

Department of Sociology

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What is Sociology?

Sociology is the disciplined effort to understand society, social and cultural relations, the social institutions, and the persistent patterns of social behaviors that characterize all social life. The sociology program prepares students for professional work in the social sciences and also provides them with the tools to make sense of the aspects of social life.

Sociology at Kyung Hee

Founded in 1988, the Sociology Department at Kyung Hee University is designed not only to provide students with a firm foundation in the discipline but also to encourage students to pursue their particular interests. The department's curriculum has emphasized students' strong quantitative analytical skills and methodology.

There are two academic tracks leading to the B.A. in sociology major. The intensive single major track provides a more comprehensive introduction to sociological concepts, theories, and methods, and prepares students for graduate study or for professional work in the area. The dual major track - sociology with another major - prepares students for more general applications.

Degree Requirements

The requirements for the intensive single major track include:

- 22 courses in sociology courses (66 credits): 8 required courses (24 credits) and 14 elective courses (42 credits)
- a graduation thesis (this may be waived if a certain level of English proficiency is approved)

The requirements for the dual-major track include:

- 16 courses (48 credits) in sociology including 8 required courses (24 credits) and 8 elective courses (24 credits)
- a graduation thesis (this may be waived if a certain level of English proficiency is approved)

Courses

Year 1

Introduction to Sociology, Introduction to Political Science, Lecture in Sociology, Introduction to Social Research, Sociological Theories

Year 2

Understanding Social Statistics, Sociological Theories, Social Psychology, Social Organizations, Sociology of Family, Social Welfare, Environmental Sociology, Social Research and Data Analysis, Social Problems, Social Change, Understanding of Korean Society, Sociology of Mass Media, Population and Society, Work and Occupations, Qualitative Research Methods, Quantitative Research Methods

Year 3

Research Methodology, Future Sociology, The Sociology of Delinquency, Topics in Sociology, Cultural Sociology, Social Stratification, Sociobiology, History of Social Thought, The Sociology of Youth, Seminar in Sociology, The Sociology of Age, Sociology of Economy, Practice of Social Research, The Sociology of Aging, Sociology of Delinquency, Contemporary Sociological Theories, Sociology of Globalization, In Knowledge Society Communication

Year 4

Political Sociology, Research on Information Society, Work and Occupations, Sociology of Knowledge, Reading in Sociology, Qualitative Research Methods, Education and Society, Technology and Society, The Sociology of Religion, The Sociology of Gender, Sociology of Law, Social Network, Knowledge & Politics, Science, Technology, & Democracy

Careers and Graduate Destinations

The sociology major is not restricted to students who plan careers in the social sciences. Being equipped with a wide array of sociological ideas and tools, sociology majors can be effective in whatever fields they choose. A number of sociology graduates are now leading their careers in a wide variety of fields such as social research, public administration, media production, and business.

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