The Department of Sociology’s undergraduate studies newsletter

This is the third of three issues for the academic year 2014/2015, where sociology majors and minors can find timely news and information regarding their major as well as careers.
NEW TRACKS

Family Health and Well-Being track will provide intensive training in both theoretical and empirical approaches to family and medical sociology. This track aims to provide students with a more comprehensive understanding of family and health processes that strongly interrogate the role of social structures and interactional processes that affect our health and well-being. This track is designed for students preparing for careers and post-graduate education in the fields of social service and health. Course requirements on p. 8

Organizations, Networks and Careers that is designed for students preparing for future careers in various services-providing industries. The track will be tailored to students wishing to pursue post-graduate opportunities in service-providing sectors, government, not-for-profit organizations, and the field of business. By earning a bachelor’s degree in Sociology and completing the coursework for this track, students will receive comprehensive instruction in both the large-scale processes that affect complex interrelationships among organizations, and the micro-processes that shape personal careers and interpersonal networks. Course requirements on p. 8

LIBRARIAN

Steven Ostrem is the library liaison for both Sociology and Psychology departments. He now holds office hours from 10am–noon on Thursdays in E201 Seashore Hall (SSH); or by appointment. Steve is available to help with literature searches for research projects or library resources in general. Contact information can be found here.

COURSES IN DES MOINES

The University of Iowa campus in Des Moines is offering criminology focused courses each semester. These courses are taught live in Des Moines, but students outside Des Moines are able to take these classes via the virtual classroom (blends live and pre-recorded lectures). Some of the classes offered are new courses, which broadens the electives that students may be interested in. Selected classes will be taught in a team based approach so that students may teach and learn from one another, while exploring the subject in more detail. Michaela Ruppert is the instructor: michaela-mcgivern@uiowa.edu

NEW SOCIOLOGY CLUB POSITIONS

Addi DeMarr – Public Relations officer
“I’m a junior Psychology and Sociology-Criminology track major with a Spanish minor. One thing I love about Sociology Club is that everyone in the club brings a different interest or perspective and it leads to a great discussion. As the new Public Relations officer, I look forward to getting the club involved in events that could pertain to Sociology that the University of Iowa’s campus has to offer. I also hope to seek out prospective new members in the process.”

Jon Overton – Historian
“I’m a senior majoring in Ethics & Public Policy and Sociology. I especially like the diverse community of students that the Sociology Club helps create and the different perspectives that come out in our discussions. It’ll be fun to document all of the great activities the Club does. With any luck, it’ll attract more attention to what we’re doing and get more undergraduates interested in sociology.”

http://clas.uiowa.edu/sociology/
Congratulations to this year’s (2014/15) AKD inductees:

Kaylie Jo Burkhart
Jameson Carrier
Robin Chang
Franklin Chang
Nathan Chavez
Lauren Geissel
Sean Haracz
Kyle Heneghan
Kirstin Hoyt
Jessica Jensen
Brittany Parisi
Ariel Perez
Colin Peterson
Sky Stackis
Kathleen Vondera
Christine Walsh
Taylor Watson
Kelsie White

GRADS’ FUTURE PLANS

Erin Arvidson will pursue the master of arts degree in Counseling & Psychological Services with a certificate in Addiction Studies at St. Mary’s University in Minneapolis. Carly Lembke will pursue the master of arts degree in forensic psychology. She has been accepted into the Chicago School of Professional Psychology graduate program, but is still weighing options.

Chloe Robertson will attend American University where she will be enrolled in the Terrorism & Homeland Security Policy graduate program.

Article of Interest

“How Smiling Changes Your Brain”

Reduce stress, improve your career and perhaps even change the world — one smile at a time!

“Smiling doesn’t just benefit you on the inside. It also works to your advantage from the outside. A study from Penn State University found that people who smile appear to be more likeable, courteous, and even competent. This is reason enough to smile at every person you potentially want to do business with. Lifting those facial muscles into a smile is also contagious; if you smile and they smile, everyone in the room becomes a little happier.”

Read the full article here
Plan Your Future!
The POMERANTZ CAREER CENTER has twelve professional career advisors who work with specific majors to offer UI students the best and most accurate career help. Visit us at: 100 Pomerantz Center, Suite C310
or Sociology majors can contact: Jenny Noyce at 319-335-1023 or jennifer-noyce@uiowa.edu
For more information visit careers.uiowa.edu

IOWA SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
Friday, May 1, 2015
CENTRAL COLLEGE
Pella, Iowa

The Department of Sociology encourages its undergraduate majors to participate in professional and scholarly events. The Iowa Sociological Association annual meeting takes place each spring and gives students the opportunity to submit papers for competition.

Links for presentation submission details and a registration form can be found on the ISA website.

DEADLINE FOR BOTH: April 10

Students can contact Mary Noonan, Director of Undergraduate Studies at: mary-noonan-1@uiowa.edu; W121 Seashore Hall

Getting into Graduate School Series
The Pomerantz Career Center is in the midst of conducting a series of panels and workshops the Spring for students interested in graduate school. These FREE sessions will help you learn more about how furthering your education fits into a career plan and how to enhance your application.

The final 4 of 6 sessions will take place on the following Wednesdays from 3:30–4:20pm in 208 North Hall.

March 4
Preparing your Resume & CV for Graduate School
March 11
Gap Year and Service Programs
March 25
Writing Statements of Purpose
April 1
Applying to Ph.D. Programs

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FESTIVAL
Don't miss this opportunity to practice your presentation skills in a low stress atmosphere!

4:30–6:30pm Wednesday, April 8, 2015
2nd Floor Atrium, University Capitol Center (UCC)

Undergraduate students can share in-progress research, scholarly, and/or creative work they have been doing either independently or with a faculty mentor.

No application is needed to present, BUT YOU MUST REGISTER. For more info., click on the ICRU logo below:

INTERESTED IN LAW SCHOOL? Attend EXPLORE IOWA LAW, an open house for students who want to know more about law as a career and the graduate student experience here at Iowa. 10am–2pm Saturday, April 18 at the Boyd Law Building. Click HERE for details.
Internship Criminal Justice & Correction (SOC:4400)
Contact Professor Albonetti NOW for Summer 2015 options! celesta-albonetti@uiowa.edu; W129 SSH

Students have been placed with several criminal justice agencies in Iowa, including the Iowa City Police Department, Coralville Police Department, Rape Victim Advocacy Program, Four Oaks in Cedar Rapids and Iowa city, Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County, Johnson County Courthouse, and the Johnson County Department of Corrections (Hope House) in Coralville. Summer internship placements can be arranged in the summer location the student is residing. Because these arrangements require additional planning, students are urged to apply early in the spring semester. Students must apply, be accepted into the program, and arrange a placement before registering for course credit. Prerequisites: See ISIS

Social Services Organization Internship (SOC:4920)
You can earn college credit as well as have a great addition to your resume!
Prerequisites: See ISIS

Research Assistant
Undergraduates can be trained to be research assistants in our various centers for research, such as The Center for the Study of Group Processes. Students should contact an authorized professor to get permission before registering for SOC:4990 on ISIS.

SOCIOLOGY CLUB
5:15–6:15pm Thursdays • W113 Seashore Hall

UPCOMING
• Traveling to the Iowa Sociological Association annual meeting, where undergraduates can present their own papers, projects, and research
• Movie and game nights
• Volunteer opportunity with Habitat for Humanity
• Guest speakers
• Attending on-campus guest lecturers and documentary screenings
• Graduate School Opportunity Panel
• Collaborative event with the Anthropology Club

Questions? For further information, email President Taylor Watson at taylor-watson@uiowa.edu or Vice President Natalie Veldhouse at natalie-veldhouse@uiowa.edu

Article of Interest
“UI FOOTBALL PLAYER IN 1895 ONE OF THE FIRST IN THE SPORT TO BREAK COLOR BARRIER”
Clink on title to view the article.
ADVISING NOTES

STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR DEPARTMENTAL ADVISORS!
Communication with your advisor may help you arrive at graduation in a timely manner. Contact information for the sociology advisors for 2015 is below. Criminology students should have Prof. Albonetti for their advisor; all other non-first year majors should have Prof. Noonan. You can look on ISIS or contact the department (319) 335-2502 if needed.

Denise Barnard: W149 SSH (319-335-2487); denise-barnard@uiowa.edu
Drop-In Hours: (M) 2:30–3:30pm; (T) 9–10am; (W) 11am–noon; (TH) 2:30–3:30pm; (F) 11am–noon

Celesta Albonetti: W129 SSH (335-2486); celesta-albonetti@uiowa.edu
*Office Hours: (T/TH) 9:15–10:15am

Mary Noonan: W121 SSH (335-2490); mary-noonan-1@uiowa.edu
*Office Hours: (T) 10:30am–noon

DEGREE AUDITS
Access your degree audit through ISIS. Semester hours earned can be seen at the beginning of the form. Your degree consists of three parts: General Education Requirement (GER), Sociology degree requirements, and general electives. All three parts add up to 120 semester hours. Your Sociology degree requirements will comprise a minimum of 33 of the 120 hours. Next, check your G.P.A. You need a 2.0 or higher, both overall and for the Sociology major. The degree evaluation will also show you which course requirements you still need to fulfill. Any requirements that still need to be completed will have a red “NO” next to the sub-section and a red minus sign next to the particular requirement. An “OK” or plus sign shows that the requirement alongside it has been fulfilled. Check your degree audit at least once a semester to keep track of what courses you still need to take, and to make sure that all information is correct.

ADD/DROP SLIPS
When using add/drop slips you need at least TWO signatures:
1. Advisor signature on add/drop slips—Denise can sign for all students
2. Instructor signature on add/drop slips—use this handy guide to see where to go for instructor signatures in each department: http://www.uiowa.edu/web/advisingcenter/addingordroppingaclass.htm
Other signatures may be required, depending on individual student circumstances. If in doubt, ask Denise!

STUDENTS PLANNING TO GRADUATE IN MAY ’15
• The deadline to submit your degree application for graduation in May 2015 is Friday, February 27, 2015. After this date, a $20 late application fee is charged. Access the application for graduation through ISIS. If you encounter difficulty, stop by the Registrar Service Center at 17 Calvin Hall to complete a paper application.
• Important note: Applying to graduate soon is highly recommended, so that a final review of your degree audit is conducted as soon as possible.
• Please review your degree audit carefully and contact Denise immediately if you have ANY questions!

Important Undergraduate Dates/Deadlines

SPRING 2015
4/6 last day to drop a course
3/15–3/22 spring break
4/13–4/22 early registration for Summer/Fall 2015
5/14 future plans survey due at 4pm (graduating seniors)
5/11–5/15 finals week
5/16 commencement

SUMMER 2015
5/18 summer classes begin
6/12 degree application due (Summer graduates)
6/15 summer classes
6/29 summer classes

GET A MINOR!
What can you do with all of those electives? Get a minor! Earning a minor degree in another discipline often only consists of 15 s.h. (and it looks good on your resume). You can declare a minor or certificate on your ISIS account. Be sure to check with the department first so that you know what the specific requirements are for that minor.

SUMMER & FALL COURSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON ISIS!
PREREQUISITES & SEQUENCING

The statistics prerequisite for [SOC: 2170] Research Methods is [SOC:2160] Applied Statistics for Social Scientists (formerly named Quantitative Data Analysis); OR one of the following UI statistic courses may count as a substitute: STAT:1020, STAT:1030, STAT:3510, STAT:4143 and ECON:2800. The two courses [SOC:2160 & SOC:2170] are intended to help students maximize their potential in future classes.

The RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE also sets up students for greater success. The basic core courses and the recommended schedule follows:

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Of the required electives, TWO must be upper level sociology courses (3000 or higher) and taken AFTER completing SOC:2130, SOC:2160, and SOC:2170.

CAPSTONE COURSE REQUIREMENT

The Sociology Capstone Course assists students in making the transition from school to work and advanced education. Special features of the course are: creating a portfolio of your work; editing and writing research for general audiences; working with the Career Center and potential employers on refining job-search skills. This course follows SOC:2170 in the course sequence and is required for the completion of your major. Work with your advisor to make sure that you take the course after you’ve completed SOC:2130, SOC:2160, SOC:2170.

GRADUATING SENIORS

Remember to hold onto your digital versions of papers from your Sociology classes! All majors are required to submit a portfolio in order to graduate. You will need polished digital copies of:

1. A paper from the first two years of sociology
2. A research proposal or paper that reports the findings of original research (e.g. your SOC: 2170 research paper)
3. A statement summarizing an experience in which some application of sociological knowledge occurred.

These papers will be required for graduation, so don’t forget to keep them after you complete your classes.

Together, the three documents (early paper, research paper, and reflective statement) should display development toward technical correctness in citing others’ work, accurate use of sociological concepts, technical proficiency in using research methods, and the ability to explain implications of research findings. Students must enroll in SOC:4909 Graduation Portfolio, a zero credit-hour course, in their last semester before graduation to submit their portfolio assembled in the capstone class. Students will also complete the online Future Plans Survey as part of the class. Access the survey here: http://clas.uiowa.edu/sociology/undergraduate-program/future-plans-survey.

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Family, Health & Well-Being

Required — 6 s.h. from these:
- SOC:1310 (034:018) Gender and Society 3-4 s.h.
- SOC:2510 (034:050) Medical Sociology 3 s.h.
- SOC:3710 (034:061) The American Family 3 s.h.

Electives — 9 s.h. from these:
- SOC:1810 (034:036) Poverty, Inequality, and Public Policy 3 s.h.
- SOC:2064 (034:064) Racial Inequity and the Experiences of African American Families in the U.S. 3 s.h.
- SOC:2810 (034:066) Social Inequality 3 s.h.
- SOC:3220 (034:128) Sociology of Mental Illness 3 s.h.
- SOC:4230 (034:124) Sociology of Self-Improvement 3 s.h.
- SOC:4430 (034:142) Interpersonal Violence in Society 3 s.h.
- SOC:4461 (034:143) Gender and Violence 3 s.h.
- SOC:4902 (034:191) Selected Topics in Family, Health, and Well-Being 3 s.h.

Or select electives from these graduate courses (with approval of instructor):
- SOC:6220 (034:221) Seminar: Selected Topics in Social Psychology (when topic is life course) 3 s.h.
- SOC:6310 (034:256) Gender Stratification Seminar 3 s.h.

Students may also choose the remaining required course as an elective.

Organizations, Networks, and Careers

Required — 6 s.h. from these:
- SOC:3610 (034:164) Organizations and Modern Society 3 s.h.
- SOC:3880 (034:170) Social Networks 3 s.h.

Electives — 9 s.h. from these:
- SOC:1810 (034:036) Poverty, Inequality, and Public Policy 3 s.h.
- SOC:2810 (034:066) Social Inequality 3 s.h.
- SOC:3200 (034:116) International Perspectives: Xicotepec 1-3 s.h.
- SOC:3650 (034:178) Education, Schools, and Society 3 s.h.
- SOC:3850 (034:158) Economy and Society 3 s.h.
- SOC:4210 (034:125) Small Group Analysis 3 s.h.
- SOC:4230 (034:124) Sociology of Self-Improvement 3 s.h.
- SOC:4440 (034:144) Sociology of White-Collar Crime 3 s.h.
- SOC:4903 (034:189) Selected Topics in Organizations, Networks, & Careers 3 s.h.

Or select electives from these graduate courses (with approval from instructor):
- SOC:6610 (034:285) Complex Organizations 3 s.h.
- SOC:7620 (034:259) Social Network Analysis 3 s.h.
- SOC:7820 (034:254) Seminar: Selected Topics in Social Stratification (when topic is social capital) 3 s.h.
- SOC:7860 (034:258) Seminar: Economy and Society 3 s.h.

AREAS

The department also offers emphasis in the following areas:
- Criminology (an official track), Social Psychology (ranked #3 by US News & World Report), Social and Political Organization.

CERTIFICATES

Consider enrolling in a UI certificate program to enhance your Sociology major. A sample of relevant certificates:
- Entrepreneurial Management
- Fundraising and Philanthropy Communications
- Leadership Studies
- Nonprofit Management

GRADUATING SENIORS

Graduating with Honors

• Apply to Graduate with Honors in your major. You must apply to graduate with honors in your major in addition to the university graduation application. The application form is located at [http://honors.uiowa.edu/academics/honors-forms](http://honors.uiowa.edu/academics/honors-forms) and must be deposited with the Honors Program by 5pm February 27, 2015. The form requires the signatures of your thesis/project mentor and the departmental honors advisor. Please note that this applies only if you are graduating with honors in your major.

For more information: [http://honors.uiowa.edu/academics/department-honors](http://honors.uiowa.edu/academics/department-honors)

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http://uafas.uiowa.edu/sociology
Students who volunteer can get more than a pat on the back.

You can earn college credit as well as have a great addition to your resume. When you register for **Social Services Organization Internship (SOC:4920)**, you volunteer to work 3 hours a week for each semester hour of credit.

Students choose the organization for which they’d like to work. This can be a social services, government or other type of organization whose goal is to help people. Students typically register for a 3-semester-hour class and contract to work 9 hours/wk. for 16 weeks. Weekly email reports and a final paper of advanced undergraduate quality are required.

The following list of local agencies are examples to consider, but not exhaustive:

- Crisis Center
- Salvation Army
- UI Hospitals & Clinics
- Elder Services, Inc.
- Free Medical Clinic
- Iowa Legal Aid
- Four Oaks
- Girls on the Run
- Mercy Hospital
- City Police Depts.
- Corrections Dept.
- United Action for Youth
- Shelter House
- MECCA
- Iowa City Hospice
- The Senior Center
- UI Center for Diversity & Enrichment
- Johnson County Attorney’s Office
- Domestic Violence Intervention Project
- ...and more!

Students may enroll in SOC:4920 up to six times. Contact Sociology advisor Denise Barnard (denise-barnard@uiowa.edu) for assistance in how to get started.

Other internship registration options include the Pomerantz Career Center Academic Internship. Contact Jenny Noyce (jennifer-noyce@uiowa.edu) for more information or support w/finding an internship site.