

Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Baruch College – City University of New York
Vertical Campus 4-260

WHY MAJOR OR MINOR IN SOCIOLOGY OR ANTHROPOLOGY?

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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Course Requirements Summary

Major in Sociology (8 courses / 24 credits)

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 course in either sociology or anthropology, a total of 24 credits of coursework in the department are required. 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, health, social movements, and peace and war. Students who are interested in any of these specific areas of focus are encouraged to seek advisement from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Sociology majors who wish to focus on a specific area of interest or who wish to take courses that best prepare them for graduate studies in the field should do so with advisement from a member of the department faculty. It is best to engage in such planning as early in the completion of your coursework as possible. A wide range of elective courses allows for a broader understanding of the complexities of modern society. These courses help to prepare students for active involvement in efforts to address cultural and social problems. For more information, see: <https://weissman.baruch.cuny.edu/weissman-academic-departments/majors-minors/sociology/>

Minor in Sociology and Anthropology (3 courses / 9 credits)

The department offers students the option of taking a nine credit minor in Anthropology or Sociology. Students must take one 4000 level course (capstone), plus two additional courses at the 3000 or 4000 level. Either SOC 1005 or ANT 1001 must be taken as a prerequisite to these upper level courses. Students are encouraged to put together a coherent minor that reflects their interests under advisement of a member of the department faculty. For more information, see: <https://weissman.baruch.cuny.edu/weissman-academic-departments/majors-minors/anthropology-minor/>

Interdisciplinary Minor in Religion and Culture (3 courses / 9 credits)

In coordination with other disciplines, the department offers a minor in Religion and Culture. Students must take one REL 4900 level course (capstone), plus two additional specific courses at the 3000 or 4000 level. For more information, see: <https://weissman.baruch.cuny.edu/weissman-academic-departments/majors-minors/religion-and-culture-minor/>

Interdisciplinary Minor in New York Studies (3 courses / 9 credits)

In coordination with other disciplines, the department offers a minor in Religion and Culture. Students must take one SOC 4400 level course (capstone), plus two additional specific courses at the 3000 or 4000 level. For more information, see: <https://weissman.baruch.cuny.edu/weissman-academic-departments/majors-minors/new-york-studies-minor/>

SOCIOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

(1) INTRODUCTORY/PREREQUISITE COURSE <i>Prerequisite for all 3000-level courses Not counted toward 24 credit major</i>		
Introduction to Sociology OR Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	SOC 1005 ANT 1001	3 credits
(2) FOUNDATION COURSE <i>6 credits</i>		
Sociological Theory AND Research Methods in Sociology and Anthropology	SOC 4100 SOC 4110	3 credits 3 credits
(3) ELECTIVE COURSES <i>18 credits</i>		
Majors must take one 4000 level elective Sociology course AND At least one 3000 or 4000 level Anthropology elective AND Any four additional courses in sociology and/or anthropology at the 3000 level or above		3 credits 3 credits 12 credits
TOTAL MAJOR REQUIREMENTS		24 CREDITS

ELECTIVES

Please note that not all courses will be offered every semester. Courses are taught based on the availability of instructors.

ANTHROPOLOGY

ANT	3009	Introduction to Human Geography (GEOG 3009)	3 credits
ANT	3015	Cuban Culture and Society (LTS/SOC 3015)	3 credits
ANT	3020	Anthropology of Business	3 credits
ANT	3021	The U.S. & Mexican Border (LTS/SOC 3021)	3 credits
ANT	3035	The Remaking of New York: the Immigrant Experience (BLS/LTS/SOC 3035)	3 credits
ANT	3036	World Regional Geography (GEOG 3009)	3 credits
ANT	3085	Selected Topics in Sociology & Anthropology (SOC 3085)	3 credits
ANT	3110	Women, Culture & Society (SOC 3110)	3 credits
ANT	3111	Native Americans (SOC 3111)	3 credits
ANT	3112	Peoples & Cultures of Mediterranean Europe (ANT 3112)	3 credits
ANT	3113	Cultures & People of India (ANT 3113)	3 credits
ANT	3114	Cultures & People of South Pacific Islands (ANT 3114)	3 credits
ANT	3115	People & Culture of Haiti (BLS/SOC 3115)	3 credits
ANT	3120	Passing, Covering & Social Stigma in Race, Ethnicity, Gender & Sexuality (BLS/LTS/SOC 3120)	3 credits
ANT	3125	Race & Ethnicity (BLS/LTS/SOC 3125)	3 credits
ANT	3137	Sociology of Health & Illness (SOC 3137)	3 credits
ANT	3152	Social Communication (SOC 3152)	3 credits
ANT	3153	Urban Anthropology	3 credits
ANT	3161	Power & Conflict	3 credits
ANT	3165	Magic, Witchcraft & Religions (SOC 3165)	3 credits
ANT	3175	Lives of Hinduism (AAS/REL/SOC 3175)	3 credits
ANT	3540	The Tradition of Islam (AAS/REL/SOC 3540)	3 credits
ANT	3821	South Asian Religion (AAS/REL 3821)	3 credits
ANT	4015	Anthropology & Contemporary World Issues	3 credits
ANT	4017	Seminar on the Anthropology of Peace & War	3 credits
ANT	4020	Translating between Worlds: Literature & Anthropology (CMP 4020)	3 credits

ANT	4050	Religious Words of New York (REL/SOC 4050)	3 credits
ANT	4400	New York: the Global City (SOC 4400)	3 credits
ANT	4800	Anthropological Analysis	3 credits
ANT	5000	Independent Study I	Varies
ANT	5001	Independent Study II	Varies

For detailed course descriptions, go to:

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SOCIOLOGY

SOC	3015	Cuban Culture and Society (ANT/LTS 3015)	3 credits
SOC	3021	The U.S. & Mexican Border (ANT/LTS 3021)	3 credits
SOC	3030	The Changing Demographics of the City (BLS/LTS 3030)	3 credits
SOC	3032	Sociology of Bioethics	3 credits
SOC	3035	The Remaking of New York: The Immigrant Experience (ANT/BLS/LTS 3035)	3 credits
SOC	3044	Migration in the Americas (BLS/LTS 3044)	3 credits
SOC	3062	Political Sociology (POL 3062)	3 credits
SOC	3085	Selected Topics in Sociology & Anthropology (ANT 3085)	3 credits
SOC	3110	Women, Culture & Society (ANT 3110)	3 credits
SOC	3111	Native Americans (ANT 3111)	3 credits
SOC	3112	Peoples & Cultures of Mediterranean Europe (ANT 3112)	3 credits
SOC	3113	Cultures & People of India (ANT 3113)	3 credits
SOC	3114	Cultures & People of South Pacific Islands (ANT 3114)	3 credits
SOC	3115	People & Culture of Haiti (ANT/BLS 3115)	3 credits
SOC	3120	Passing, Covering & Social Stigma in Race, Ethnicity, Gender & Sexuality (ANT/BLS/LTS 3120)	3 credits
SOC	3125	Race & Ethnicity (ANT/BLS/LTS 3125)	3 credits
SOC	3131	Sociology of the Family	3 credits
SOC	3136	Social Welfare Institutions	3 credits
SOC	3137	Sociology of Health & Illness (ANT 3137)	3 credits
SOC	3138	Sociology of Complex Organizations	3 credits
SOC	3141	Sociology of Religion	3 credits

SOC	3151	Social Issues & Social Policy	3 credits
SOC	3152	Social Communication (ANT 3152)	3 credits
SOC	3154	Crime & Justice in Sociological Perspective	3 credits
SOC	3155	Urban Sociology	3 credits
SOC	3156	Social Inequality	3 credits
SOC	3157	Civil Society & Community Organizations	3 credits
SOC	3158	Social Demography	3 credits
SOC	3165	Magic, Witchcraft & Religions (ANT 3165)	3 credits
SOC	3170	Social Movements	3 credits
SOC	3175	Lives of Hinduism (AAS/ANT/REL 3175)	3 credits
SOC	3185	Internship in Human Service & Community Organizations I	3 credits
SOC	3186	Internship in Human Service & Community Organizations II	3 credits
SOC	3540	The Traditions of Islam (AAS/ANT/REL 3540)	3 credits
SOC	4010	Chinese Immigration in Global Perspective (AAS 4010)	3 credits
SOC	4015	Globalization of English (COM/ENG 4015)	3 credits
SOC	4032	Methods of Sociological Research	3 credits
SOC	4050	Religious Worlds of New York (ANT/REL 4050)	3 credits
SOC	4111	Social Statistics	3 credits
SOC	4400	New York: The Global City (ANT 4400)	3 credits
SOC	4900	Sociological Analysis	3 credits
SOC	5000	Independent Study I	Varies
SOC	5001	Independent Study II	Varies
SOC	5002	Independent Study III	Varies
SOC	5003	Independent Study IV	Varies
SOC	5004	Independent Study V	Varies

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Religion and Culture Minor

Required capstone course:	Elective courses (choose two):
Issues in Religion and Culture (REL 4900)	World Religious Traditions (REL 3001) The Traditions of Judaism (REL 3002) The Christian Tradition (REL 3003) Religion and Politics in the United States (REL/POL 3008) The Historical Search for the Prophet Mohammad (REL/HIS 3084) Special Topics in Religion and Culture (REL 3085) Mysticism: A Comparative Approach (REL 3094) Jesus—A Historical and Critical Approach (REL/HIS 3100) Philosophies from India (AAS 3155), (REL/PHI 3155) Classical Buddhism (REL/AAS /PHI/HIS 3165) The Lives of Hinduism (REL/AAS /ANT 3175/SOC 3175) The Religion of Everyday Life (REL/ANT/SOC 3180) Modern Jewish Thought (REL 3220) Christian Thought (REL 3310) Contemporary Christianity (REL 3320) The Hebrew Bible (REL 3525) The Christian New Testament (REL 3530) Religion in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries (REL 3531) The Tradition of Islam (REL/AAS/ANT/SOC 3540) History of African Religions (REL/HIS 3815) History of Chinese Religion (REL/AAS 3820/HIS 3820) South Asian Religion (REL/AAS/ANT 3821) Writers and Their Spiritual Searches: Religious Themes in Contemporary Literature (REL/ANT/SOC 4025H) Religious Worlds of New York (REL/ANT/SOC 4050) Independent Study in Religion and Culture (REL 5000) Islamic Art (ART 3220) History (Ancient) of the Jewish People as Reflected in Literature (HEB 3311) History (Medieval/Modern) of the Jewish People as Reflected in Literature (HEB 3312) Biblical Prose (HEB 4315) Biblical Poetry (HEB 4316) Talmud I (HEB 5301) Talmud II (HEB 5302) Hebrew Philosophical Literature (HEB 5320) The Modern Middle East and North Africa (HIS 3086) Contemporary Islamic World (HIS 3380) History of the Jewish People in America (HIS 3560) Music and Religion (MSC 3023) Christian, Islamic, and Jewish Philosophy in the Middle Ages (PHI 3130) Philosophy of Religion and Religious Ethics (PHI 3210/REL 3215) Psychology of Religion (PSY 3057) Sociology of Religion (SOC 3141) Cultures and Peoples of India (SOC/ANT 3113) Magic, Witchcraft and Religion (SOC/ANT 3165)

New York City Studies Minor

Required capstone course:	Elective courses (choose two):
New York: The Global City (ANT/SOC 4400)	The Remaking of New York: the Immigrant Experience (ANT/BLS/LTS/SOC 3035) Politics of Trash (ANT/SOC 3085) The Religion of Everyday Life (ANT/REL/SOC 3085) Urban Anthropology (ANT 3153) Race & Ethnic Relations (ANT/BLS/LTS/SOC 3125) Urban Sociology (SOC 3155) Chinese Immigration in Global Perspective (AAS/SOC 4010) Religious Worlds of New York (ANT/REL/SOC 4050)