



MERRIMACK COLLEGE

# SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

## SOCIOLOGY



Sociology is the scientific study of people in groups and the patterns and consequences of social interaction. While social structures and culture exert significant influence over our everyday lives, it is in the very details of social interaction that society is constructed, maintained, and changed. The Sociology program cultivates a critical perspective that relies on empirical evidence to demonstrate the effects of culture and social structures on the ways in which people think, feel, and act.

### ENGAGING COURSEWORK

A dynamic curriculum builds strong practical knowledge from introductory classes to specialized coursework.

Special emphasis is placed on social inequality – its nature and effects on the lives of all members of society – in all of the program’s courses.

A selection of program coursework includes:

- SOC 1000 The Sociological Imagination
- SOC 2000 Social Inequality – Class, Gender, and Race
- SOC 3650 Crossing Borders: Sociology of Immigration
- HIS 2329 American Social History
- PSY 2200 Social Psychology

### REWARDING CAREER PATHS

With a focus on group behavior and an emphasis on inequality and social justice, Merrimack’s Sociology graduates are strong candidates for positions in human service organizations, government, law, social work, public health, criminal justice, business, and public administration. Additionally, many graduates pursue advanced degrees in sociology, social work, and law.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

#### Internships

Internships offer sociology majors an opportunity to put their classroom knowledge into action and truly “do sociology.” SOC 4000 – the major’s internship course – provides students a unique chance to experience possible career interests, to learn from those already working in the field, and to establish contacts that may be helpful in acquiring full-time employment. Working in the field, and using and applying the sociological perspective, are integral and vital activities in the sociological tradition.

Previous internship placements include:

- Lawrence High School
- Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc.
- Massachusetts Department of Mental Health
- Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc.
- Haverhill District Court

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### QUESTIONS?

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