

SPECIALIZATION IN URBAN & ETHNIC STUDIES (UES)

FOR STUDENTS PLANNING CAREERS AS URBAN AND COMMUNITY PLANNERS, DIVERSITY OFFICERS, OR IN PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION, OR RESEARCH IN URBAN AND ETHNIC STUDIES.

Liberal Learning Quantitative Requirement:

All TCNJ students must take a course in mathematics as a part of their liberal learning requirements. We specify that sociology majors choose one of the following options:

Option 1: Statistics (STA 115, B– minimum)

Option 2: Statistical Inference (STA 215, C minimum)

Sociology Core Requirements: (4 units)

Students must earn the grade minimum in prerequisite course (as noted below) before they may register for department core courses.

Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101)

Sociology explores the intersection of biography and history. How do culture, class, race, sex, family, medicine, business, religion, education, and government affect our lives? Special attention is paid to the impact of society on self.

[Grade minimum: B-]

Development of Socio-Cultural Theory (SOC 301)

Prerequisite: SOC 101 or HON 216

The response of social theorists to the consequences of the industrial revolution and the issues of capitalism, secularism, industrialism, modern consciousness, and the socio-cultural enterprise, as seen through the work of such theorists as Marx, Durkheim, and Weber. Contemporary development of these theories will also be discussed.

[Grade minimum: C]

Quantitative Research methods (SOC 302)

Prerequisites: SOC 101 or HON 216 and STA 115 or STA 215

The course is designed to familiarize students with quantitative research methodology, methods of quantitative data collection, and analysis of quantitative data used in sociology. Student will learn one of the most widely used statistical software packages in the social sciences (SPSS) and conduct independent research using one of the most widely used sources of quantitative social data, the General Social Survey (GSS).

[Grade minimum: C]

Senior Seminar (SOC 499)

Prerequisites: SOC 301 and SOC 302

Culminating experience for sociology majors. Course draws on skills and knowledge of sociology courses as well as knowledge gained from the liberal arts broadly construed. An internship is a major required element of this seminar. With departmental approval only, exceptional students may substitute two semesters of SOC 495: Senior Thesis in Sociology, for SOC 499.

[Grade minimum: C-]

UES Specialization Requirements (5 units)

The urban & ethnic studies specialization builds upon the general sociology requirements and guides students in the selection of courses which will best prepare them for graduate study in urban planning, ethnic studies, public policy and administration, and urban anthropology or sociology. At least four of the six courses must be at the 300 or 400-level (specialization core and options).

Sociology majors choosing this specialization will take SOC 101/HON 216, SOC 301, SOC 302, SOC 499 and six electives: one SOC/ANT elective of their choice and five electives from the following departmentally-approved list of options. In all, at least four of the six must be SOC/ANT electives at the 300 or 400-level.

Approved Specialization Options:

In-major:

- ANT 311 Women and Migration
- ANT 315 Race, Ethnicity, and Nation
- ANT 335 Global Urbanization
- ANT 340 Social Change in Latin America
- ANT/SOC 371 Culture, Health and Wellness
- SOC 281 Sociology of Race in the U.S.
- SOC 303 Women in World Perspective
- SOC 310 Urban Youth Deviance
- SOC 315 Racism, Power, and Privilege
- SOC 320 Community, Cities, and Suburbs
- SOC 330 Urban Population Dynamics
- SOC 345 Inequality, Pollution and Environment
- SOC 355 Introduction to Urban Planning
- SOC 365 Poverty and Welfare in the U.S.
- SOC 375 Religion and American Culture
- SOC 380 Education and American Culture

Out of Major (limit 1):

- HIS 180/AAS 206 African American History 1865-Present
- HIS 184 History of Urban America
- HIS 190 History of Race Relations in the US
- JPW 321 Race, Gender, and the News
- LIT 378 African-American Literature 1920-1980
- LIT 334 Literature by Latinas & Latin American Women
- PSY 355 Psychology of Power, Oppression, and Privilege
- WGS 260 Women of African Descent in Global Perspective