college of social & behavioral sciences and social work

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SOCIOLaGY
Bachelor of Arts

Three Big Things:

- Develops problem solving, team building and research skills
- Emphasis on diversity and social justice issues
- Preparation for a wide variety of careers

Within the Bachelor of Arts degree, the Department of Sociology and Justice Studies offers a program in sociology, blending career education and the liberal arts. Our program provides a general background which will enable students to move into a variety of career paths, while retaining the opportunity for particular specializations within sociology and thematically related disciplines.

We in the Department of Sociology and Justice Studies believe that a university must educate broadly to enrich both career and life. Accordingly, students in the sociology program will complete social science foundation courses, as well as core disciplinary courses. In order to assist students as they move into a variety of career paths, students will also complete coursework in an approved area of specialization.

Career Opportunities

The sociology major provides students with a variety of skills including critical thinking, oral and written communication, the ability to work effectively in groups and the ability to generate data and conduct basic research, all of which are desired by prospective employers in a wide variety of settings. Sociology majors go on to successful careers in an extraordinary range of public and private agencies including those in health care, social work, child welfare, criminal justice, business, government at all levels, law, gerontology, environmental consulting, public administration, evaluation research, international relations, human resources, social justice among limitless others. Sociology advisors are interested in working with students to identify their career goals early enough to help them shape the major and their experience within it toward their desired outcomes.

Curriculum

Students majoring in sociology will take an introductory course that orients them to the discipline followed by three foundation courses in the social and behavioral sciences that provide them with a grounding in theory, applied statistics and integrated research methods. Building upon this foundation, students will take disciplinary core courses in social stratification, sociology of deviance and social psychology in addition to a course designed to integrate and apply those foundations called Doing Sociology. In addition to the disciplinary core, students will take one course each in the areas of institutions/organizations and social change. The remainder of the major consists of coursework in an approved specialization in sociology, also intended to blend sociological study with career preparation. The major culminates with either a discipline based capstone or a senior thesis. The capstone experience entails students working together, under the guidance of a professor, engaging in applied community based research and publicly presenting their findings. Some students who are interested in graduate study in sociology may choose a thesis option. Internship opportunities are available in a wide variety of fields that provide students with practical experience in applied settings. The Sociology major is designed to provide a thoroughly integrated liberal
arts study and career preparation experience.

Preparation for College
Completion of a high school (or equivalent) degree is required for admission to EWU. Students considering a major in Sociology are required to take two years of a single high school foreign language or one year of a single college level foreign language.

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The University
Eastern Washington University is a student-centered, regionally based, comprehensive university. Its campus is located in Cheney, within the Spokane metropolitan area, with additional learning centers in the region and elsewhere in Washington State. With more than 100 fields of study, nine master’s degrees, four graduate certificates, 76 graduate programs and a physical therapy doctoral program, its mission is to prepare broadly educated, technologically proficient, and highly productive citizens to attain meaningful careers, to enjoy enriched lives, and to make contributions to a culturally diverse society.

Our mission to be a student-centered, regionally engaged university will be fulfilled best through a distinguished EWU academic experience that is integrated and interdependent. This vision informs and inspires our future.

Note:
Information in this guide is subject to change without notice. To learn more about the official program of study for Sociology please check the catalog online at:
http://www.ewu.edu/Academic/catalog.xml