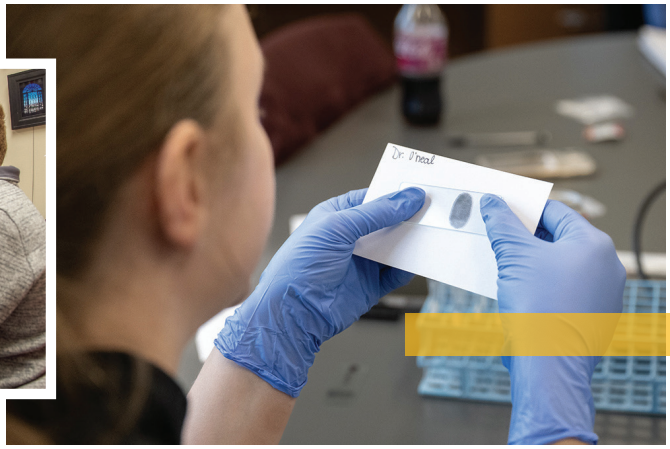

SOCIOLOGY

Sociology major • Optional criminal justice emphasis • Sociology minor • Nonprofit leadership minor

100%
of our students complete an internship or undergraduate research.

Study gender, race, inequality, and their impact on social systems, such as criminal justice and nonprofit institutions as a Franklin College sociology major. While you learn to critically examine the world and people around you, you will simultaneously gain the practical skills you need to apply that learning – all under the instruction of the college's diverse sociology faculty who have expertise spanning nonprofits, sociological theory, gender, research methods and criminal justice.

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THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

Critical thinking, practical application

Franklin College's sociology curriculum enables students to comprehend, dissect and analyze sociological constructs like poverty, race, family, crime and gender, and then arms them with practical skills needed to apply those learnings. Students explore theory, data and more in courses like Gender and Sexuality, Social Problems and Nonprofit Responses and The Beyoncé Effect, which traces the rise of third-wave feminism through music. Students then apply their coursework through research and co-curricular experiences.

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OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Earning real-world experience before graduation

Experiential learning is built into the sociology curriculum. Majors have the opportunity to learn from experts in the field visiting campus and frequently take class trips to prisons, museums and music venues. Every sociology major completes an internship during his or her time at the college. Recent students have interned at the Indiana Department of Public Corrections, state prisons, domestic violence centers, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Damar Services, an organization that serves children with disabilities.

Internships often roll into full-time positions upon graduation. In addition to internships, students use Indianapolis as a laboratory, studying jails, prisons, nonprofits, retirement communities and other organizations. Sociology majors have also presented their undergraduate research at the American Sociological Association's annual meetings.

POST-GRADUATION

One major, thousands of career paths

Most sociology majors pursue full-time employment after graduation, equipped with theoretical insights and practical technical skills. Graduates currently work in a variety of fields and positions, including:

- Law enforcement: Probation offices, correctional institutions, police departments
- Nonprofits: United Way, Child Protective Services, Cornerstone Center for Autism, The Department of Health and Human Services
- Business: Salesforce, medical device companies, entrepreneurship

Some Franklin College sociology majors choose to continue their education after graduation, pursuing advanced degrees in social work, social psychology, sociology, business or law.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

- **Major and minor options:** Sociology is the easiest major to couple with another major, and many students do, pairing sociology with psychology, business, math, journalism and other disciplines.
- **Nonprofit leadership minor:** Students who wish to work in the nonprofit sector can pursue a minor in nonprofit leadership, taking courses in business, leadership, social problems and nonprofits as they prepare for careers of service.
- **Emphasis in criminal justice:** Students can opt to pursue an emphasis in criminal justice, taking courses on courts, corrections, constitutional law and more as they prepare to enter the criminal justice system workforce.
- **Employment rate:** More than 90 percent of Franklin College sociology majors are either accepted into graduate school or employed within one year of graduation.
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