

BA IN SOCIOLOGY

OUTSTANDING FACULTY

Marylhurst's sociology faculty includes practicing professionals who bring current ideas and findings into the classroom. Curiosity and exploration are encouraged in small, interactive classes taught by dedicated instructors with diverse areas of expertise.

THE PRIOR LEARNING ADVANTAGE

You can earn up to 45 credits (one year) toward your bachelor's degree for experiential learning—knowledge, skill and ability gained outside the classroom. Through Marylhurst's Prior Learning Assessment program, you may significantly reduce the length of time it takes to earn your degree.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 180 total quarter credits
61 credits required for major

Required Human Sciences Core 16 crs.
Introduction to Social Science Inquiry
History & Philosophy of the Human Sciences
Research Methods & Statistics I
Research Methods & Statistics II
Internship or Research Project

Required Sociology Core 24 crs.
Introduction to Sociology
Social Problems
Minorities in the United States
Society Becomes Visible
The Sociological Imagination
Critical and Postmodern Sociology
Two additional upper division Sociology courses

Electives in Sociology and
the Human Sciences 21 crs.

TOTAL 61 CREDITS

Please refer to current catalog for complete information.

CAREER PATHS

With a B.A. in Sociology, you'll be prepared for a career in a number of fields including social work, the legal system, politics, government, public relations or administration. If you plan to continue your education, you'll be ready for graduate-level studies in the human sciences.

NEXT STEP

Contact Marylhurst University today. Personalized academic advising is the key to creating your optimal degree plan. An advisor will answer questions about designing your academic program and provide you with information about admissions, transfer credits, financial aid, scholarships and prior learning assessment credit.



Marylhurst University is a liberal arts university located south of Portland between Lake Oswego and West Linn. Founded in 1893, the oldest Catholic university in Oregon welcomes students of all faiths and backgrounds. A member of Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) and an affiliate of the Concurrent Admissions Program (ConAP), Marylhurst is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

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just 10 minutes south of Portland.**

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PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD

GENERATING NEW IDEAS

and critiquing the old—sociology is the study of individuals as members of groups, rather than as individuals acting alone. As Peter Berger stated, “The fascination of sociology lies in the fact that its perspective makes us see in a new light the very world in which we have lived all our lives.”

Build a framework for social inquiry in Marylhurst University’s Sociology program. Your research of social institutions, movements and change provides insight into how community influences attitudes and actions. Investigate how social groups form, relate, discriminate, influence, acquiesce, worship, educate, work, adjudicate and endure. Understand the structure and dynamics of society.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Gain an understanding of the interactions between individuals and historical, cultural and social forces;

Investigate opposing views on the complex and changing nature of society;

Explore how life experiences are shaped by ethnicity, class, age, gender, religious beliefs and subculture membership; and

Analyze the history and progression of sociological theory and practice.



THE MARYLHURST EXPERIENCE

- Evening, weekend, daytime and online courses
- One-on-one mentoring with faculty
- Small, seminar-style classes
- Custom degree plan option
- Undergraduate credit for prior learning at work and from life
- Scholarship and financial aid options—for all ages
- Tuition deferral with employer reimbursement

THE PROGRAM

Examine society and link sociological arguments to life in a culturally diverse world. Think critically about the elements of research and the process of scholarly inquiry—asking and answering questions appropriate for a sociologist’s approach to investigation.

Required Human Sciences Core

Experience a multidisciplinary exposure to the central theoretical, methodological and practice approaches in the human sciences. Acquire academic researching and writing skills during your studies.

Required Sociology Core

Pursue a comprehensive study of the foundational content areas, concepts, research methods and practice approaches in sociology.

Related Electives

Customize a degree plan to reach your personal and professional goals. Work with an academic advisor to select electives in sociology or other human sciences disciplines that match your interests.

Internship / Research Project

Participate in a research project using the knowledge you’ve accumulated during your studies. Or, complete an internship and apply your studies to the project. Choose an area to meet your objectives and expand your professional contact network.