



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 organizations. The two-week celebration of Mardi Gras features elaborate parades, masquerade balls, cultural traditions, and performance art. Our architecture reflects our multicultural heritage and includes everything from intricate cathedral ceilings to historic shotgun-style homes. Whether you're interested in graduate school or going directly to work in social services or policy, here at Loyola we can equip you with the skills to make it happen.

This is the place.

There's no better place to study sociology than New Orleans. *Travel + Leisure* magazine named New Orleans the No. 1 Quirkiest City in America and one of the Top 30 Friendliest World Cities. Maybe that's why we're also consistently ranked as a great destination for tourists, vacations, and festivals. You'll love the vibrant people who call our city home and those who come to take it all in. If you want to learn about people, you'll want to do it here.

Here at Loyola, 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 options. 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 to tailor the program to your interests. Here's a sample of what you can expect to learn and do:

Global Sociology

This course provides a substantive overview and sociological critique of the conflicts surrounding issues such as social inequality, racism and privilege, family, crime and deviance, and environmental degradation, with an emphasis on understanding their root causes, social impacts, and policy/behavioral solutions.

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.

Social Psychology

This course offers a broad survey of the various theories and perspectives advanced in social psychology, a field that bridges sociology and psychology and is primarily concerned with how individuals view and interact with one another in everyday life. Emphasis is placed on the scientific study of social behavior and experiences stemming from individuals' participation in social groups, interaction with others, and the effects of the cultural environment and social structures on individuals. Topics include socialization, self and identity, attitudes and attitude change, conformity and deviance, social perception, social influence, social communication, and group processes.