Sociology

Following in the tradition of Du Bois, the Department of Sociology strives to employ diverse methodological approaches to produce rigorous empirical research in order to understand the origins and reproduction of social inequality, especially as it relates to issues of pressing public concern and possible solutions to social problems. Re-established in 2020, our graduate program prepares its students for active careers in scholarly research and teaching as well as public engagement, with a primary focus on the fields of race/ethnicity, gender, work and organizations, education, family, immigration, health, policing and criminal justice, social movements, social policy, and economic inequality. Graduate students work closely with our faculty in mentoring and collaborative relationships that encourage students’ production and publication of original research and that prepare them for careers as experts in their subfields. By equipping our students with a broad set of theoretical perspectives, methodological skills, and professional experiences, the Department of Sociology sets the groundwork for our graduates to make major contributions to the discipline and to society at large.

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