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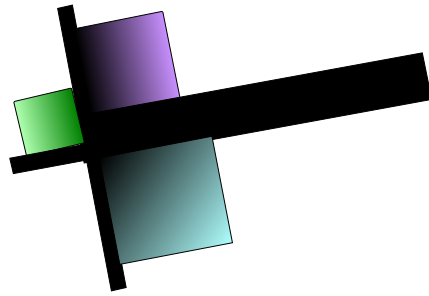
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The Department of Sociology at Nipissing University has been offering courses since 1967, and is one of the largest programmes at Nipissing with over 300 majors. The Department offers four degree programmes: Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Single Major, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Combined Major, Bachelor of Arts (3-Year General) Single Major, and Bachelor of Arts (3-Year General) Combined Major. Each programme at Nipissing has a variety of specific degree requirements, and potential students may review these requirements at the departmental website.

**Why study sociology?**

Students who earn a degree in sociology develop strong analytical skills, a clear sense of complex social issues, well-developed reading, writing and research skills, a solid understanding of the nature and scope of the discipline and its historical development, and a keen curiosity about the world and their place in it.

These skills and abilities can be applied in a variety of professional and scholarly capacities. Students' pursuits in recent years include careers in social and justice services, teaching, non-profit and community organisations, marketing, and health care. Students have also pursued graduate studies in sociology, which can lead to teaching and research careers at the post-secondary level, professional studies including law and corrections, and a wide variety of advanced managerial and administrative careers in the public and private sectors.

**Why study sociology at Nipissing?**

Students in the Sociology Programme at Nipissing have consistently expressed immense satisfaction with their studies; in particular, they note that they are impressed by the quality, dedication, and accessibility of the Sociology professors.

Sociology professors do not just teach classes; they also conduct scholarly research, ensuring that courses are being taught by faculty who are current in their fields and engaged in research which will inform their classes. In addition to teaching, professors in the Sociology Programme at Nipissing have a wide variety of research interests and scholarly activity in such areas as health, aging, culture, social justice, post-totalitarian and post-colonial societies, contemporary conflicts, and the family, all of which allows faculty members to cultivate the varied interests of our students; many students have the opportunity to work with their professors as research assistants.

The faculty in Sociology at Nipissing work hard to ensure a strong programme in core areas such as methods and theory, and the Department's scholarship in the area of health and aging also provides students with opportunities in this important area of sociological enquiry.

In the final year of the programme, Honours students have the opportunity to pursue their own research through an Honours Thesis. Nipissing Sociology majors have presented their research at the annual Undergraduate Research Conference, and at national scholarly forums at the annual Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

## **The Nipissing Sociology Programme**

All Sociology courses are 3.0 credit, one-semester courses. Students who major in Sociology are required to take the following courses:

### **SOCI 1016 Introduction to Sociology**

This course will provide an understanding of the key analytical concepts within sociology, including culture, socialization, social structure, stratification, and sociological theory.

### **SOCI 1017 Sociological Analysis**

This course will provide an understanding of how sociological concepts are utilized to analyse social institutions and social dynamics.

### **SOCI 2016 Classical Sociological Theory**

This course provides an introduction to the development of European sociological theory from the early modern era to the end of World War I.

### **SOCI 2017 Contemporary Sociological Theory**

This course provides a survey of sociological theory developed in twentieth century society, in a social context of modernisation, globalisation and war.

### **SOCI 3126 Social Research Methods**

This course provides a comprehensive introduction to common research methods used in sociology, and introduces students to SPSS (the Statistical Package for Social Sciences).

### **SOCI 3127 Social Statistics and Data Analysis**

This course introduces students to descriptive and inferential statistics used

in sociology, and computerized data analysis of large social data sets using SPSS.

Students require different numbers of elective courses in Sociology for a single major Honours, combined Honours, single major General, and combined General degrees. See the Sociology website for specific degree requirements.

Other second- and third- year courses in Sociology that students may take as electives to fulfill their degree requirements include:

SOCI 2006 The Child and Society  
SOCI 2007 The Adolescent and Society  
SOCI 2026 Sociology of Work  
SOCI 2036 Introduction to Social Gerontology  
SOCI 2037 Sociology of the Family  
SOCI 2046 Minority Groups in Canada  
SOCI 2047 Minority Groups Throughout the World  
SOCI 2066 Social Stratification  
SOCI 2067 Urban Sociology  
SOCI 2076 Deviance and Conformity  
SOCI 2086 Introduction to Criminological Theory  
SOCI 2087 Introduction to the Canadian Criminal Justice System  
SOCI 2196 Sociology of Medicine  
SOCI 2206 Demography: Introduction to Population Studies  
SOCI 2236 Sociology of Human Sexual Behaviour I  
SOCI 2237 Sociology of Human Sexual Behaviour II  
SOCI 2256 Globalization and Development  
SOCI 2296 The Canadian Social Legacy  
SOCI 2506 Social Problems

SOCI 3006 The Sociology of Collective Behaviour

SOCI 3016 Critical Perspectives on Sociological Theory

SOCI 3026 Special Topics in the Sociology of Work

SOCI 3027 Interpersonal Communication

SOCI 3036 Qualitative Research Methods

SOCI 3037 Special Topics in the Sociology of the Family

SOCI 3046 Special Topics in Urban Sociology

SOCI 3066 Special Topics in Social Stratification

SOCI 3076 Mass Culture and Mass Media I

SOCI 3077 Mass Culture and Mass Media II

SOCI 3086 Law and Society

SOCI 3087 Society, Law and Social Change

SOCI 3096 Special Topics in Canadian Society

SOCI 3136 Ageism

SOCI 3146 Age and Culture

SOCI 3156 Women and Age

SOCI 3157 Diversity and Age

SOCI 3166 Social Epidemiology

SOCI 3176 Age, Health, and Work I

SOCI 3177 Age, Health, and Work II

SOCI 3186 Health and the Family

SOCI 3196 Special Topics in the Sociology of Medicine

SOCI 3206 Population and Society

SOCI 3246 Gender and International Development

SOCI 3256 Special Topics in Globalization and Development

SOCI 3307 Social Problems: Legal Issues

In their final year of study in the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Single or Combined major degrees, students are required to take a minimum of 12 credits of Honours courses, restricted to Sociology Honours students in their final year. Not all courses are taught every year.

SOCI 4006 Independent Studies I

SOCI 4007 Independent Studies II

SOCI 4016 Advanced Sociological Theory

SOCI 4017 Special Topics in Sociological Theory

SOCI 4026 Structuralism and Post-Structuralism

SOCI 4027 Feminist Sociological Theory

SOCI 4096 Honours Thesis Proposal

SOCI 4097 Honours Thesis

SOCI 4126 Survey Research

SOCI 4127 Multivariate Statistics

SOCI 4136 Social Theories in Aging

SOCI 4137 Selected Topics in Aging

A variety of special topics focussing on a professor's research are offered, designated as "Honours Seminars"

SOCI 4546 Honours Seminar

SOCI 4547 Honours Seminar

SOCI 4556 Honours Seminar

SOCI 4557 Honours Seminar

**Sociology at Nipissing  
on the web:**

[http://www.nipissingu.ca/  
sociology/](http://www.nipissingu.ca/sociology/)