

# DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

*Sociology*

Sociology is the scientific study of society using the Sociological Imagination to examine social structures, interactions, and relationships, as well as culture. Sociologists shed light on a broad scope of social phenomena – such as family life, street and corporate crime, multiculturalism, and globalization - by investigating social inequality, patterns of behaviour, forces for social change and resistance, and how social systems work. As a liberal arts discipline, sociology provides students with an understanding of how people's experiences vary by race, class, gender, age, and other ascribed statuses. Students also develop an understanding of the impact social institutions have on individuals, the ability to develop evidence-based arguments and write reports, the ability to use statistics software, and the ability to evaluate different research methods.

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