

# SOCIOLOGY

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## About the Department

Sociology Faculty (<http://spu.edu/academics/college-of-arts-sciences/sociology/faculty/>)

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Sociology is the systematic study of societies, groups, and human interaction. As a community of social scientists committed to the Christian faith, the SPU sociology faculty seek to educate students in the perspectives and methods of sociology in order to prepare students for faithful service and leadership.

## Our Mission

The central premise of sociology is that the individual cannot be understood apart from societal and interpersonal contexts. Therefore, our coursework is designed to help students gain perspective on themselves and the world around them through an analysis of social structure and culture.

## Majors

- Sociology (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/sociology-programs/sociology-ba/>)

## Minors

- Sociology Minor (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/sociology-programs/sociology-minor/>)
- Women's Studies Minor (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/sociology-programs/womens-studies-minor/>)

## Program Learning Outcomes

The Department of Sociology's goals are for students to:

- Develop a sociological imagination that allows students to critically apply sociological perspectives to social institutions and problems.
- Learn the skills of research design, data collection, and data analysis.
- Explore the interrelationship between Christian faith and sociology so students can critically and faithfully apply their sociological knowledge in their work, community, and spiritual life.