What will your curriculum look like?
Students must take eight sociology courses, plus two courses above the introductory level in other departments within the School of Social Science. The sociology courses must include one introductory course, and at least one course from three of the following five core areas.

**Gender and Family:** Includes courses on gender, families, sexuality, women's biography, gender and race, women's leadership, women's intellectual work, women and development

**Politics and Social Change:** Includes courses on political sociology, welfare state, social movements, community power, globalization, war and peace, and social policy

**Health, Illness, and the Life Course:** Includes courses on body and health, health care systems, medicalization of social problems, aging, disability, genetics, and policy

**Theory and Methods:** Includes courses on classical, critical, psychoanalytic, existential, and cultural theory, as well as qualitative, quantitative, comparative, and historical methods

**Institutions, Communities, and Culture:** Includes courses on law, mass communications, consumption, culture, religion, human services, youth, popular music, work, science and technology, education, environment, and professions

Hands-On Learning Experience
Through various internships, service learning, and experiential courses, students can combine classroom learning with active engagement or action research in community organizations; social movements; human service and healthy community coalitions; peace, environmental, and social justice groups; and policy organizations. Some examples of recent internships include:

- Convening a “Wingspread” youth summit among major national student organizations and Campus Compact, as well as four national leadership conferences on civic engagement
- Conducting Peace Games for schools, families, and young adult volunteers in Roxbury
- Developing a hunger relief curriculum for Waltham Community Farms
- Providing case worker services to seniors at the Springwell Senior Citizen Center
- Developing young women's leadership with the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance

What else does the sociology program offer?
The sociology department is a hub of several interdisciplinary programs (Peace, Conflict, and Coexistence Studies; Women's and Gender Studies; Social Justice and Social Policy; Health: Science, Society, and Policy). Students have the opportunity to become peer teaching assistants, work on faculty research projects, and present senior thesis research at an annual mini-conference.

What kind of career and education options will you have?
Sociology graduates pursue a broad range of careers in nonprofit organizations, business, public service, education, human services, health care, policy, communications, advocacy, and consulting. Many are accepted to professional and graduate schools in law, medicine, social work, communications, and social sciences. Ask for our guide to careers.

How can you learn more?
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