

Sociology

Sociology, the study of human society, is a broadly based liberal arts and research discipline -- one of the most diversified, interesting, and practical disciplines there is (we think!).

Program Overview

Sociology

Sociologists are devoted to the study of social groups and processes, using applied logic in combination with empirical research to ascertain "what is" and "what can be". We believe that it is the task of sociologists to conduct critical public debate about social institutions. We seek to contribute to that debate and equip our students with the skills to do so too.

Sociological Imagination

The Sociology faculty seek to foster, through teaching and research, what the American Sociologist, C. Wright Mills called "The Sociological Imagination": a unique and significant way of understanding society. Specifically, it is a perspective in which we understand ourselves, and the groups we are members of, by studying their social context in a particular historical period. In our own multi-cultural society, this means that the sociological imagination connects with the social contexts of other societies. Family, crime, gender, health, racism, and work for example, can all be studied sociologically in this way.

Sociological Careers

A degree in Sociology offers valuable preparation for many careers. Some of our Sociology majors have gone into professional programs, including TRU's Education, Law and Social Work Departments. Others have found that a Sociology degree provides entry into a wide variety of occupations in management, government, and human services agencies. Graduates with a Sociology major will find that job titles do not include the word 'sociology', nor will they find many entries under 'sociologist' in newspapers employment ads or professional journals. All employers, however, want to hire people who can think, analyze, respond appropriately to problems, and communicate effectively.

Sociological Skills

Our Sociology major will give you extensive knowledge of the key social factors affecting human behaviour and also develop your skills in designing and evaluating research. Sociology students develop many skills including:

Substantive Skills

Sociologists develop the ability to understand social forces at work in society so that they can better evaluate proposed changes or resistances to change.

Analytical Skills

The ability to identify the contributing parts of a problem and to evaluate proposals for change.

Critical Thinking Skills

Sociology students, whether taking courses focused on the family, race and ethnicity, Canadian society, health, criminology, or work, learn to synthesize existing theoretical knowledge, and research information, and the processes of evaluating arguments and solutions.

Research and Data Analysis Skills

Sociology students learn how data are collected and analyzed, how data are used to test hypotheses, and how to evaluate the work presented in research studies and the popular media.

Communication Skills

Sociology courses provide practice in effective communication in written and oral forms. Students are encouraged to develop their ability to explain and interpret as well as to clarify and summarize.

Admission Information

Academic Requirements

The B.A. degree with a major in Sociology requires 40 semester courses, including a minimum of fifteen courses in the major: five 1000-2000 level (15 credits) Sociology courses and ten 3000-4000 level (30 credits) Sociology courses.

Admission Requirements

Sociology 1110 and 1210, two 2000-level Sociology courses of which, three of the four sociology courses must be a pass at Grade C+ or above, and admission into the B.A. program. It is recommended that students complete SOCI 2720 before entering the Sociology major.

Required Courses for the Sociology Major

1000-2000 Level Courses: 15 credits

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SOCI 1110: Introduction to Sociology 1 (3) and
SOCI 1210: Introduction to Sociology 2 (3)
Introductory Statistics Course such as MATH 1200 or
PSYC 2100 (3)
SOCI 2720: Introductory Social Research Methods
(3)

Elective Courses: one of:

SOCI 2010: Race and Ethnic Relations (3)
SOCI 2100: Canadian Social Issues (3)
SOCI 2130: Women in Comparative Perspective (3 or
6)
SOCI 2160: Family in the Cross Cultural Perspective
(3)
SOCI 2170: Popular Culture (3)
SOCI 2230: Collective Behaviour (3)
SOCI 2500: Crime and Society (3)
SOCI 2590: Deviance and Control (3)
SOCI 2620: Sociology of the Environment (3) or
another approved second year course (e.g., transfer
credit)

3000-4000 Level Courses: 30 credits

Required Courses:

SOCI 3200: Classical Social Theory (3) plus
SOCI 3210: Feminist Social Theory (3) or
SOCI 3220: Contemporary Issues in Social Theory (3)
SOCI 3800: Social Survey Design and Analysis (3) or
SOCI 3820: Qualitative Research Methods (3 credits)

Elective Courses: plus

SEVEN 3000-4000 level Sociology courses (21)

Admission to TRU

TRU is a unique, comprehensive university offering undergraduate and graduate degrees and two-year professional diplomas, along with certificates, trade-entry and apprenticeship training and university preparation courses.

Applications for Admission to most programs are accepted starting Oct. 1 each year for programs that begin in August or September of the following year. Check the website for application deadlines, program start dates, and detailed admissions processes: Open, Limited and Selective.

Applications to the TRU Bachelor of Arts program are available from:

Academic Admissions Office
Thompson Rivers University
900 McGill, PO Box 3010
Kamloops, British Columbia V2C 5N3
Tel: 250.828.5036

Email: admissions@tru.ca

Program Costs

Please see the current calendar for details

Visit: www.tru.ca/calendar

Cost Calculator:

www.tru.ca/admissions/fees/costs.html

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