Courses recommended for freshmen

SOCL 140A  The Sociological Imagination
M/W 1-2:30pm
This course introduces students to college-level inquiry by way of three fundamental social issues which have direct relevance to our own everyday lives: Medicine and Health, Work and the Economy, and Criminal Justice. Enrolment limited to 25 students.

What is Sociology?
Imagine having the ability to analyze the dynamics of a hostile mob, track patterns in corporate downsizing, explore how people express emotions, or study the effects of cultural difference on problems of peace and war. Sociology is the scientific study of social life. It is the exploration of social change and a lens into the complexity of

Why Sociology @ Haverford?
Our graduates go on to a wide variety of careers. The analytic, statistical, and methodological skills acquired over the course of studies in sociology are an asset in sectors as different as government, service, education, and business. Our department has an excellent record of placing students in the top

The Sociology Degree at a glance:
The Major: At least 11 courses including: 2 semesters of Foundations, Quantitative Methods and 2 semesters of senior thesis
The Minor: At least 6 courses including: 2 semesters of Foundations, Quantitative Methods and 3 upper-level courses

SOCL 155A  Foundations in Social Theory
T/Th 10-11:30am
T/Th 1-2:30 pm
This seminar provides an introduction to sociology, to the doing of sociology, through an examination of selected major works in the discipline. We use these works as exemplifications of how we might do social theory, not as texts to be criticized. This course is autonomous from Sociology 155b; either semester in the sequence may be taken alone, and either semester may be taken first. Together, the two mesh into a systematically-constructed whole, leading to a more coherent perspective on the accomplishments and future tasks of sociology than either provides alone.

A Sampling of Upper-level Courses:
SOCL 204 Medical Sociology
SOCL 215 Quantitative Methods
SOCL 244 Self & Society
SOCL 257 Sociology of the Arts
SOCL 259 Theories of Social Interaction
SOCL 270 Measuring Education
SOCL 298 Law and Society
SOCL 306 Seeking Peace Within War: Military Medicine and the Search for Healthy Violence