

RADFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIOLOGY PROGRAM FACT SHEET

The Sociology program at Radford University focuses on Applied Sociology, a field that provides high-demand skills and training for successful careers in a diverse and global society. Sociologists produce knowledge that is useful to organizations, businesses, and communities in their efforts to build programs, make decisions, assess actions, and solve problems.

Through our Center for Social and Cultural Research (CSCR) and our required practice experience students have the opportunity to apply what they learn in classes and to gain research skills and experience. The Program also has an active Sociology Club. Membership in Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honor Society, is available to qualified students. Participation in these organizations opens up leadership opportunities.

We graduate experienced practitioners able to infuse their research with an understanding of the complexities of cross-cultural diversity, environmental impact, and globalization. Alumni are practicing Sociologists in a variety of settings across the United States and beyond.

ADMISSION APPLICATION

Admission to the Sociology program requires admission to Radford University. At the time of admission you can select the Sociology major. The university application can be found at <http://www.radford.edu/admissions>. It can be submitted electronically. You may also request a Radford University application for admission to the university from:

Office of Admissions
P. O. Box 6903
Radford University
Radford, VA 24142
540-831-5371
Toll Free 1-800-890-4265
540-831-5138 Fax
540-831-5128 TDD
E-mail: admissions@radford.edu

Students can also gain admission to the Sociology program by completing the "Radford University Declaration of Major" form available in the Sociology Department office in 230 Russell Hall or in the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences Advising Center in 127 Russell Hall.

PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Sociology Program abides by the academic policies and procedures stated by Radford University. Policies on withdrawal, readmission, and academic leave are listed here <http://www.radford.edu/content/registrar/home/about/academic-policies/withdrawal-readmission.html>. Suspension and probation policies can be found at this address: <http://www.radford.edu/content/registrar/home/about/academic-policies/suspension-probation.html>

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Sociology Program has 17 learning outcomes for students in our program categorized into 5 areas. These program goals are:

THEORY OUTCOMES

1. Compare & contrast theoretical perspectives of sociology particularly relevant to sociological practice
2. Describe how practice informs and modifies sociological theory
3. Use sociological theory in identification and resolution of individual and social problems

METHODS OUTCOMES

4. Compare and contrast types of methodological approaches that are particularly relevant to sociological practice
5. Describe how data can be used as the basis for examining issues and making recommendations to clients

SKILLS OUTCOMES

6. Communicate effectively with appropriate audiences
7. Understand group processes and decision making
8. Identify, locate and retrieve information relevant to the practice of sociology

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

9. Illustrate how sociological theories can be used with clients in a specific practice setting
10. Illustrate how research methods can be used with clients in a specific practice setting
11. Recognize the individual, group, and/or organizational processes within a specific practice setting
12. Adhere to professional norms and demonstrate appropriate behavior with regard to work assignments
13. Realize influence of student's personal values and perceptions as related to other individuals and groups in practice setting
14. Function as an effective member of a work team or group in a specific practice setting

PROFESSIONAL ORIENTATION AND ETHICS

15. Acquire and maintain a professional identity as a sociological practitioner
16. Comply with the code of ethics of the AACSB and/or other relevant professional association
17. Recognize the social, political, and ethical constraints on sociological practice

FINANCIAL AID

Scholarship and loan funds are available through the Radford University Financial Aid Office.

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