

Student Learning Outcomes for the Sociology and Anthropology Major

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology has established the following learning outcomes for the sociology and anthropology (SOA) major. Underpinning all of the outcomes is the faculty's strong sense that majors should possess a sense of global responsibility and an understanding of social injustice.

The theme of global responsibility is one that runs throughout the major, and informs teaching, research and service learning in the department. The department places a particular emphasis, within both anthropology and sociology, on analyzing systems of privilege - and especially the ways in which race, class and gender shape social and cultural life and the plight of the poor and underprivileged

1. SOA majors will develop a mastery of concepts, theoretical approaches and methodological practices of sociology and anthropology, such that the student will be able to:
 - a) evaluate and apply quantitative and qualitative approaches to sociological and anthropological investigation into the human condition; and
 - b.) compare and contrast basic theoretical orientations.

2. Each of our majors will be able to articulate ways in which categories of difference are culturally constructed, such that the student will be able to:
 - a) evaluate the relationships between difference and inequality;
 - b) articulate the interconnections between race, class, and gender; and
 - c) apply this perspective on difference to community and professional life.

3. Through coursework built around community-based learning projects, SOA majors will be able to apply their theoretical and methodological knowledge to local problems related to social justice. Through internships, fieldwork, and/or service learning experiences, the student will be able to:
 - a) develop analytical, critical thinking, and writing skills with the capacity to apply these approaches and methodological practices in community and professional life; and
 - b) develop an understanding of the interrelationship between the individual and society.