This major allows students to see the myriad interconnections of politics, culture, and economics, big power structures and everyday interactions, persistent social inequalities, and the practices of intimate life. The greater Los Angeles area provides a natural laboratory for studying such sociological themes as race relations, work and the workplace, the family in a changing society, immigration, civic engagement, and the criminal justice system.

Opportunities for Students

- **Honors Program**: Students with high GPAs in the major and overall will be eligible to participate in an honors program consisting of two senior honors seminars and the completion of a significant piece of research under faculty guidance.

- **Lecture Series**: This program provides lunch while students listen to the in-progress work of faculty, grad students on the market, and post-docs/visiting scholars.

- **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.

- **Study Abroad**: Immerse yourself in Sociology and related fields while taking courses in universities on five continents.

Notable Courses

- **SOCI 342: Race Relations** — Past and present relations between the White majority and the "conquered minorities" (Blacks, Chicanos, American Indians), as well as Asian immigrants; conflict vs. assimilation perspectives.

- **SOCI 360: Social Inequality — Class, Status and Power** — Inequalities in wealth, prestige, and power in the United States; the American class structure and the extent of upward mobility in that structure.

- **SOCI 420: Sociology of Violence** — Theoretical, conceptual and analytical skills in the study of collective violence, its legacies, and how society deals with it.

- **SOCI 475: Medical Sociology** — Social and cultural factors in causation of disease, health care utilization, and health care delivery.
Bachelor of Arts (BA) Requirements

Core Requirements* 
- SOCI 200: Introduction to Sociology 
- SOCI 313: Sociological Research Methods 
- SOCI 314: Sociological Statistics 
- SOCI 370: Sociological Theory 

Concentration Requirements (select five)**

SOCIAL INEQUALITY (select at least one)  
- SOCI 305: Sociology of Childhood 
- SOCI 350: Social Exclusion, Social Power, and Deviance 
- SOCI 355: Immigrants in the United States 
- SOCI 366: Chicana and Latina Experiences 
- SOCI 376: Contemporary Issues in Asian American Communities 
- SOCI 432: Racial and Ethnic Relations in a Global Society 
- SOCI 435: Women in Society 
- SOCI 435: Sexuality and Society 
- SOCI 460: Key Issues in Contemporary International Migration 
- SWMS 385: Men and Masculinity

SOCIAL CHANGE AND PUBLIC POLICY (select at least one) 
- JS 382: Judaism as an American Religion 
- SOCI 331: Cities 
- SOCI 335: Society and Population 
- SOCI 340: Organizations — Bureaucracy and Alternatives to Bureaucracy 
- SOCI 351: Public Policy and Juvenile Justice 
- SOCI 369: The Family in a Changing Society 
- SOCI 408: Volunteers, Non-Governmental Organizations, and Everyday Politics 
- SOCI 420: Sociology of Violence 
- SOCI 425: Crowds, Publics, and Social Movements 
- SOCI 475: Medical Sociology

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