

## **SOCIOLOGY PROGRAM LEARNING GOALS**

- 1. *Knowledge of concepts and theories:*** Knowledge of the basic concepts and theories pertinent to the understanding of human societies.
- 2. *Understanding of the diversity of human societies:*** Understanding that the social world consists of a range of diverse cultures that vary both across and within each group.
- 3. *Research and writing skills:*** Ability to understand the research strategies, both quantitative and qualitative, used in sociological research. This includes the ability to design a simple research study in an appropriate area in sociology and write a paper that is coherent, logical, and located within a body of sociological research.
- 4. *Information literacy and critical skills:*** Sociology majors and minors will demonstrate the ability to access scientific information effectively and efficiently, evaluate scientific information and its sources, and use scientific information to develop and support a logical argument.
- 5. *Understanding of quantitative concepts and mathematical methods:*** Students must demonstrate an understanding of basic mathematical operations and must show the ability to do statistical analysis of sociological research questions.
- 6. *Understanding of structural disadvantage:*** Students must demonstrate an understanding of the ways in which social classes, genders, sexualities, and racial/ethnic groups in the U.S. and globally are socially located and create disadvantages that are built in to the social system.