Sociology and Anthropology

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Sociology is the study of group life. Thus, sociologists study the social and cultural forces that shape people's behavior, beliefs, and relationships. This includes all types of social interaction—from economic to political to cultural, and the full range of social organization—from small groups to communities to nations. Sociologists emphasize the careful use of rigorous methods to expand our understanding of the contemporary social world. Sociology is a general liberal arts major appropriate for many careers in industry, education, and government as well as for graduate study in administration, health, law, social work, public policy, and the social sciences.

Anthropology is the biological and cultural study of humanity. Anthropologists employ a holistic approach to the study of likenesses and differences among human beings, past and present. Biological anthropology, cultural anthropology, linguistics, and archaeology are the main subfields of anthropological inquiry. The combination of anthropology and sociology in this department affords students a unique breadth of exposure to the study of humans and their relationships.

Requirements for the Sociology Major

The major requires ten sociology courses, including SOC 101/HON 216, SOC 301, SOC 302, and SOC 398+499 (Sociology Senior Capstone), and the remaining courses taken from the SOC options (at least four of which must be selected from the 300- or 400-level department offerings). All majors must also take STA 115 or STA 215 as part of their liberal learning quantitative reasoning requirement. (See also the departmental graduation standards.)

Sociology Major/Health and Environmental Studies Specialization

This specialization examines human health and its relationship with the non-human environment, two separate areas of interest which are now widely understood as inextricably linked. The discipline of sociology has long contributed to the study of health and environment through specializations within each discipline, and helps illuminate how social status affects risk of illness, how people seek and receive medical treatment, how healthcare is organized and prioritized, how health services are managed for various client populations, and how the environment affects human health. Multiple professional careers are linked to the social scientific study of human health and the environment including community and public health professions, urban and regional planning, social work, healthcare professions, health research, and academic positions in anthropology and sociology. In addition to substantive knowledge, these professions generally require students to have strong backgrounds in understanding diverse populations, quantitative and qualitative research methods, critical thinking, and communication skills. This specialization provides an ideal curriculum for developing these general skills, while substantively examining the subjects of health and environment.

Requirements for the Health and Environment Specialization

Ten courses are required. Thus, students in this specialization must take SOC 101/HON 216, SOC 301, SOC 302, and SOC 398+499; can select one SOC elective of their choice; and must choose five additional electives from a departmentally-approved list of options for this specialization. In all, at least four of the electives must be 300 level or above and at least four of the electives must be SOC courses. Students in this specialization are encouraged to choose biology to fulfill the scientific reasoning requirement.

Sociology Major/Non-Profit and Community Development Specialization

This specialization focuses on the study and improvement of social life. It poses a crucial question to students: how can sociology be used to make the world a better place? The specialization should appeal to students interested in social work, the leadership of non-profit and non-governmental organizations, nonprofit/NGO leadership, social policy, urban and regional planning, community and international development, urban studies, law, and public health. The specialization offers advanced subject- appropriate academic work in community development, non-profit organizations and applied sociology while providing ample opportunities for hands-on experiences. It will train students in theoretical and applied research methods, critical thinking, and communication skills.

Requirements for the Non-Profit and Community Development Specialization

Ten courses are required. Thus, students in this specialization must take SOC 101/HON 216, SOC 301, SOC 302, and SOC 398+499; can select one SOC elective of their choice; and must choose five additional electives from a departmentally-approved list of options for this specialization. In all, at least four of the electives must be 300 level or above and at least four of the electives must be SOC courses. Students in this specialization are encouraged to do at least one internship for elective credit.

Declaration of Major

Students in good academic standing and first-term students without a GPA are allowed to declare a major as long as entrance requirements have been met. To declare a major in Sociology or Anthropology, paperwork must be submitted by the college deadlines. Upon declaration, the chair gives written notice to the Office of Records and Registration and assigns the student an advisor within the major. Students proceed according to the requirements of the Bulletin in effect at the time of their formal declaration. The department also accepts pre-major applications. Pre-majors are admitted for a transitional semester while they complete the required entrance coursework. If the coursework is successfully completed, pre-majors will be admitted to the major.

Declaration of Optional Minor

Students eligible to declare majors may also declare minors in those disciplines where minors have been established. Students declare minors by registering with the chair of the chosen department or program area. The chair gives written notice to the Office of Records and Registration. Students proceed according to the requirements of the Bulletin in effect at the time of their formal declaration. Students are responsible for knowing their minor requirements and for completing them. Minors not complete at the time of the student's graduation will be dropped from the student's record. Students are encouraged to declare intended minors as soon as they make decisions to pursue them as some classes may be restricted to majors and minors. Minors must be officially declared before the deadline for applying for graduation in a given term.

Requirements for the Sociology Minor

Five sociology courses are required, including SOC 101/HON 216 and SOC 301 or 302 with three SOC elective courses selected from 300- and 400-level courses. Minors must also meet the department's graduation standards.

Program Entrance, Retention, and Exit Standards

Every major program at the College has set standards for allowing students to remain in that program, to transfer within the College from one program to another, and to graduate from a program. The following are the standards for sociology programs. Minimum grades are noted in parentheses:

● Retention in the program is based on the following performance standards in these "critical content courses": SOC 301 (C), SOC 302 (C), and SOC 101/HON 216 (B-). Students may repeat each core course no more than twice (with necessary approval) barring unusual extenuating circumstances and determined on a case by case basis. Students must make consistent progress in the major. Specifically, any student not registered for major classes for three consecutive semesters will be dismissed, unless the student has completed the major or there are extenuating circumstances.

● Transfer into the program from another program within the College is based upon the following performance standards in these "foundation courses": SOC 101 (B-), STA 115 (B-) or STA 215 (C).

● Graduation standards: requires a GPA of 2.0 in sociology courses. Only grades of C– or higher in SOC/ANT major options and SOC 398+499, B– or higher in SOC 101, C or higher in SOC 301 and SOC 302, and C or higher in STA 115 or STA 215 can be applied toward graduation degree requirements. Students who want to apply a course toward graduation for which they received a D+ or lower must repeat the course, earning a higher grade.

Four-Year Suggested Sequence: Sociology

First Year

FYS First Year Seminar	1 course unit
HSS 99/Orientation Course for Humanities and Social Sciences	0 course units
SOC 101/Introduction to Sociology	1 course unit
SOC Major Options	1 course unit
STA 115/Statistics	1 course unit
or	
STA 215/Statistical Inference	
FYW 102/Academic Writing (if not exempted)*	1 course unit
Foreign Language (if not exempted)**	2 course units
Second major and/or	
minor courses and/or electives	1-2 course units

It is recommended that students exempted from these courses take other liberal learning courses.
** *Chinese 151 and 152, Japanese 151 and 152, are intensive courses and carry two course units of credit each. Students should take this into account when planning a normal four-course semester.*

Total for year	**8-9 course units**

Sophomore Year

SOC 301/Development of Socio-Cultural Theory*	1 course unit
SOC 302/Quantitative Research Methods*	1 course unit
SOC Major Options (except 400-level)	2 course units
Liberal Learning courses	2 course units
Foreign Language (if not exempted)**	1 course unit
Second major and/or minor courses	2 course units

Sociology majors must have received a B- or above in SOC 101 or HON 216 before taking SOC 301. Sociology majors must have received a B- or above in SOC 101 and a B- or above in STA 115 (or a C or above in STA 215) before taking SOC 302.
***It is recommended that students exempted from this course take another liberal learning course*

Total for year	**8-9 course units**

Junior Year

SOC Major Options	2 course units
Liberal Learning courses	3 course units
Second major and/or minor courses and/or electives	2-3 course units
Total for year	**7-8 course units**

Senior Year

SOC 398/Sociology Capstone Internship--Capstone*	0.5 course unit
SOC 499/Senior Seminar in Sociology—Capstone*	0.5 course unit
Or	
SOC 393 Independent Research in Sociology* with	
SOC 493 Senior Capstone Research in Sociology*	2 course units
SOC Major Options	1 course unit
Liberal Learning courses	2 course units
Second major and/or minor courses and/or electives	3-4 course units
Total for year	**7-8 course units**

Sociology majors must have received a C or above in SOC 301 and SOC 302, and have taken at least four major options, three of which must be 300-level or above before taking SOC 398 and SOC 499. SOC 398 & 499 together constitute the Senior Capstone requirement (1 unit total) of the Sociology major and must be taken in the same semester. An alternative to fulfilling the Senior Capstone requirement is SOC 493 Senior Capstone Research (prerequisite SOC 393). Students must take 1 unit of SOC 393 on the same research project in the semester prior to registering for SOC 493 with faculty and chair permission. Sociology majors must have received a C or above in SOC 301 and SOC 302, and have taken at least four major options, three of which must be 300-level or above before starting their capstone research in SOC 393. This unit of SOC 393 will count as one of the six SOC Major options. Upon the completion of the first semester of research in SOC 393, students can complete the capstone requirement by registering for SOC 493 (1 unit) or SOC 398+499 (1 unit).

Transfer Student Course Sequence

The department encourages prospective transfer students to take an introductory course in sociology, a course in statistics, and up to one sociology elective before enrolling at the College. If transfer students have received the minimum grades for the introductory sociology and statistics courses, they should enroll in at least two SOC options (at least one at the 300-level) during their first semester at TCNJ. Note that all students need 32 units to graduate, therefore students should craft course progressions that will ensure that they reach this threshold. Repeated courses only count once toward graduation.

These pathways are appropriate for external transfer students with an Associate degree, OR come to TCNJ with most liberal learning requirements complete.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
For students with NO sociology courses	STA 115 SOC 101 *(2 units)*	SOC 301 SOC elective SOC 300-level elective **(3 units)**	SOC 302 SOC elective SOC 300-level elective *(3 units)*	SOC 499/398 (capstone) SOC 300-level elective SOC 300-level elective *(3 units)*
For students with SOC 101 (recommended plan)	SOC elective SOC 300-level elective [STA 115, if needed] *(3 units)*	SOC 301 SOC elective SOC 300-level elective *(3 units)*	SOC 302 SOC 300-level elective *(3 units)*	SOC 499/398 (capstone) SOC 300-level elective *(3 units)*
For students with SOC 101 (steeper transition; only recommended for students with extensive reading/writing preparation. Students may shift to the recommended plan during add-drop)	SOC 301 SOC elective [STA 115, if needed] *(3 units)*	SOC 302 SOC elective *(2 units)*	SOC 300-level elective SOC 300-level elective SOC 300-level elective *(3 units)*	SOC 499/398 (capstone) SOC 300-level elective *(2 units)*

Requirements for the Anthropology Major

The major requires eleven anthropology and sociology courses, including ANT 110, SOC 301, and ANT 398+499. Majors must select a second subfield introductory course (ANT 111 or ANT 112 or ANT 213), and two methods courses from among this group: (SOC 302, ANT 361, ANT 390, ANT 401, study abroad for a semester OR language course at the 200- or 300-level not taught in English, field school approved by the department). They must also select four courses from the departmental ANT options (at least three of which must be at the 300- or 400-level). All majors must also take STA 115, STA 215, or PHL 120 as part of their liberal learning quantitative reasoning or worldviews and ways of knowing requirement. (See also the departmental graduation standards.)

Requirements for the Anthropology Minor

Five courses are required, including ANT 110 and ANT 111 or 112 or 213 and three courses from the following: (two of the three must be ANT courses and two of the three must be 300-level or above) ANT 111, 112, 171, 213, 246, 271, 305, 311, 313, 315, 335, 337, 340, 341, 361, 370, 371, 372, 373, 377, 390, 401; AAS 179, 180; BIO 231, 461; COM 411; HIS 161, 166, 167, 342, 344, 354, 359; LIT 342; POL 250; WGS 375, 376. Other courses may be approved on a case by case basis by the department chair. Minors must also meet the department's graduation standards.

Program Entrance, Retention, and Exit Standards

Every major program at the College has set standards for allowing students to remain in that program, to transfer within the College from one program to another, and to graduate from a program. The following are the standards for sociology programs. Minimum grades are noted in parentheses:

- Retention in the program is based on the following performance standards in these "critical content courses": ANT 110 (B-), ANT 111 or 112 or 213 (B-), SOC 301 (C), Methods options (B-). Students may repeat each core course no more than twice (with necessary approval) barring unusual extenuating circumstances and determined on a case by case basis. Students must make consistent progress in the major. Specifically, any student not registered for major classes for three consecutive semesters will be dismissed, unless the student has completed the major or there are extenuating circumstances.
- Transfer in the program from another program within the College is based upon the following performance standards in these "foundation courses": ANT 110 (B-), and STA 115 (B–) or STA 215 (C) or PHL 120 (B-).

- Graduation standards: requires a GPA of 2.0 in anthropology courses. Only grades of C– or higher in ANT major options and ANT 398+499, B– or higher in ANT 110, B- or higher in ANT 111 or 112 or 213, C or higher in SOC 301, C or higher in methods options, and successful completion of STA 115 or PHL 120 or STA 215 can be applied toward graduation degree requirements. Students who want to apply a course toward graduation for which they received a D+ or lower must repeat the course, earning a higher grade.

Four-Year Suggested Sequence: Anthropology

First Year

FYS First Year Seminar	1 course unit
HSS 99/Orientation Course for Humanities and Social	
Sciences	1 course unit
ANT 110/Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	1 course unit

Logic or Stats:

STA	115/Statistics	1 course unit

or

STA	215/Statistical Inference	

or

PHL	120/Introduction to Logic	

Second subfield intro course:

ANT	111/Introduction to Biological Anthropology	1 course unit

or

ANT	112/Introduction to Archaeology	

or

ANT	213/Language and Culture	

FYW 102/Academic Writing (if not exempted)*	1 course unit
Foreign Language (if not exempted)**	2 course units
Second major and/or minor courses and/or electives	1-2 course units

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Total for year	**8-9 course units**

Sophomore Year

SOC 301/Development of Socio-Cultural Theory*	1 course unit
Methods Option 1*	1 course unit

     or

Study Abroad (transfers 3 units, including Liberal Learning or ANT Option or minor
    courses)

ANT Major Options (one 100 or 200 level, one 300 or 400-level)	2 course units
Liberal Learning courses	2 course units
Foreign Language (if not exempted)**	1 course unit
Second major and/or minor courses	1-2 course units

Anthropology majors must have received a B- or above in ANT 110 before taking SOC 301. Anthropology majors must have received a B- or above in ANT 110 and a B- or above in STA 115 (or a C or above in STA 215) before taking SOC 302.

***It is recommended that students exempted from this course take another liberal learning course*

Total for year	**8-9 course units**

Junior Year

Second Methods Course	1 course unit
or	
Study Abroad (transfers 3 units, including Liberal Learning or ANT Option or minor courses)	
ANT Major Option (300 or 400-level)	1 course unit
Liberal Learning courses	3 course units
Second major and/or minor courses and/or electives	2-3 course units
Total for year	**7-8 course units**

Senior Year

ANT 398/Anthropology Capstone Internship--Capstone*	0.5 course unit
ANT 499/Senior Seminar in Anthropology —Capstone*	0.5 course unit
or	
ANT 393 Independent Research in Anthropology* with	2 course units
ANT 493 Senior Capstone Research in Anthropology *	
ANT Major Option (300 or 400-level)	1 course unit
Liberal Learning courses	2 course units
Second major and/or minor courses and/or electives	3-4 course units
Total for year	**7-8 course units**

*Before taking ANT 398 and ANT 499, anthropology majors must have received a C or above in SOC 301, AND a C or above in SOC 302 or a C or above in two methods courses AND have taken four major options, three of which must be 300-level or above. ANT 398 & 499 together constitute the Senior Capstone requirement (1 unit total) of the Anthropology major and must be taken in the same semester. An alternative to fulfilling the Senior Capstone requirement is ANT 493 Senior Capstone Research (prerequisite ANT 393). Students must take 1 unit of ANT 393 on the same research project in the semester prior to registering for ANT 493 with faculty and chair permission. Anthropology majors must have received a C or above in SOC 301, AND a C or above in two methods courses, AND have taken four major options, three of which must be 300-level or above before starting their capstone research in ANT 393. This unit of ANT 393 will count as one of the six ANT Major options. Upon the completion of the first semester of research in ANT 393, students can complete the capstone requirement by registering for ANT 493 (1 unit) or ANT 398+499 (1 unit).

Transfer Student Course Sequence

The department encourages prospective transfer students to take an introductory course in cultural anthropology, a course in statistics, and up to one anthropology elective before enrolling at the College. If transfer students have received the minimum grades for the introductory cultural anthropology and statistics courses, they should enroll in a field introduction course (ANT 111, 112, 213) and a 300-level anthropology elective during their first semester at TCNJ. Note that all students need 32 units to graduate, therefore students should craft course progressions that will ensure that they reach this threshold. Repeated courses only count once toward graduation.

These pathways are appropriate for external transfer students with an Associate degree, OR come to TCNJ with most liberal learning requirements complete.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
For students with NO anthropology courses	**STA 115 ANT 110 ANT 111,112, OR 213** *(3 units)*	**SOC 301 ANT elective ANT methods course** *(3 units)*	**ANT methods course ANT 300-level elective ANT 300-level elective** *(3 units)*	**ANT 499/398 (capstone) ANT 300-level elective** *(2 units)*
For students with ANT 110 (recommended plan)	**STA 115 (if needed) ANT 111,112, OR 213 ANT 300-level elective** *(3 units)*	**SOC 301 ANT methods course** *(2 units)*	**ANT methods course ANT 300-level elective ANT level elective** *(3 units)*	**ANT 499/398 (capstone) ANT 300-level elective** *(2 units)*
For students with ANT 110 (steeper transition; only recommended for students with extensive reading/writing preparation. Students may shift to the recommended plan during add-drop period)	**STA 115 (if needed) SOC 301 ANT 111,112, OR 213** *(3 units)*	**ANT methods course ANT 300-level elective** *(2 units)*	**ANT methods course ANT 300-level elective ANT elective** *(3 units)*	**ANT 499/398 (capstone) ANT 300-level elective** *(2 units)*