

# SOCIOLOGY

This major allows students to see the myriad of interconnections between politics, culture, 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.

## BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

### Five core courses:

- Introduction to Sociology
- Sociological Theory
- Sociological Research Methods
- Analyzing Social Statistics
- Applied Social Research Methods *or* Maps and Spatial Reasoning

Five upper-division elective courses, two of which must be 400-level.

### Examples include:

- Sociology of Childhood
- Social Inequality: Class, Status, and Power
- Social Exclusion, Social Power, and Deviance
- Society and Population
- Public Policy and Juvenile Justice
- Visual Sociology of the City and Its Residents
- The Family in a Changing Society
- Sociology of Gender and Work
- Sociology of Religion
- Medical Sociology

## ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

**Honors Program:** Students with high overall and major GPAs 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.

**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 Center for Feminist Research, the Center for Religion and Civic Culture, and the Andrus Gerontology Center.

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