Department of Sociology and Anthropology

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Field Description

The behavioral sciences of sociology and anthropology help students develop an appreciation and understanding of the myriad structures and processes that characterize life in social groups. While sociology tends to concentrate on complex modern societies, exploring societal change and institutions, anthropology tends to cover a wider span, focusing on both Western and non-Western societies. (cultural anthropology is stressed at Baruch.) The methods and insights of sociology and cultural anthropology offer the tools you need to succeed in our globalizing world and to grapple with the great challenges and questions of our time. Does "the American Dream" still work, as Baruch College's motto claims, or has income inequality in America reached the point of no return? Are there universal human rights? If so, who gets to decide what they are? What is globalization exactly, and how does it shape your life and the lives of others? How can we meet the challenges posed by urbanization and climate change? What is sexuality and why are there so many strong opinions about it? Is there really any such thing as religious violence? What is religion, anyway? What do changing attitudes toward gender roles tell us about what it means to be an American? What is race? Why does racism persist?

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Baruch College offers courses that can help you understand your place in the world, your part in it, and what it takes to create change and progress in your own life, your career, and in the world. Pursuing a major in sociology or a minor in sociology or cultural anthropology, is both intellectually compelling and practical. Students who concentrate in these disciplines pursue careers in criminal justice, human services, education, government, non-profits, and business. Students at Baruch who opt to major in a business discipline can enhance their appeal to prospective employers by minoring in sociology or cultural anthropology. Both of these disciplines foster creative, critical, and innovative thinking skills that are honed through engagement with real-life situations and problems.

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The Major

Sociology majors must satisfy the degree requirements of the Weissman School of Arts and Sciences as well as departmental requirements. In addition to completing an introductory or prerequisite course in either sociology or anthropology. a total of 24 credits of coursework in the department are requirements. These include two foundation courses, and six elective courses at the 3000-level or above. One of those electives must be a sociology course at the 4000-level or above and one must be an anthropology elective at the 3000 or 4000-level. Elective courses cover a broad range of topics, including the following: globalization; migration; race; gender and sexuality; social inequality; religion; urban life and institutions; environment and climate change; human geography; area studies; religion health; social movements; and peace and war. Students who are interested in any of the specific areas of focus are encouraged to seek advisement from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Program Learning Goals

Upon completion of a major in Sociology, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate familiarity with and ability to apply major paradigms of classical and/or contemporary sociological theory
2. Apply sociological approaches to analyze patterns of inequality, including stratification of gender, race, class, nationality, disability, age, religion and sexual orientation
3. Deploy the sociological imagination to examine and analyze the effects of social structure on individual life chances
4. Analyze contemporary US society within the global context
5. Describe and apply sociological research methodologies

Major Course Requirements

Introductory Course:		
SOC 1005	Introduction to Sociology	3 credits
or		
ANT 1001	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3 credits
Foundation Courses: 6 credits		
SOC 4100	Sociological Theory (ANT 4100)	3 credits
SOC 4110	Research Methods in Sociology and Anthropology (ANT 4110)	3 credits
Electives: 18 credits		
Any courses in Sociology or Anthropology at the intermediate or advanced level (3000 or 4000-level). Sociology majors must take at least one elective course in Sociology at the 4000-level or above and one elective course in Anthropology at the 3000 or 4000-level.		

The Minors

- Anthropology
- New York Studies
- Sociology

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology offers minors in both sociology and anthropology. These programs give students an in-depth understanding of key concepts of fields within sociology and anthropology. Students are required to take three courses in the department at the 3000 or 4000-level, including at least one at the 4000-level. Although the department recommends either ANT 4800 or SOC 4900, any 4000-level course offered by the department may serve as the capstone for either the sociology or the anthropology minor.

Minor in New York Studies

The New York City Studies Minor provides students the opportunity to learn about the impact of global trends on New York City, specifically, in addition to urban environments more generally. Students will analyze the intersections and contests between global institutions, elites, and local communities. Courses in this program will allow students to understand the rapidly changing economic, political, social, environmental, and religious landscapes of the world today.

This minor is not open to students in the Macaulay Honors Program, and it satisfies the College Option requirement.

Required Capstone Course:

SOC 4400	New York: The Global City (ANT 4400)	3 credits

Elective courses (choose two):

SOC 3035	The Remaking of New York: The Immigrant Experience (ANT 3035), (BLS 3035), (LTS 3035)	3 credits

SOC 3085	Special Topics in Sociology and Anthropology * (ANT 3085)	3 credits
SOC 3125	Race and Ethnic Relations (ANT 3125), (BLS 3125), (LTS 3125)	3 credits
ANT 3153	Urban Anthropology	3 credits
SOC 3155	Urban Sociology	3 credits
SOC 4010	Chinese Immigration in Global Perspective (AAS 4010)	3 credits
SOC 4050	Religious Worlds of New York (ANT 4050), (REL 4050)	3 credits

* Students may use this course if the topic is relevant to the minor. Please consult the Director of the New York Studies Program for permission.

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Courses

Courses in Sociology (SOC)

SOC 1005	Introductory Sociology	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3015	Cuban Culture and Society (ANT 3015), (LTS 3015)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3021	The U.S. and Mexican Border (ANT 3021), LTS 3021)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3030	The Changing Demographics of the City (BLS 3030), (LTS 3030)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3032	Sociology of Bioethics	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3035	The Remaking of New York: the Immigrant Experience (ANT 3035), (BLS 3035), (LTS 3035)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3044	Migration in the Americas (BLS 3044), (LTS 3044)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3062	Political Sociology (POL 3062)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3085	Selected Topics in Sociology and Anthropology	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3110	Women, Culture, and Society (ANT 3110)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3111	Native Americans (ANT 3111)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3112	Peoples and Cultures of Mediterranean Europe (ANT 3112)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3113	Cultures and Peoples of India (ANT 3113)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3114	Cultures and Peoples of the South Pacific Islands (ANT 3114)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3115	People and Culture of Haiti (ANT 3115), (BLS 3115)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3120	Passing, Covering, and Social Stigma in Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality (ANT 3120), (BLS 3120), (LTS 3120)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3125	Race and Ethnic Relations (ANT 3125), (BLS 3125), (LTS 3125)	3 hours; 3 credits

SOC 3130H	The City That Care Forgot: The Roots, Ruin, and Rebirth of New Orleans (ANT 3130H), (BLS 3130H), (LTS 3130H)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3131	Sociology of the Family	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3136	Social Welfare Institutions	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3137	Sociology of Health and Illness *(ANT 3137)*	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3138	Sociology of Complex Organizations	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3141	Sociology of Religion	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3151	Social Issues And Social Policy	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3152	Social Communication (ANT 3152)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3154	Crime and Justice in Sociological Perspective	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3155	Urban Sociology	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3156	Social Inequality	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3157	Civil Society And Community Organizations	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3158	Social Demography	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3165	Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion (ANT 3165)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3170	Social Movements	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3175	The Lives of Hinduism (AAS 3175), (ANT 3175), (REL 3175)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3180	The Religion of Everyday Life (ANT 3180) , (REL 3180)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 3185	Internship in Human Service and Community Organization I	hours to be arranged; 3 credits
SOC 3186	Internship in Human Service and Community Organizations II	hours to be arranged; 3 credits
SOC 3540	The Tradition of Islam (AAS 3540), (ANT 3540), (REL 3540)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 4010	Chinese Immigration in Global Perspective (AAS 4010)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 4015	The Globalization of English (COM 4015), (ENG 4015)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 4025H	Writers and Their Spiritual Searches: Religious Themes in Contemporary Literature (ANT 4025H), (REL 4025H)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 4032	Methods of Sociological Research	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 4050	Religious Worlds of New York (ANT 4050), (REL 4050)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 4100	Sociological Theory (ANT 4100)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 4110	Research Methods in Sociology and Anthropology (ANT 4110)	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 4111	Social Statistics	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 4400	New York: The Global City	3 hours; 3 credits

SOC 4900	Sociological Analysis	3 hours; 3 credits
SOC 5000	Independent Study I	hours and credits to be arranged
SOC 5001	Independent Study II	hours and credits to be arranged
SOC 5002	Independent Study III	hours and credits to be arranged
SOC 5003	Independent Study IV	hours and credits to be arranged

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Courses in Anthropology (ANT)

ANT 1001	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3009	Introduction to Human Geography (GEOG 3009)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3015	Cuban Culture and Society (LTS 3015), (SOC 3015)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3020	Anthropology of Business	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3021	The U.S. and Mexican Border (LTS 3021), (SOC 3021)	
ANT 3035	The Remaking of New York: the Immigrant Experience (BLS 3035), (LTS 3035), (SOC 3035)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3036	World Regional Geography (GEOG 3036)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3085	Selected Topics in Anthropology and Sociology (SOC 3085)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3100	Anthropology and Contemporary World Issues *(formerly ANT 4015)*	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3110	Women, Culture, and Society (SOC 3110)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3111	Native Americans (SOC 3111)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3112	Peoples and Cultures of Mediterranean Europe (SOC 3112)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3113	Cultures and Peoples of India (SOC 3113)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3114	Cultures and Peoples of the South Pacific Islands (SOC 3114)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3115	People and Culture of Haiti (BLS 3115), (SOC 3115)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3120	Passing, Covering, and Social Stigma in Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality (BLS 3120), (LTS 3120), (SOC 3120)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3125	Race and Ethnic Relations (BLS 3125), (LTS 3125), (SOC 3125)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3130H	The City That Care Forgot: The Roots, Ruin, and Rebirth of New Orleans (BLS 3130H), (LTS 3130H), (SOC 3130H)	
ANT 3137	Sociology of Health and Illness *(SOC 3137)*	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3152	Social Communication (SOC 3152)	3 hours; 3 credits

ANT 3153	Urban Anthropology	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3161	Power and Conflict	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3165	Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion (SOC 3165)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3175	The Lives of Hinduism (AAS 3175), (REL 3175), (SOC 3175)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3180	The Religion of Everyday Life (REL 3180) , (SOC 3180)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3540	The Tradition of Islam (AAS 3540), (REL 3540), (SOC 3540)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3710	Anthropology of Violence and Memory	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 3821	South Asian Religion (AAS 3821), (REL 3821)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 4017	Seminar on the Anthropology of Peace and War	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 4020	Translating Between Worlds: Literature and Anthropology (CMP 4020)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 4025H	Writers and Their Spiritual Searches: Religious Themes in Contemporary Literature (REL 4025H), (SOC 4025H)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 4050	Religious Worlds of New York (REL 4050), (SOC 4050)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 4100	Sociological Theory (SOC 4100)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 4110	Research Methods in Sociology and Anthropology (SOC 4110)	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 4400	New York: The Global City	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 4800	Anthropological Analysis	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 5000	Independent Study I	hours and credits to be arranged
ANT 5001	Independent Study II	hours and credits to be arranged
ANT 6001H	Honors Anthropology I	3 hours; 3 credits
ANT 6002H	Honors Anthropology II	3 hours; 3 credits

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Courses in Geography (GEOG)

GEOG 3009	Introduction to Human Geography (ANT 3009)	3 hours; 3 credits
GEOG 3036	World Regional Geography (ANT 3036)	3 hours; 3 credits

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