

SPECIALIZATION IN NON-PROFIT & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (NPC)

FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN SOCIAL WORK, THE LEADERSHIP OF NON-PROFIT AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, SOCIAL POLICY
SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP, URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING, COMMUNITY AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, URBAN STUDIES, LAW, AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Liberal Learning Quantitative Requirement:

All TCNJ students must take a course in mathematics as a part of their liberal learning requirements. We specify that sociology majors choose one of the following options:

Option 1: Statistics (STA 115, B– minimum)

Option 2: Statistical Inference (STA 215, C minimum)

Sociology Core Requirements: (4 units)

Students must earn the grade minimum in prerequisite course (as noted below) before they may register for department core courses.

Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101)

Sociology explores the intersection of biography and history. How do culture, class, race, sex, family, medicine, business, religion, education, and government affect our lives? Special attention is paid to the impact of society on self.

[Grade minimum: B-]

Development of Socio-Cultural Theory (SOC 301)

Prerequisite: SOC 101 or HON 216

The response of social theorists to the consequences of the industrial revolution and the issues of capitalism, secularism, industrialism, modern consciousness, and the socio-cultural enterprise, as seen through the work of such theorists as Marx, Durkheim, and Weber. Contemporary development of these theories will also be discussed.

[Grade minimum: C]

Quantitative Research methods (SOC 302)

Prerequisites: SOC 101 or HON 216 and STA 115 or STA 215

The course is designed to familiarize students with quantitative research methodology, methods of quantitative data collection, and analysis of quantitative data used in sociology. Student will learn one of the most widely used statistical software packages in the social sciences (SPSS) and conduct independent research using one of the most widely used sources of quantitative social data, the General Social Survey (GSS).

[Grade minimum: C]

Senior Seminar (SOC 499)

Prerequisites: SOC 301 and SOC 302

Culminating experience for sociology majors. Course draws on skills and knowledge of sociology courses as well as knowledge gained from the liberal arts broadly construed. An internship is a major required element of this seminar. With departmental approval only, exceptional students may substitute two semesters of SOC 495: Senior Thesis in Sociology, for SOC 499.

[Grade minimum: C-]

NPC Specialization Requirements (5 units)

This specialization focuses on the study and improvement of social life. The specialization offers advanced subject-appropriate academic work in community development, non-profit organizations and applied sociology and anthropology while providing ample opportunities for hands-on experiences. The specialization should appeal to students interested in social work, nonprofit/NGO leadership, social policy, urban and regional planning, community and international development, urban studies, law, and public health. At least four of these six courses must be at the 300 or 400-level (from specialization core and options).

Sociology majors choosing this specialization will take SOC 101/HON 216, SOC 301, SOC 302, SOC 499 and six electives: one SOC/ANT elective of their choice and five electives from the following departmentally-approved list of options. In all, at least four of the six must be SOC/ANT electives at the 300 or 400-level.

Approved Specialization Options:

In-major:

- ANT 315 Ethnicity, Race and Nation
- ANT 335 Global Urbanization
- ANT/SOC 372 Global Public Health
- SOC 205 Introduction to Social Work
- SOC 310 Urban Youth Deviance
- SOC 316 Community Based Research & Evaluation
- SOC 317 Organization in Modern Society
- SOC 320 Communities, Cities, and Suburbs
- SOC 335 Courtship, Marriage, and the Family
- SOC 336 Social and Cultural Change
- SOC 345 Inequality, Pollution, and the Environment
- SOC 355 Introduction to Urban Planning
- SOC 365 Poverty and Welfare in the US
- SOC 375 Religion and American Culture
- SOC 380 Education and American Culture
- SOC 385 Applied Sociology

Out of Major (limit 1):

- MGT 215 Introduction to Leadership
- POL 300 Politics and Public Management

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