

SOCIOLOGY

SOCIOLOGY OPTION – H070

A.A. in Arts and Science

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The Sociology Option is intended for students desiring a solid liberal arts education as well as those interested in transferring to four-year colleges in the social sciences. Students select courses from areas such as family, religion, government, the environment, social changes, social deviance, social problems, substance abuse, social inequality, diversity, disability, race, class and gender.

The Department of Sociology at Holyoke Community College seeks to provide a thorough grounding in the historical and theoretical development of the field of sociology and to give students the tools to make this knowledge relevant to the world around them. The program is designed to prepare students for professional careers in a number of arenas, including research, education, social work, human services, law enforcement, probation and corrections, government, non-profit organizations, labor relations, business management, personnel administration and market analysis.

The Sociology program provides the opportunity to combine a liberal arts education with a unique focus on the study of human societies including social dynamics, institutions, diversity, and inequality. Through its use of scientific methods and systematic theory, Sociologists seek to identify and explain the underlying patterns of social relations. This knowledge base allows students to gain insights into and challenge assumptions about the fundamental elements of human systems behavior. Sociologists are particularly concerned with understanding diversity in our social world and addressing inequality.

Term/Grade	Course Number	Course Name	Course Credits	
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS				32
_____	ENG 101	Language and Literature I	3	
_____	ENG 102	Language and Literature II	3	
_____	_____	Laboratory Science (D) _____	4	
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_____	_____	Humanities Electives (C) _____	3	
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_____	SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	3	
_____	PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology	3	
_____	PSY 142	Statistics for Psychology & Social Sciences (D)	3	
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS				15
<i>(Select any 15 credits)</i>				
_____	SOC 130	Intimate Relationships, Marriage and Family	3	
_____	SOC 204	Sociology of Death and Dying	3	
_____	SOC/HSV 208	Substance Abuse	3	
_____	SOC/PSY 210	Social Psychology	3	
_____	SOC 213	Urban Sociology	3	
_____	SOC 214	Social Problems	3	
_____	SOC 220	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	3	
_____	SOC 233	Sociology of Aging	3	
_____	SOC 240	Sociology of Sport	3	
_____	SOC 250	Topics in Sociology	3	
_____	SOC 276	Internship in Sociology	1	
_____	SOC 277	Internship in Sociology	2	
_____	SOC 278	Internship in Sociology	3	
PROGRAM ELECTIVES¹				7
GENERAL ELECTIVES				6
Total Credits				60

NOTES:

- Only six non-Arts and Science credits may be taken towards an A.A. degree.

¹ Most four-year colleges require two years of a foreign language. It is recommended that students complete or begin foreign language study at Holyoke Community College.