Sociology at EKU
A major in sociology prepares the student with skills for studying human behavior within the social environment. All major requirements can easily be completed in three or four semesters. Required courses in the program introduce basic theoretical perspectives of the field along with practical research skills including statistical analysis, research design and the use of computers in data analysis. Elective offerings in the program allow the student to direct his or her major with a desired emphasis. Typical offerings include classes on the family, language use, deviance, social psychology, juvenile delinquency, health and illness, the community, Appalachian studies, criminology, sex roles, racial and cultural minorities, political sociology, social change, collective behavior, social stratification, demography, applied sociology and social organization. These specialized areas coupled with the general skills acquired in the required courses equip students for employment in areas such as corrections, academic careers, industrial relations and personnel, public relations, community planning, human services and other occupations in which an understanding of human behavior plays a significant role.

Careers in Sociology
Information on job opportunities in sociology (primarily for individuals with advanced degrees) can be obtained at: http://www.asanet.org/pubs/eb1200.html.

Student Sociology Organization
The Student Sociology Association at Eastern Kentucky University is open to all students with an interest in sociology. It sponsors outside speakers of interest to sociology majors as well as the general university community, organizes social events for members, and promotes greater student-faculty interaction outside the classroom.

Eastern Kentucky University
As you consider where you’ll pursue your studies, Eastern Kentucky University encourages you to ask yourself, “What do I want to do with my life?” and “Who can help me reach that destination?”

Before we tell you about EKU, let’s focus on your needs. What are you looking for in a college or university?

• Renowned, accessible professors; low student/faculty ratio
• State-of-the-art facilities
• Extensive curriculum
• Wide network of campus organizations
• Affordable cost
• Inviting campus

Achieving your goals depends on the quality of the faculty and curriculum at the school you choose to attend. Every college and university touts facilities, but few can match the accolades of our faculty. At EKU you’ll reach beyond the borders of classroom discussion to hands-on experience and networking opportunities with experts in the field.

EKU graduates are world leaders in areas as diverse as international business and homeland security; local, state and national government; as well as drama and law. Campus facilities, such as the Studio for Academic Creativity, which is designed to enhance research, writing, and presentation skills, and our new state-of-the-art science building, ensure our students of exposure to technologies vital to real world success.

We hope you’ll see that from our view there are no limitations, just possibilities.

• A comprehensive, public university serving more than 16,000 students
• Undergraduate and graduate excellence through 168 associate, baccalaureate, master’s, specialist and cooperative doctoral programs
• Quality and diversity in faculty and staff
• Student/professor ratio of 17:1
• 66-acre main campus in Richmond, regional campuses in Corbin, Danville, Lancaster and Manchester, and higher education centers throughout the Commonwealth
Sociology (B.A.)

The Sociology program provides students with an advanced understanding of social structure, social institutions, human groups, social stratification, social interaction, social relationships, social deviance (crime, juvenile delinquency), and social change. The broad knowledge base of sociology, combined with basic skills in research methods and analysis, contributes to a person’s flexibility in a rapidly changing economy. Students who major in sociology possess the advantage of a foundation upon which to adapt to changes in the labor market, because they are taught to think critically, communicate effectively, and respond constructively to the challenges and opportunities they will encounter. Many sociology graduates move into professional careers in the following areas: social services, law enforcement, human relations, legal services, policy analysis, teaching, and health fields. Others find employment in management and administrative careers in government agencies as well as in a wide range of private sector firms. Still others work to achieve their goals in less traditional careers such as grassroots activism or private entrepreneurship.

Major Requirements .......................................................... 36 hours
SOC 131, 232, 395, 460, 461, 470; a minimum of three hours from SOC 420, 425, 463, 465; and 15 hours of sociology electives, 12 of which must be upper division hours.

General Education Requirements ........................................ 48 hours
Standard General Education program. Refer to Section Four of the EKU catalog for details on the General Education and University requirements.

University Requirement .................................................. 1 hour
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Free Electives................................................................. 35 hours

Total Curriculum Requirements......................................... 120 hours

MINOR IN DEVIANCE/CRIMINOLOGY
A student may minor in Deviance/Criminology by completing the following courses: SOC 131, SOC 313, SOC 340, SOC 375, and nine hours from ANT 380, FOR 301, HEA 345, CRJ 325, CRJ 331 or PSY 308. Note that some of the required and elective courses have prerequisites.

MINOR IN SOCIAL INEQUALITIES
A student may minor in Social Inequalities by completing a minimum of 18 hours as follows: SOC 399, SOC 400, SOC 425, SOC 463, and six credit hours of electives from CRJ 325, CRJ 345, HIS 305, HIS 385, HIS 386, POL 345, POL 373, POL 446, POL 451, SOC 345, SOC 365, SOC 375, SOC 415, SOC 460, or WGS 400. It is suggested that non-majors complete SOC 131 prior to enrolling in upper-division sociology courses. Other electives may be approved for the minor as they are offered. Note that some of the required and elective courses have prerequisites. Average GPA of courses applied to the minor must be 2.0 or better.

MINOR IN SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIAL CHANGE
A student may minor in Social Institutions and Social Change by taking a minimum of 18 hours from the courses listed below. A total of 12 hours must be in Sociology from the following core courses: SOC 131, 345, 420, and 425. A total of six (6) hours must come from the following courses: ANT 200; CRJ 350; GEO 100, 201, 202, 220, 322, 330; HIS 303, 304, 305, 308, 309, 342, 347, 350, 365, 375, 380, 383, 384, 386, 401, 402, 403, 405, 411, 412, 413, 475; PHI 330; POL 320, 321, 327, 373; SOC 353, 360, 365, 370, 375, 383, 399, 400, 415, 450, 455, 465. Non-majors should complete SOC 131 prior to enrolling in upper-division SOC courses. Other electives may be approved for the minor as they are offered. Some of the required and elective courses may have prerequisites.

MINOR IN SOCIAL WELFARE
A student may minor in Social Welfare by completing the following courses: SOC 131; SWK 210, 310 and 410; three hours from POL 341, 370, 371, or 374; and six hours from SWK 455 or SWK elective, SOC 313, 340, 353, 365, 420, 450, ECO 130, 231, or 365.

MINOR IN SOCIOLOGY
A student may minor in Sociology by completing the following courses: SOC 131 and 15 hours of sociology electives, 12 of which must be upper division. Three hours of upper division anthropology may be applied to the 15 hours.