



## Expand Your intellectual Horizons! develop a sociological perspective on Life!

How does social context affect how you think and how you act? How do we shape social change? How does a society become religious or secular, liberal or conservative? How do communities organize? Why do humans usually follow the “rules” of society? If these questions interest you, then you are interested in what C. Wright Mills has called the “Sociological Imagination.” This “Sociological Imagination” allows you to grasp the intersection of both your own personal biography and the historical/social context of the society.

In our sociology program you will learn to apply sociological theory and method to the study of issues in contemporary society and culture. You’ll sharpen your critical thinking skills and gain knowledge about diversity, individual behavior, and group dynamics. Every school, government agency, and corporate office is a study in social behavior. Whether your career takes you into public service, private industry, or a non-governmental organization, the university’s sociology program will help you understand—and act effectively—in the world around you.

**“The faculty members are first-rate, extremely approachable, and have always been there for me whenever I needed support, guidance, and a little push to strive higher. In my years at NAU, I came to view the sociology faculty as not just my professors, but also as my mentors and friends. Because of this, I have now been accepted into a top-tier program in sociology, to pursue my PhD.”**

Paul Morgan, 2007

### Career Opportunities

#### Study to become . . .

Research analyst  
Academic advisor  
Attorney  
Victim advocate  
Probation officer  
Rehabilitation counselor

#### Begin your career in . . .

Alumni relations  
Criminal justice  
Human resources  
Legislative research  
Non-profit organizations  
Policy planning and analysis  
Public health  
Social services  
Substance abuse counseling  
Tribal agencies

### Degree Programs

- **Bachelor of Arts or Science in Sociology**
- **Bachelor of Arts or Science in Applied Sociology**  
Extended Major  
Students pursuing the Applied Sociology major can choose an emphasis in:
  - Applied Research
  - Corrections
  - Family Studies
  - Health and Gerontology
- **Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies – Sociology**
- **Minor in Corrections, Family Studies, or Sociology**
- **Certificate in Corrections**
- **Content Emphasis in Sociology**  
For the BS Ed in Elementary Education

## Explore Courses that Jump-start Your Career

### What *is* nature? Is it natural?

How have we defined—and constructed—“nature?” How have our concepts of wilderness changed with the advance of human technology and changes in land-use patterns? In **Environment and Society**, you will address these and other questions about the non-human world and our relation to it. You will examine the growth of environmental consciousness and explore the cultural and structural roots of ecological problems like global warming and environmental pollution.

### Sex and the roles we play

Are men from Mars and women from Venus? In **Sociology of Sexuality**, you will study the ways we learn sex roles, and how sexuality shapes our relationships—on the street, in the workplace and behind closed doors. In **Sociology of Gender**, you will use theories of feminist and sociological thought to explore the cultural meanings, social structures, and inequalities that affect women and men in relation to other forms of diversity.

## Experience the Work World

Internships are a great way for sociology students to apply what they have learned in the classroom to a job experience. Internships allow the opportunity to apply sociological concepts and theories while gaining valuable work experience. In addition, an internship with an agency may lead to regular, paid employment after graduation. It also looks great on a resume when you apply for jobs or graduate school. Students have interned with Adult Probation, Catholic Charities, Goodwill Industries, Northland Family Help Center, Victim/Witness Services of Coconino County, and other area agencies.

## Participate!

**The Society of Student Sociologists** is open to anyone with an interest in the discipline. It provides a forum and network for furthering professional development and education.

**Alpha Kappa Delta**, the international sociological honor society, has 440 chapters worldwide. The university chapter provides opportunities for students to become acquainted with each other's research projects and meet informally with faculty.



[asanet.org](http://asanet.org)

Visit the American Sociological Association's web site to learn more about careers in sociology.

### It's not *all* in the family . . .

The nuclear family—mom, dad and kids—is just one form of the basic child-rearing unit. Through human history, family structure, and relationships have evolved with culture and society. In **Family Issues and Social Change** you will analyze how families are affected by changing attitudes, social policy and laws concerning reproductive technology, marriage, divorce, cohabitation, parenting, work, family violence, child care, and poverty.

## Study Abroad

Study for a summer, a semester, or an academic year in universities around the globe. NAU provides international education opportunities for all academically qualified students. The university has collaborative agreements with institutions in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Ireland, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Scotland, and the United Kingdom. Start your travel planning with a visit to [nau.edu/international](http://nau.edu/international).

## Finish in Four

Stay on a four-year track to your degree and save money in the process. The university guarantees access to the courses you need to graduate on time. Eligible degree programs: BA and BS Sociology. Visit [nau.edu/finishinfour](http://nau.edu/finishinfour).

