



COLLEGE OF ARTS + SCIENCES

Sociology

with a concentration in Crime, Justice, and Social Control



From the outside, New Orleans looks pretty tough to categorize. Although it's called the Big Easy, the amount of diversity and character in our culture might seem difficult to place. But that's exactly what interests you about studying sociology, isn't it? You want to understand people—their beliefs, their problems, their behavior, their motivations—and the system that's supposed to support them. This concentration will allow you to make criminological issues an area of expertise. Whether you're interested in graduate school or going directly to work in social justice, counseling, or conflict management, here at Loyno we can help you build a clear professional identity.

This is the place.

There's no better place to study sociology than New Orleans. You'll love the vibrant people who call our city home. This is also an ideal place to hone your niche interest in crime, law, and social control. In the past decade, New Orleans has worked to rebuild its infrastructure not just to where it was but to the place it should have been. You can be someone who helps create an effective transition for the city and our people.

Here at Loyno, we'll give you hands-on experiences and opportunities to use what you learn in real ways. Join our Sociology Student Organization (LUSSO) and apply what you're learning toward improving social justice issues in New Orleans. Study sociology for a summer abroad with Loyola faculty in India, or do a semester-long program in Japan, Korea, Ecuador, or Scotland, just to name a few. Take an internship; participate in our informal workshops and socials—at Loyola, we're all about learning by doing.

Courses

In addition to our foundational sociology core, theory, and research methodology, you will complete a sociology research project and internship and choose electives from the crime, law, and social control track for this concentration. Here's a sample of what you can expect to learn and do:

Old Testament as Literature

This course examines the nature and extent of juvenile delinquency in American society and the ways in which society and the justice system respond to delinquency and work to prevent it. Topics include theories of causation, research on the causes of delinquency, juvenile justice policy, the components and historical evolution of the juvenile justice system, and the effectiveness of institutional and community-based correction and treatment programs. In addition, the course takes a historical perspective on trends and changes in societal responses to delinquency.

Criminal Behavior

The course is divided into three parts: (1) the definition and measurement of crime; (2) an overview of psychological, biological, but mainly sociological explanations of criminality; and (3) an examination of various forms of crime and the application of criminological theories to them.

Violence in Society

This course addresses the causes, contexts, and potential solutions regarding the onset and prevalence of violence. Interdisciplinary insights and literature will be reviewed and applied to the study of violence and its personal and social consequences. Interpersonal, group, and staged violence are examined.