

Department of Sociology

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What is Sociology?

Sociology is the disciplined effort to understand society, social and cultural relations, the social institutions, and the persistent patterns of social behaviors that characterize all social life. The sociology program prepares students for professional work in the social sciences and also provides them with the tools to make sense of the aspects of social life.

Sociology at Kyung Hee

Founded in 1988, the Sociology Department at Kyung Hee University is designed not only to provide students with a firm foundation in the discipline but also to encourage students to pursue their particular interests. The department's curriculum has emphasized students' strong quantitative as well as analytical skills and methodology.

There are two academic tracks leading to the B.A. in sociology major. The intensive single major track provides a more comprehensive introduction to sociological concepts, theories, and methods, and prepares students for graduate study or for professional work in the area. The dual major track - sociology with another major - prepares students for more general applications.

Degree Requirements

The requirements for the intensive single major track include:

- 22 courses in sociology courses (66 credits): 7 required courses (21 credits) and 15 elective courses (45 credits)
- a graduation thesis (this may be waived if a certain level of English proficiency is approved)

The requirements for the dual-major track include:

- 16 courses (48 credits) in sociology including 7 required courses (21 credits) and 9 elective courses (27 credits)
- a graduation thesis (this may be waived if a certain level of English proficiency is approved)

Courses

Year 1

Introduction to Sociology, Lecture in Sociology, Introduction to Social Research, Sociological Theories

Year 2

Understanding Social Statistics, Qualitative Research Methods, Quantitative Research Methods, The Sociology of Family, Social Welfare, Sociology in Anthropocene, Social Organizations, Social Psychology, Understanding of Korean Society, Population and Society, In Knowledge Society Communication

Year 3

Social Research and Data Analysis, Social Change, The Sociology of Delinquency, Sociology Topics in Sociology, Cultural Sociology, Social Stratification, Sociobiology, Seminar in Sociological Issues, Sociology of Economy, Future Sociology, Contemporary Sociological Theories, Sociology of Globalization, Sociology of Senses, Public Sociology, Sociology of Literature and Art, Social Entrepreneurship, Human Rights and Society in the Age of Globalization

Year 4

Political Sociology, Sociology of Knowledge, Technology and Society, The Sociology of Religion, The Sociology of Gender, Sociology of Policy, Urban Sociology, Educational Sociology, Machine Learning in Sociology

Careers and Graduate Destinations

The sociology major is not restricted to students who plan careers in the social sciences. Being equipped with a wide array of sociological ideas and tools, sociology majors can be effective in whatever fields they choose. A number of sociology graduates are now leading their careers in a wide variety of fields such as social research, public administration, media production, and business.

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