Courses recommended for first year students

SOCL 141 Sociology of Contemporary Russia
M/W 11:15-12:45pm

This course introduces students to sociology through an examination of the Russian experience in the 20th and 21st century. The course focuses on themes pertaining to everyday life, identity, political culture, stratification, and the role of ideas, images, symbols, and rituals in relations of power. Enrollment limited to 25 students.

What is Sociology?

How does one 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 inequality and social change, and a lens into the complexity of the causes and consequences of human behavior.

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 graduate programs in sociology.

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

SOCL 155A Foundations in Social Theory
T/Th 10-11:30am
T/Th 1-2:30 pm

The first part of a two-course sequence introducing students to sociology through its theoretical traditions. 155a focuses on the major works of the sociologists of modernity (Marx, Durkheim, and Weber) and how they inform the discipline today. This course challenges students to think sociologically, and to consider the connection between theoretical knowledge and social change.

A Sampling of Upper-level Courses:

SOCL 204 Medical Sociology
SOCL 215 Quantitative Methods
SOCL 233 Contemporary Social Research
SOCL 259 Theories of Social Interaction
SOCL 270 Measuring Education
SOCL 297 Economic Sociology
SOCL 298 Law and Society
SOCL 306 Seeking Peace Within War: Military Medicine and the Search for Healthy Violence