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## Sociology



### Description

Deciding to major in sociology at College of Western Idaho (CWI) will provide you the opportunity to lay a foundation of understanding for human interaction and group behaviors. Your knowledge in this discipline will give you the ability to conduct research, as well as analyze, and solve problems. Specific courses in the Sociology degree program will expose you to cultures, social change, social problems, and race and ethnic relations from both historical and contemporary perspectives.

This program is a first step toward a bachelor's degree, preparing you to enter careers such as social work, urban planning, law, public health, and government service.

### Mission

The Sociology program is intended to serve several purposes. The primary mission of the Sociology program is to provide sociology majors with the first two years of course work generally associated with a four year bachelor's degree in the discipline. The Sociology program will provide students with the academic foundation to excel in these programs when they transfer to a four year college or university. Additionally, the Sociology program contributes to a well-rounded education by providing choices to non-majors in order to meet the social science component of the general education requirements of Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS) or Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees. Regardless of the students' path, the Sociology program engages students with concepts and ideas that will provide useful insights into the relationships between the social organization of group life and its subsequent impacts upon the thinking, acting, and interaction patterns of individuals.

## **Why This Program**

A Sociology degree prepares students to transfer into a variety of social science programs at the four-year college and university level. While primarily geared toward transferring into other sociology programs, this degree can also lead to majors in social work, criminal justice, anthropology, psychology, or political science. Sociology majors gain a general background in social science and complete the first two years of course work toward a four year bachelor's degree.

## **What You Will Learn to Do**

- Define sociology, identify the basic components of the sociological perspective and understand the major sociological theories
- Become familiar with the historical development of sociology
- Understand the normative systems and the impact of culture upon human behavior
- Identify the importance of a global perspective and the interdependence of our world's nations and peoples
- Understand the major features of social stratification systems
- Define various forms of social organizations and understand the relationship between social structure and human behavior

## **Additional Opportunities**

In addition to learning in the classroom, the Sociology Program provides students with opportunities such as:

- The Sociology Club, a student group that works to serve the community while offering its members the ability to gain deeper insight into the discipline. Membership is open to all students and there is no fee to join.
- Presentations by Guest Speakers
- Networking with Community Agencies
- Participation in Annual SHR Department Symposium
- Service Learning
- Additional opportunities to engage in civic and cultural development are available and can be accessed through Sociology faculty members.

## **Associate of Arts in Sociology**

Degree Type:

AA

Length:

24 Months

Delivery Formats:

Traditional, Hybrid, Online

## **Important Dates for Credit Programs**

	<b>Fall 2014</b>	<b>Spring 2015</b>	<b>Summer 2015</b>
<b>Registration Open</b>	April 14	November 10	April 13
<b>Financial Aid Priority Date</b>	July 14	December 1	May 11
<b>Admission Deadline</b>	August 8	December 22	May 15
<b>Tuition and Fees Due</b>	August 22	January 9	May 29
<b>Last Day to Register</b>	August 22	January 9	May 29
<b>Classes Begin</b>	August 25	January 12	June 1*
*Some classes begin before this date. See <a href="#">class schedule</a> [1] for more information.			

Please refer to our [Important Dates](#) [2] for more information.

## Financial Aid Available

Did you know that as a student in this program you may be eligible for financial aid? Through grants, [scholarships](#) [3], and loans, more than 60 percent of first-time, full-time CWI students receive some form of financial assistance. To learn more about financial aid options and whether you may be eligible, visit [Financial Aid](#) [4].

## Tuition and Fees

Tuition for a full-time CWI student averages half the cost of a state university and a third of the cost of a private college. Tuition and fees vary based on program and residence. Visit [Tuition and Fees](#) [5] for more information.

## Advising

Navigating your way through college can be confusing, especially if you try to go it alone. CWI One Stop Student Services offers advising assistance, to help in deciding which courses you need to take to complete your educational goals. Visit [Advising](#) [6] for more information or contact [One Stop Student Services](#) [7] to schedule an appointment.

1. English is a crucial course to take the first semester. Completion of ENGL 101 in the first semester, and ENGL 102 in the second semester (or the equivalent through testing) will help build critical writing skills necessary for success in other courses.
2. Sociology majors are encouraged to take math and science classes immediately rather than waiting. Take the Compass Test for math placement upon acceptance to CWI. The placement test will inform the student if a review course such as MATH 025 is needed prior to entering MATH 108 (Intermediate Algebra) or MATH 143 (College Algebra). If a student tests below MATH 143, getting to that course level is a barrier to timely completion. If MATH 143 is not completed by the end of the third semester, it would be impossible to graduate in four semesters. To stay within the four semester timeframe additional course load is necessary since the remedial math courses will not count as general electives.
3. Meeting the computer literacy requirement is something that students often overlook. If the student

feels confident with their computer skills the CSA exam to meet computer literacy requirement should be attempted in the first semester. If testing is unsuccessful, CISA 101 should be completed during the second semester. If the student is not confident in their skills, they should take CISA 101 during the first semester to gain the skills necessary to be a successful student.

4. MATH 130 (Finite Math) or MATH 143 (College Algebra) is a prerequisite for MATH 253.

5. Sociology majors are encouraged to take the following courses:

- GEOG 100 to fulfill a general-elective science elective course.
- PSYC 101 (Introduction to Psychology) to fulfill a general-education social science elective course.
- PHIL 101 (Introduction to Philosophy) to fulfill a general-education humanities elective course.
- PHYE 155 rather than PHYA courses.
- HUMA 101 (Introduction to Humanities) to fulfill a general-education humanities elective course.
- BIOL 100 (Concepts of Biology) to fulfill a general-elective science elective course.
- ANTH 102 (Cultural Anthropology) to fulfill a general-education elective course.
- HIST 101 (Western Civilization 1) to fulfill an elective course.
- POLS 101 (American National Government) or POLS 102 (Introduction to Political Science) to fulfill an elective course.
- CRJ 103 (Introduction to Law and Justice) to fulfill an elective course.
- ART 101 (Art History 1) or ART 102 (Art History 2) to fulfill an elective course.

## Transfer

Look beyond your degree at CWI and plan for continuing your education by working closely with CWI advising and representatives of your intended transfer school. Planning before you transfer can save you time and money. Visit [Transfer Information](#) [8] for more information or contact [One Stop Student Services](#) [7].

Faculty in the Sociology Program work closely with the following four-year schools to assist students with transfer:

- Boise State University
- University of Idaho
- Idaho State University
- Northwest Nazarene University
- College of Idaho

## Career Information

Sociology as a discipline provides a strong foundation for many careers. If you visit <http://cwidaho.myplan.com> [9] and click on the Careers tab, you can search the careers for which sociology has application. As you explore the MyPlan.com website, take the time to email CWI's One Stop Student Services at [onestop@cwidaho.cc](mailto:onestop@cwidaho.cc) [10] to learn the access code that will allow you to complete Assessments of your interests, personality, values and skills. This will help you recognize some of the careers in the world of work that would be a good match for you as well as learn the educational

path that will lead you to those careers. In exploring sociology related careers, this additional websites may be of interest to you:

<http://www.asanet.org/research/BachelorsinSociology.pdf> [11]

Professions

## Locations



### **Nampa Campus Academic Building**

5500 E. Opportunity Dr. Nampa, ID 83687



### **Ada County Campus Pintail Center**

1360 S. Eagle Flight Way, Boise, ID 83709



### **Canyon County Center**

2407 Caldwell Blvd., Nampa, ID 83651



# Nampa Campus Aspen Classroom Building

6002 Birch Lane, Nampa, ID 83687

## Program Contact

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- [11] <http://www.asanet.org/research/BachelorsinSociology.pdf>