Sociology

Department Goals
The goals of the sociology department for general education students are:

1. To enable the student to develop a Christian perspective relating to humankind’s involvement in groups and in the larger society. This is accomplished in three main areas:
   a. studying the various principles of interaction that govern human relationship (social interaction),
   b. studying the various problems that face contemporary society (social concerns),
   c. studying the basic institutions of society and their interdependence (social institutions).
2. To provide students the necessary methodological tools whereby they may uncover social reality in a variety of contexts (survey research, participant observation and content analysis).
3. To demonstrate the practical relevance of the discipline by applying sociological insight and methodology to the work of God’s kingdom.

Requirements for Major in Sociology
The core and distribution requirements for a major in sociology are those listed for the baccalaureate degrees on page 22, with the exception that a course in economics, finance or psychology is required to fulfill the social science distribution requirement.

Core requirements ............................................................... 58
Electives ............................................................................. 36

Major and Supporting Course Requirements
SOC 141. Principles of Sociology ........................................ 3
SOC 361. Methods of Social Research ‘W’ ......................... 4
SOC 402. Contemporary Social Thought ............................ 3
SOC 490. Senior Integration Seminar in Sociology ‘S’ ...... 3
SOC electives (at least one course from each area below: Social Interaction, Social Concerns, and Social Institutions) ............................................................... 15
STA 251. Elementary Statistical Methods ......................... 4
Total hours for the major .................................................. 32
Total degree hours ............................................................. 126

Social Interaction
SOC 244. Social Psychology ............................................. 3
SOC 249. Interpersonal Communication .......................... 3
SOC 347. Relational Counseling ...................................... 3
SOC 348. Marriage and Family Counseling ..................... 3

Social Concerns
SOC 229. Cultural Anthropology .................................... 3
SOC 241. Social Problems ................................................ 3
SOC 246. Crime and Delinquency ................................... 3
SOC 250. Introduction to Social Work .............................. 3

Social Institutions
SOC 341. The Family ...................................................... 3
SOC 342. Sociology of Religion ....................................... 3
SOC 343. Sociology of Health ....................................... 3

Requirements for a Major in Sociology with a Concentration in Interpersonal Counseling
The core and distribution requirements for a major in sociology are those listed for the baccalaureate degrees on page 22, with the exception that a course in economics, finance or psychology is required to fulfill the social science distribution requirement.

Core requirements .............................................................. 58
Electives ............................................................................. 36

Major and Supporting Course Requirements
SOC 141. Principles of Sociology ........................................ 3
SOC 361. Methods of Social Research ‘W’ ......................... 4
SOC 402. Contemporary Social Thought ............................ 3
SOC 444. Practicum in Sociology ...................................... 3
SOC 490. Senior Integration Seminar in Sociology ‘S’ ...... 3
Four of the following (3 hours each):
SOC 249. Interpersonal Communication,
SOC 250. Introduction to Social Work,
SOC 341. The Family,
SOC 347. Relational Counseling or
SOC 348. Marriage and Family Counseling ................... 12
STA 251. Elementary Statistical Methods ......................... 4
Total hours for the major .................................................. 32
Total degree hours ............................................................. 126
**Sociology Minors**

The sociology minor includes two tracks: a general one (minor in sociology) providing breadth, and a specialized one (minor in interpersonal counseling) emphasizing depth. Sociology courses fulfilling major or minor requirements may not fulfill other sociology department minor requirements. Requirements for general minor in sociology courses fulfilling major or minor requirements may not fulfill other sociology department minor requirements. Requirements for general minor in sociology

### Requirements for Minor in Sociology

SOC 141. Principles of Sociology ......................................... 3
One course from each of the three areas of concentration:
- Social Interaction .................................................................. 3
- Social Concerns .................................................................... 3
- Social Institutions ................................................................. 2
Total hours for the minor .................................................... 12

### Requirements for Minor in Interpersonal Counseling

SOC 444. Sociology Practicum ............................................. 3
Four of the following (3 hours each):
- SOC 249. Interpersonal Communication, or
- SOC 250. Introduction to Social Work, or
- SOC 341. The Family, or
- SOC 347. Relational Counseling, or
- SOC 348. Marriage and Family Counseling ..................... 12
Total hours for the minor .................................................... 15

### Other course fulfilling Sociology Electives

IDS 315. Religions and Social Theory of 19th Century Europe ....................................................... 3

### Sociology Courses

#### 141. Principles of Sociology

The general survey course that introduces the student to the discipline of sociology. Attention is given to the importance of Christian involvement in sociology and how this relates to the three major areas of the field: social interaction, social concerns and social institutions. In-class and out-of-class research projects are included in order to give the beginning student exposure to important methodological tools. Three units.

#### 229. Cultural Anthropology

A study of the way in which contemporary cultures differ from one another in respect to family organization, economic systems, political orders, etc. The concepts of cultural relativity and ethnocentrism will be emphasized with personal application to the student’s own perspective. Three units.

#### 241. Social Problems

A general survey of the major problems that confront contemporary society. Three general problem areas will be considered: transitional problems such as overpopulation, environmental concerns and the changing cities; problems of inequality such as poverty, minority groups and differential sex role treatment; and problems of deviant behavior such as crime, mental disorders and drug abuse. Three units.

#### 244. Social Psychology

A general study of interpersonal behavior within the context of modern society. Topics and research in the areas of interpersonal attraction, aggression, social influence and attitude formation will be discussed. The major theories in social psychology will be considered. Attention will be given to the relationship of social psychological principles to one’s own interactions with others. Three units.

#### 246. Crime and Delinquency

An analysis of the causes, incidence and consequences of crime in modern society. Attention will be given to specific forms of crime as well as contemporary methods of dealing with crime, such as prevention, treatment and rehabilitation procedures. Prerequisite or co-requisite: SOC 141. Three units.

#### 249. Interpersonal Communication

This course focuses on the development of communication skills including listening, development of the self, the perception of meaning, attitude development, conflict resolution and group problem solving. These skills are developed for application in a variety of social settings including interpersonal relations in the family, among friends and in employment settings. A primary objective of the course is to provide majors with applied skills to be used in social service vocations. Three units.

#### 250. Introduction to Social Work

An introductory course dealing with the dynamics of social work focusing on basic concepts, considerations, treatment and the problem-solving process. Careful consideration is given to the process of social work, diagnosis and treatment, the social history, evaluation of some of the literature and the exploration of resources. In addition, a discussion of the interview procedure, counseling techniques and a visit to a local social work agency are included. Three units.

#### 335-336. The Urban Community I, II

A classroom and field-experience course focusing on the urban community and its institutions as the most typical
setting for leadership in contemporary society. Pass-fail.
Two units each.

341. The Family
An analysis of current theory and research in respect to the
three major areas of the course: dating, marriage and the
family. Topics include predictive factors of marital success,
current alternatives to marriage, the two-career family and
recent Christian approaches to the family. Three units.

342. Sociology of Religion
A study of religion from the perspective of sociology rather
than theology. Attention is given to such topics as the
dimensions of religiosity, religious socialization, civil
religion in America, the secularization controversy and the
future of religion. Prerequisite: SOC 141. Three units.

343. Sociology of Health
A study of social factors as they relate to illness. Attention is
given to the way in which social factors are etiologically
related to illness as well as the way sociology can help one
understand the health institution such as the doctor-patient
relationship and the delivery of health care services.
Prerequisite: SOC 141. Three units.

347. Relational Counseling
This is a basic course geared toward introducing the student
to the many facets of counseling relationships. Attention will
be given to developing basic counseling skills such as
techniques of interviewing and responding, as well as
formulating plans of action with counselees in various
settings. Prerequisite: SOC 249 or 250. Three units.

348. Marriage and Family Counseling
Readings will be both assigned by the instructor and selected
by the student in order to enhance his or her knowledge of
the principles, theories and techniques of current marriage
and family counseling. Prerequisites: SOC 341, 347. Three
units.

361. Methods of Social Research
An examination of valid data, evaluation, and techniques in
practical research situations. Prerequisites: SOC 141; STA
251. Four units. ‘W’

399. Independent Study
A study of selected topics in sociology or anthropology.

402. Contemporary Social Thought
A study of the development of social theory in recent
Western history. Theorists in the nineteenth century who
receive special emphasis include Durkheim, Marx and
Weber. In the twentieth century, attention is given to
Sumner, Parks, Cooley, Mead, Parsons and Merton.
Prerequisites: SOC 361; STA 251. Three units.

444. Practicum in Sociology
An opportunity for the student to work in a community
agency bridging the gap between classroom learning and the
needs and opportunities that exist within society.
Prerequisites: SOC 141 and nine other units in sociology.
Three units.

490. Senior Integration Seminar in Sociology
This course considers how students of sociology can apply
their learning in the discipline to their own life work. Special
attention is given to the relationship between the students’
Christian commitment and their interest in the area(s) of
social interaction, social concerns and/or social institutions.
A senior thesis paper will be written and presented.
Prerequisites: SOC 361 and 402; STA 251. Three units. ‘S’