

Social Inequality Concentration

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Concentrations in Sociology

Students majoring in Sociology have the option of either selecting one of 4 concentrations areas, or majoring in Sociology without choosing a concentration. The concentration consists of a minimum of 12 credit hours, or 4 courses. The 4 concentrations are:

- Crime, Law and Justice
- Health, Medicine and Aging
- Gender, Work and Family
- Social Inequality

Social Inequality Concentration

Over the last several years, social inequality in the United States has been increasing; at the same time many of its consequences are becoming better understood and its causes vigorously debated. Topics that will be studied in the various courses in this concentration include:

Why are social class differences so robust even during periods of rapid prosperity in an open society? Why is the unequal distribution of resources across gender and ethno-racial groups so resistant to change? Why is there such a strong connection between social position and health? What are the effects, and who is most affected, by sharp downturns in the economy? Inequality inevitably cuts across the social institutions of work and family, education, medicine, law, and other aspects of contemporary society.

Required Core Courses:

12 CREDIT HOURS

SOCI 101: Introduction to Sociology

SOCI 300: Modern Sociological Thought

SOCI 306: Logic of Social Inquiry

One of the three statistics courses listed below:

STAT 201: Basic Statistics for Social and Life Sciences

PSCL 282: Quantitative Methods in Psychology

ANTH 319: Introduction to Statistical Analysis in the Social Sciences

Social Inequality Concentration requires four (4) of the following courses:

12 CREDIT HOURS

SOCI 113: Critical Problems in Modern Society

SOCI 201: Introduction to Gender Studies

SOCI 202: Race and Ethnic Minorities in American Society

SOCI 203: Human Development: Medical and Social

SOCI 228: Sociology of Sexuality

SOCI 320: Delinquency and Juvenile Justice

SOCI 326: Gender, Inequality and Globalization

SOCI 328: Urban Sociology

SOCI 344: Health Disparities

SOCI 347: Sociology of Education

SOCI 349: Social Inequality

SOCI 356: Economic Sociology: Money, Markets, Morals and Social Life

SOCI 366: Racial Inequality & Mass Imprisonment in the U.S.

SOCI 372: Work and Family: U.S. and Abroad

SOCI 374: Using Law to Designate Public-Private Boundaries for Social Policies

SOCI 380: Social Movements and Social Change

As the major requires a total of 30 credits, 6 additional credits (two electives) will need to be taken. These credits can either be within the concentration or from any of the other sociology courses.

In addition to the requirements listed above for Sociology major, Case Western Reserve University also requires all undergraduate students to participate in courses through SAGES. These requirements include First Seminar (first year), two University Seminars (by the end of the second year), a Department Seminar (third year) and finally a Senior Capstone.

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