Program Overview

How can I make a difference in the world? Why do some groups of people have many opportunities — and others struggle to make it? Where do I start if I want to effect social change?

These are the questions that catch the attention of students in Introductory Sociology classrooms and carry them through a major in the field. Sociology guides students in making connections between their own individual experiences and the interactions and social structures that shape those experiences.

Sociology students study patterns in interactions, experiences and life outcomes — particularly as they relate to group membership. For example, fathers in the United States are more likely to actively participate in day-to-day parenting than they did 50 years ago. In explaining these changes, and in identifying structural changes needed to bring about different social arrangements, sociologists study race, social class and gender. Sociologists also consider culture, social movements, globalization, deviance and crime against communities and their environments. Few disciplines have such broad scope and relevance.

Indeed, sociology seems to offer something for everyone who is anxious to understand the web and rhythm of human behavior.

Society is increasingly in need of people who can understand the complexities of a multicultural society. Sociology graduates offer a unique understanding of the social world and possible social solutions to major social issues, as well as the day-to-day issues faced by every organization.

Join us and develop your sociological perspective — then lead the change!