



Gender, Work and Family Concentration

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Concentrations in Sociology

Students majoring in Sociology have the option of either selecting one of four concentration areas or majoring in Sociology without a concentration. A concentration consists of a minimum of 12 credit hours (four courses). The four concentrations are:

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

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Traditional conceptualizations of work and family were as separate spheres: one public, one private. During the past several decades, however, changes in the shape of the economy and families have encouraged sociological exploration of the permeable boundaries between these two institutions that shape and give meaning to our lives. This concentration provides an opportunity to explore the changing realities around gender, work, family and sexuality and understand their consequences for individual experiences and the public sphere.

How have downsizing, declining wages and increasing work hours influenced families, in particular the increasing number of one-parent and dual-earner families? How does location in the occupational structure affect the strategies available to families providing care to young, elderly or disabled family members? How do couples negotiate the division of household labor? Courses in this concentration challenge assumptions that balancing work and family obligations are individual responsibilities. Instead, attention is directed to the hidden inequalities in paid work and to the imbalance between market and nonmarket activities. Students will also explore the ways in which gender structures our experience of work and family in different ways depending on ethnoracial status, social class, age and sexual orientation.

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 four statistics courses listed below:

ANTH 319: Introduction to Statistical Analysis in the Social Sciences

SOCI 307: Social Statistics

PSCL 282: Quantitative Methods in Psychology

STAT 201: Basic Statistics for Social and Life Sciences

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requires four of the following courses
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SOCI 201: Introduction to Gender Studies

SOCI 208: Dating, Marriage and Family

SOCI 228: Sociology of Sexuality

SOCI 264: Body, Culture and Disability

SOCI 275: Lives in Medicine: Becoming and Being a Physician

SOCI 310: Individual in Society

SOCI 326: Gender, Inequality and Globalization

SOCI 349: Social Inequality

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

SOCI 370: Sociology and Families, Globally

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

SOCI 384: Sociology of Sex(es), Gender(s) and Sexuality (ies)

As the major requires a total of 30 credits, six 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 the UGER.

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