociology, at Acadia, we encourage each student to use their imagination and to think critically about their world. **THEORY** provides the groundwork for critical thinking. Theories help explain why a society is organized as it is, and why we experience daily life as we do. For example, how do we understand homelessness? We do not necessarily see a group of people who do not want to work but rather we understand their homelessness may be an outcome of high unemployment rates or mental illness.



Learning about **RESEARCH METHODS** or as we like to call it, "Doing Sociology," provides students with research skills to better understand social phenomena. In so doing, students are taught the connection between social theory and research.

What can I do with a Sociology Degree?

A common question we hear is, "What can I do with a Sociology degree?" The answer is, **LOTS**. Students who have graduated with a sociology degree now work as social workers, mental health counselors, teachers, lawyers, health service workers, and even doctors.

Because of the critical thinking skills you acquire with a sociology degree, you are well positioned to be a policy analyst for the government, get involved with programme development for community organizations or become a politician. Many honour students have pursued Master and PhD degrees and are presently working as university professors.



Sociology at Acadia University

A commitment to social justice
and an understanding of
social inequality



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What is Sociology?

Sociology broadly speaking is the study of our social world. We examine how our society is organized as well as how the dailiness of life is experienced. We probe the actions, interactions and reactions of individuals to their social structures (groups, organizations, government) . We ask questions of our social world and by doing this we challenge common assumptions people hold about gender, poverty, diversity, culture and crime.



Sociology at Acadia University

Developing critical , analytic and research skills

The Department of Sociology is one of the largest in the Faculty of Arts at Acadia. We are generally committed to small classes, and students and faculty work closely together. We are innovative in the way we present our curriculum. We offer a variety of courses which cover a wide range of social issues in: Addictions, Anthropology, Criminology and Deviance, Critical Health & Health Care, Cultural Studies, Environment, Families, Gender, International Development, Political Economy, Queer Studies, Race & Ethnicity, Research & Methodology, Social Theory, and Sociology of Food.

Students who are interested in a **MAJOR** in Sociology will need to take a total of 16 sociology courses which is equivalent to 48 credit hours. A minimum grade of C- (60 %) is required for all Sociology courses.

A **MINOR** in Sociology consists of 8 Sociology courses which is equivalent to 24 credit hours.

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Students who sustain a GPA of B+ (3.25) or better can apply for the **HONOURS** programme. Students who wish to pursue a graduate education must have an Honours degree. The Honours programme consists of 20 Sociology courses which is equivalent to 60 credit hours. A minimum grade of B- (70%) is required for all Sociology courses.

