

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 and Delinquency
- Health and Aging
- Gender, Work and Family
- Social Inequality

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Over the last several years, social inequality in the USA has been increasing, just at the same time that many of its consequences are becoming better understood and its causes vigorously debated. The questions of inequality are, of course, much older than the discipline of Sociology. Yet Sociology brings analytical and methodological precision to focus questions of great social and policy relevance. 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 ethnic 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 and law, and other aspects of contemporary society.

Required Core Courses:

12 credit hours

- SOCI 101: Introduction to Sociology
SOCI 300: Modern Sociological Thought
SOCI 303: Social Research Methods
STAT 201 or PSCL 282 Statistics

***Social Inequality Concentration* requires four (4) of the following courses (12 credit hours)**

- SOCI 113: Critical Problems in Modern Society
SOCI 203: Human Development: Medical and Social
SOCI 269: Young and Old Face the 21st Century
SOCI 302: Race and Ethnic Minorities in American Society
SOCI 320: Delinquency and Juvenile Justice
SOCI 326: Gender, Inequalities and Globalization
SOCI 347: Sociology of Education
SOCI 349: Social Inequality
SOCI 372: Work and Family
SOCI 374: Using Law to Designate Public-Private Boundaries for Social Policies

Approved Sociology Elective: 3 credit hours

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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