This interdisciplinary major focuses on the roots of social conflict, on theories and methods for understanding them, and on the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and non-profits that address them. Students will engage in various methods of analysis, from investigations of everyday interactions to explorations of larger economic, political, and social structures. In classrooms and through internships, students will learn how people in NGOs and non-profits promote new forms of citizenship and governance, aiming to protect the environment and to lessen the suffering of people around the world.

Opportunities for Students

- **World-Class Resources:** USC is home to an impressive array of research centers that are connected to sociology and its interdisciplinary nature. Students can benefit from the proximity of the Andrus Gerontology Center, the Center for Feminist Research, and the Center for Religion and Civic Culture.

- **Internships:** Enhance your academic experience by working at an NGO or non-profit. Past students have interned at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, American Red Cross, and Climate Action Reserve.

- **Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics:** The mission of the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics is to motivate students to become active in the world of politics and to encourage public officials to participate in the daily life of USC. The Unruh Research in Applied Politics Program supports research that addresses political topics of concern to the polity.

Notable Courses

- **IR 315: Ethnicity and Nationalism in World Politics** — Ethnic identity and nation formation in the global society of states; nation-states; conflict or political accommodation within multinational states; impact of dispersed nations on interstate relations.

- **POSC 323: Applied Politics — Civic Engagement and Leadership** — Provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to become active in politics based on understanding the history, theory, and practices of public participation.

- **SOCI 340: Organizations, Bureaucracy, and Alternatives to Bureaucracy** — Importance of organizations in social life; techniques for using and changing organizations; examination of strategies for building and sustaining non-bureaucratic organizations.

- **SOCI 429: Immigration, Work, and Labor** — Examination of the experiences of racial minorities in the labor market, niche concentration, the effects of globalization on labor migration, entrepreneurship, discrimination, and minorities in white-collar occupations.
Bachelor of Arts (BA) Requirements

Lower Division Course Requirement (select one)**
- IR 210: International Relations — Introductory Analysis
- POSC 248: Human Rights

Core Methods (select one)*
- SOCI 313: Sociological Research Methods
- SOCI 314: Analyzing Social Statistics

Core Theory (select one)**
- POSC 380: Political Theories and Social Reform
- SOCI 370: Sociological Theory

Perspectives on NGOs (select one)**
- IR 371: Global Civil Society — Non-State Actors in World Politics
- SOCI 250: Grassroots Participation in Global Perspective

Analyzing and Identifying Roots of Social Conflict (select two)**
- ANTH 357: Culture of Genocide
- BISC 427: The Global Environment
- ECON 340: Economics of Less Developed Countries
- GERO 483: Global Health and Aging
- HIST 372: Modern Latin America
- PHIL 340: Ethics

Addressing Social Conflict and Organizing Advocacy (select two)**
- AMST 357: Latino Social Movements
- BUCO 485: Business Communication Management for Non-Profits
- COMM 402: Public Communication Campaigns
- JS 360: Identity, Community, and Service — Jews and Other Americans
- PPD 353: Philanthropy and Grant-Writing
- SOWK 350: Adolescent Gang Intervention
- THTR 488: Theatre in the Community

Internship Experience*
- SOCI 450: NGO/Non-profit Field Studies Practicum

*This information is offered as a partial overview only. For additional information, including all major requirements, please consult the USC Catalogue or https://dornsife.usc.edu/ngos-and-social-change/. Updated as of August 2015.

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