

SOCIOLOGY

Program Description

Sociology is the scientific study of social life. It is the exploration of social change and the complexities of the causes and consequences of human behavior, focusing on the ways social factors shape human behavior. Sociologists study a broad range of topics, including families, politics, religion, education, race, class, and gender (and much more!). Sociologists ask questions about patterns of human life and then answer those questions using a variety of theoretical perspectives and research methodologies. Sociologists frequently contribute to public debate about the causes of social problems and what we could do to help bring about positive social change.

The BA in Sociology exemplifies Colorado Mesa University's liberal arts mission, emphasizing a wide range of skills and content areas. The Sociology program encourages students to develop critical thinking skills, quantitative literacy, and the ability to apply their "sociological imagination" to problems, programs, and policies in the real world. Beyond this, sociology prepares students for responsible action in the social world and provides a foundation for lifelong learning and civic participation.

The American Sociological Association calls sociology a "21st Century Major" because it offers the flexibility students will need in a fast-changing and increasingly global labor market. Graduates who choose to go directly into a career can find work in human resources, social services, government, business, the health professions, the criminal justice system, and a wide variety of other industries. Sociology graduates are also very well-prepared for graduate study in sociology and related disciplines.

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Programs of Study

Bachelors/Minors

- [Sociology \(BA\)](#)
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