

DEPARTMENT of ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

In the Department of Anthropology and Sociology we create a learning environment within which students critically examine social life, its organization, and its meaning. More specifically, we explore topics including social and cultural diversity (e.g. gender/sexuality, race/ethnicity, religion, social class), both domestically and globally, problems of structural inequality, and the causes and effects of social and cultural change.

We assist students to develop, integrate, and utilize knowledge and we encourage student to take their education into their own hands by helping them to engage personally in research, analysis, and writing.

Since our graduates enter into a wide range of professional, administrative, and policy-oriented careers, our goal is to produce knowledgeable learners and social agents who have a self-reflective sense of their potential contributions as moral agents and active citizens in democratic societies.

COURSES OPEN TO FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

ANSO 100 – People, Culture and Society

ANSO 210 – Sex and Gender in Society

ANSO 212 – Race and Ethnicity

ANSO 221 – Contemporary Japan: In Search of the “Real” Japan

RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADVISORS

First-year students who have completed S/A 100 are eligible to take upper-level (300-level) electives.

All majors are required to have an Academic Advisor in the Department. As soon as students decide to major in Anthropology and Sociology they are encouraged to ask a member of the Department to serve as their Academic Advisor or to meet with the Department Chair to identify an Academic Advisor in the major.

MAJOR OR MINOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

For a complete listing of the requirements for a major or minor in Anthropology and Sociology, see the departmental website at <http://denison.edu/academics/sociology-anthropology>

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

We strongly recommend that students interested in a major/minor in Anthropology and Sociology and take ANSO 100 in the first year and at least one elective in the first semester of the sophomore year. Majors ideally enroll in Classical Theory ANSO 290 and one Methods Course (ANSO 350 or 351) in their sophomore year. This leaves Contemporary Theory (ANSO 316) and the second Methods Course, along with other elective courses, for the junior year

and Senior Research Seminar (ANSO 460), and the remaining electives, for the senior year. Students who are considering off-campus study should take ANSO 290 and one Methods course (ANSO 350 or ANSO 351) early in their careers. ANSO 316, ANSO 350 and ANSO 351 are not offered every semester. If majors wish to participate in off-campus study, they are encouraged to do so during spring semester of their junior year in order to coordinate off-campus study with the timing of required core courses.

EXAMPLES OF SENIOR RESEARCH

All students majoring in Anthropology and Sociology conduct a senior research project on a topic of their choice. Some examples of projects recently completed include the following:

- Owning our Agency: Young African American Women from the Inner City
- Queering Marriage? Pro LGBTQ Support of and Opposition to Marriage Equality
- “No Hay Vida”: The Fabric of Dominican and Dominican-American Identity and Social Mobility in the United States
- Wanderlust, Where Travel Meets Sex: A Cross-Cultural Examination of the impact of Globalization and Promotional Advertisements on Sex Tourism