Sociology

Program overview
Sociology is the study of social behavior and the socio-cultural settings in which it occurs. It involves the study of whole societies and their basic institutions as well as smaller scale groups such as the family, peer group and neighborhood. Sociology has long been a popular major for students planning futures and further training in such professions as social work, law, politics, education, public administration, public health and health care, and urban planning. A major in this department provides a foundation for social action as well as for graduate work in a variety of disciplines including policy studies, sociology, anthropology and women's studies.

What you study
To successfully complete the program for graduation, all students must: maintain a minimum of 2.75 GPA in the major and at least a 2.0 overall GPA; meet the major requirements; complete 30 credits at the 300/400 level; complete a minimum of 120 credits with at least 45 at UMass Dartmouth; complete the University Studies requirements of the University; complete the distribution requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences. All courses counting for the major must be completed with grade C- or higher. Students may transfer up to 75 credits from a two-year or four-year institution.

Requirements for Sociology
Introductory requirement course: Three (3) credits required. To be taken freshman or sophomore year. Any one of these:
- SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology
- ANT 111 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- SOC 113 Introduction to Social and Cultural Behavior
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Methods courses (3) credits
To be taken junior year. One of these:
- SOC 316 Research Methods
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Theory courses (3) credits
To be taken sophomore year. Any one of these:
- SOC 200 Introduction to Sociological Thought
- SOC 354 Sociological Theory
- ANT 354 Anthropological Theory

Sociology electives
Twenty-one (21) credits required of which fifteen (15) credits must be at the 300/400 level. Includes only courses with SOC or ANT prefixes.

Internship* (3) credits
Any one of these:
- SOC 450 Internship
- SOC 407 Field Inquiry I

Senior seminar* (3) credits
- SOC 420 Senior Seminar 3 credits

*Thesis Research (SOC 492 and SOC 493), a 2-semester, six (6) credit sequence taken in the senior year may be substituted for the Internship and Senior Seminar requirements.

Total credits: 36
In addition to the courses required for a major in sociology, students meet the college's requirements for a well-rounded liberal arts education. Students take a variety of elected and required courses in subjects such as English, literature, science, the humanities (history, philosophy, art, music, and culture and civilization courses in foreign language and language), and the social sciences (economics, political science, and psychology).

Students must also meet a two-year foreign language proficiency requirement, either by studying a foreign language, or displaying proficiency in one of several foreign language tests.

UMass Dartmouth students seeking admissions into the Sociology major must have earned a minimum of 45 credits with a minimum cumulative 2.50 GPA. Transfer students seeking admission into the Sociology major must have a minimum 2.75 GPA overall.

To apply to the Sociology Degree Program:
Please complete the online application form at www.umassd.edu/extension/apply

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