This interdisciplinary major focuses on the roots of social conflict, theories and methods for understanding them, and the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and non-profits that address them. Through investigations of everyday interactions to explorations of larger economic, political, and social structures, students will gain problem solving skills aimed at protecting the environment and to lessening the suffering of people around the world.

**BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) REQUIREMENTS OVERVIEW**

- **Complete one lower division course** and discover the roots of the problems NGOs aim to solve, including the many ways that people have tried to understand and solve social problems.
- **Select one Core Methods course** and become a critical consumer of research in order to assess solutions for social problems.
- **Choose one Core Theory course** and analyze different perspectives of proposed solutions and explore how approaches to understanding social problems vary.
- **Select one course in Perspectives on NGOs Abroad** and examine the social environment in which NGOs operate.
- **Choose two courses in Analyzing and Identifying Roots of Social Conflict** and discover the underlying reasons of social problems, including history, location, and nature of conflict.
- **Choose two courses in Addressing Social Conflict and Organizing Advocacy** and learn the strategies that organizations use to try to solve social problems and inspire change.
- **Complete the Internship Experience: NGO/Non-profit Field Studies Practicum** and apply ideas learned in the major during a concurrent internship, culminating in a major research project.

**EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

For additional information, including all major requirements, please consult the USC Catalogue or [https://dornsife.usc.edu/ngos-and-social-change/](https://dornsife.usc.edu/ngos-and-social-change/)