

SOCIOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY



Degrees offered

- B.A. in Sociology and Anthropology
- Minor in Anthropology
- Minor in Sociology

Focused curriculum

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology & Anthropology provides students with a rigorous educational experience. Our program helps students understand how human beings create, experience and interpret their worlds and how our socially-constructed cultures and structures influence human thoughts, feelings and actions. Through broad-based and interdisciplinary coursework, research and internship experiences, our students develop an analytical framework for critically assessing beliefs, policies, practices and cultural products. Students also learn how to apply theory and conduct research as a means to develop knowledge, provide evidence for decision-making and support courses of action to facilitate positive social change.

Extracurricular opportunities

- The Sociology Club offer students the opportunity to contemplate sociological ideas outside the classroom. It is also a place for students to network and have information about graduate schools, professional conferences, job opportunities and mentoring relationships with colleagues and professors.
- For students meeting the requirements, Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology honor society, sponsors student travel to regional meetings in support of those who want to present their own work and learn from the scholarly presentations of others. The Society sponsors annual student paper contests, presenting awards which include monetary prizes, travel and scholarships.
- For sociology majors, getting a job that allows you the opportunity to utilize the various skills and competencies acquired through four years of study requires careful planning and preparation. Internships are a great way to acquire the type of "hands-on" experience that many employers demand. Over 150 non-profit agencies serving the High Point area offer internships for sociology majors. Collaborative research opportunities with faculty and students also exist.



What can I do with this major?

Students with degrees in sociology can enter careers as:

- Community organizer
- Forensic investigator
- Human rights officer
- International developer
- Lawyer
- Marketing researcher
- Public health worker
- Publisher
- Rehabilitation counselor
- Social worker
- Urban planner

Why should I major in sociology and anthropology at HPU?

- Receive a broad-based understanding of human behavior
- Gain a global perspective and challenge commonly accepted explanations for human actions by looking beyond surface content and systematically attempting to understand why things happen as they do
- Obtain analytical and professional skills that are necessary to engage a broad range of problems: social, cultural, economic, political and technical in increasingly globalized workplaces
- Become familiar with a variety of different viewpoints on issues of diversity and social inequalities essential to promoting social justice

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Versatile career path

A bachelor's degree in sociology & anthropology is also useful for those considering graduate school whether in sociology, anthropology, law, politics, social work, community development or nonprofit management. Recent HPU graduates with either a major or minor in sociology and anthropology have or are currently pursuing graduate degrees at the following schools:

- Auburn University
- Campbell University School of Law
- Columbia University Teachers College
- East Tennessee State University
- Elon University School of Law
- Southern Methodist University Divinity School
- University of North Carolina - Charlotte School of Divinity
- Yale University School of Drama

Unique courses

- Biological Anthropology
- Black American Voices: Stories & Sounds
- Class, Consumption and the American Dream
- Classical and Contemporary Sociological Theory
- Environment and Society
- Ethnographic Research
- Globalization and Poverty
- Health, Illness and Medicine
- Research Methods in Sociology
- Ritual, Myth and Meaning: The Anthropology of Religion
- Sociology of Work and Family
- The Social Construction of Deviance
- Women, Gender and Culture

New minors proposed

- Forensic Anthropology
- Health and Culture



Student Research

Students can conduct research on: Forensic Anthropology, Archaeology, Medical Anthropology, History and Culture, Immigration, Criminal Justice and Society, and Sociology amongst other areas.

Student Clubs and Organizations

HPU has a Sociology and Anthropology student organization that goes on outings and shares resources and advice to fellow students.

Internships

Our students have complete internships with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Family Service of the Piedmont, Inc., Guilford County District Attorney, Easter Seals of North Carolina and through the organizations associated with HPU in the City.

Meet Sarah

Hometown: Ellicott City, Md.

Major: Sociology and Theatre

Minor: Psychology

Campus Involvement: Alpha Chi Honor Society; Alpha Psi Omega Theatre Honor Society; Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society; Psi Chi International Psychology Honor Society; Sigma Alpha Pi - The National Society for Leadership and Success; Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges

Greek Life Involvement: Founding sister of Alpha Chi Omega
Leadership Positions: Stage Manager and Assistant Production Manager for HPU's theatre department

Why I Chose HPU: "HPU has provided me with the experience and confidence needed to excel in the job market and I know that I can always contact my professors with any questions even after I graduate."

