

**Student Learning Goal 1: Sociology majors will demonstrate a mastery of the sociological imagination.**

Students will:

- Objective A: Describe the structural and/or cultural factors that influence human behavior when presented with an issue or social problem;
- Objective B: Analyze structural and/or cultural factors that influence human behavior when presented with an issue or social problem;
- Objective C: Demonstrate the difference between public or society and private or individual sphere issues and problems.

**Student Learning Goal 2: Sociology majors will demonstrate an understanding of sociological research methodology.**

Students will:

- Objective A: Conduct appropriate library research;
- Objective B: Develop a research question using appropriate conceptualization and operationalization techniques;
- Objective C: Select and apply appropriate methodology;
- Objective D: Analyze data and present conclusions;
- Objective E: Articulate the importance of ethics in conducting research.

**Student Learning Goal 3: Sociology majors will demonstrate mastery of major concepts and theories in the discipline of sociology, including the major subfields.**

Students will:

- Objective A: Distinguish among sociological paradigms, including but not limited to conflict, symbolic interactionism, and functionalism;
- Objective B: Demonstrate knowledge of the major theorists;
- Objective C: Identify research findings and trends in major subfields of sociology.

**Student Learning Goal 4: Sociology majors will describe and value diversity in the United States and globally.**

Students will:

- Objective A: Articulate their own values and appreciate other value systems (including those of people from different cultures);
- Objective B: Describe diverse patterns of social relations globally and domestically;
- Objective C: Demonstrate knowledge of the impacts of globalization on social institutions.