

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Graduates of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences emerge from Kean University as the well-rounded, intellectually strong job candidates that employers seek. The majors available in the College promote three elements that are essential for success in the job market – creativity, critical thinking and communication. In a world where the average person will change careers five times or more, the adaptability furnished by a liberal arts education at Kean University is invaluable.

National Accreditations:

Council on Social Work Education

National Association of School Psychologists

Dean:

Dean, Kenneth Dollarhide, Ph.D.

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ACADEMIC DEGREES, PROGRAMS

B.A. in Communication

Communication Option

Print Journalism Option

B.A. in English

Standard Option

Teacher Certification Option

Teacher of Students with

Disabilities Option

Writing Option

B.A. in History

Teacher Certification Option

Teacher of Students with

Disabilities Option

B.A. in Philosophy and Religion

B.A. Political Science

International/Comparative

Politics Option

Teacher Certification Option

B.A. in Psychology

B.S. in Psychology/Psychiatric Rehabilitation

B.A. in Sociology

B.S.W. in Social Work

B.A. in Spanish (see Foreign Languages)

Teacher Certification Option

DEPARTMENTS, FACULTY

Communication

Faculty: Baker, Fitch, Lynch (Chairperson), Remmers, Sargent, Wheaton, Yedes, Yuan

English

Faculty: Balakian, Banks, Best, Brilliant, Casale, Chandler, Cirasa (Chairperson), Connor, Ducksworth, Evans, Fyne, Gover, Griffith, Gruesser, Gupta-Casale, Katz, Nelson, O'Day, Rich, Robinson, Rodriguez-Bachiller, Shaffer-Koros, Snyder, Sutton, Weinstein, Zamora

Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures

Faculty: Bermudez, Edreira, Feito, Gnarra, Pintado-Casas (Chairperson), Portuondo, Sanders

History

Faculty: Argote-Freyre, Banit, Bellitto, Blum, Esposito, Gronewold, Jandrowitz, Klein, Lender (Chairperson), Letterese, Mayer, Pfau, Spaulding, Zimmer

Philosophy and Religion

Faculty: Diaz, D'Souza, Fethe, Pashman, Pezzolo, Sitelman (Chairperson), Toby

Political Science

Faculty: Boateng, Chang, Hunt (Chairperson), Kahn, Kelly, Richani, Rubin

Psychology

Faculty: Avioli, Bousquet (Chairperson), Boyd-Jackson, Fantaousakis, Feigenbaum, Filardo, Finger, Garro, Gratz, Hamway, Hamm-Baugh, Harris, Jaffe, Kaplowitz, Lorber, O'Desky, Roth, Singer, Smith, Springer

Social Work

Faculty: Bryant, Capello, Ellis, Himchak, Lightfoot, Nesoff, Norward, Pearson (Chairperson), Rizzo, Sherman, Williams

Sociology and Anthropology

Faculty: Conyers, Donoghue, Kamerman, Keil, Krauss, Langer, Mayo, Naughton, Nevarez, Sanchez (Chairperson), D. Wheeler, B. Wheeler, White

Sociology

Chairperson: Dr. José Sánchez
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The Sociology major prepares students for undertaking graduate work in sociology, as well as introductory level positions in business, government, public service, social research, teaching, and urban affairs. The major gives students analytic and communication skills applicable in a range of fields, plus exposure to the procedures of science as applied to humans, individually and collectively. It provides opportunities for learning about societal, institutional, organizational, group, and interpersonal dynamics. A wide array of courses in the major provide opportunities for exploring issues related to social justice and for developing skills relevant to social research and practical application of sociological theory and substantive sociological content. The major also offers a variety of courses well suited to the prospective teacher and educational administrator on either the secondary or elementary school level. Students interested in specific careers may focus their elective courses in areas of concentrated study. Students should consult with departmental advisors about courses in each area of concentration.

B.A. DEGREE

GENERAL EDUCATION 48-52

FOUNDATIONS REQUIREMENTS² 13

GE 1000	Transition to Kean ¹	1
ENG 1030	College Composition ⁵	3
MATH 1000	Algebra for College Students	3
COMM 1402	Speech Communication as Critical Citizenship	3
GE 2023	Research & Technology	3

DISCIPLINARY & INTERDISCIPLINARY REQUIREMENTS

Humanities	9
*ENG 2403	World Literature 3 (Choose two of the following from different areas)
Philosophy or Religion	3
Foreign Languages ²	3
Music or Theatre	3
Interdisciplinary	3
Social Sciences	9
*HIST 1000	History of Civil Society in America 3
*SOC 1000	Introduction to Sociology ⁵ 3 (One course from any one area below)
Anthropology	3
Psychology	3
Economics or Geography	3
Political Science	3
Interdisciplinary	3

Science & Mathematics	10-12
Math or CPS	3

(Two courses from areas below; one must be a lab science)

Biology	3, 4
Chemistry or Physics	3, 4
Astronomy, Geology, or Meteorology	3, 4
Interdisciplinary	3, 4
Health and Physical Education	2-3
ID 1225	Issues Contemporary Health 3

OR

Physical Education	2
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CONCENTRATION⁴ 6-8

MAJOR/GE CAPSTONE

SOC 4600	Senior Seminar (W-E) ^{2,5}	3
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MAJOR REQUIREMENTS⁵ 30

REQUIRED COURSES 12

SOC 3050	Development of Sociological Theory	3
SOC 2050	Social Statistics	3
SOC 2052	Methods of Social Research	3
SOC 3052	Qualitative Methods	3

MAJOR ELECTIVES 18

Six Sociology courses; at least four must be on the 3000-4000 level.

FREE ELECTIVES 38-45

Selected with advisement. At least 50% must be at 3000 level or above.

TOTAL 124

¹ Required of all freshmen and transfers with fewer than 10 credits.

² See prerequisites and equivalencies for General Education requirements

³ Additional 3 credit course paired with Reading may be required by placement testing

⁴ Not required of students with second majors, minors or collaterals

⁵ All major courses, including the capstone course, require a grade of C or better. ENG 1030 also requires a grade of C or better.

* Required distribution course

MINOR IN SOCIOLOGY

Six courses (18 s.h.) in Sociology: Sociology 1000; two courses on the 2000 level and three courses on the 3000 and 4000 level.

SOCIOLOGY COURSES

INTRODUCTORY

SOC 1000 Introduction to Sociology (3)
The study of social life, society, and the individual within a global and multicultural context.

SOC 1001 Introduction to Sociology: Honors Course (3)

The study of social life, society, and the individual within a global and multicultural context. An introduction to the theories, research, and methods of sociology. May be substituted for SOC 1000 as a prerequisite. Prerequisites: In top 25% of entering students on SAT verbal scores, or sophomore standing or above with 3.0 overall grade point average.

THEORY AND RESEARCH METHODS

SOC 2050 Social Statistics (3)
Introduction to statistical techniques most frequently used in social research. Emphasis on statistics as a tool for presentation of information and decision-making process. Prerequisites: SOC 1000 or permission of department chairperson.

SOC 2052 Methods of Social Research (3)

Exposure to scientific paradigms, research designs, methods and analysis used in social sciences research. Development of critical thought and consideration of ethical and political issues in the practice of social research. Emphasis on writing skills through the development of a research proposal. Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 2500 Introduction to Global Studies (3)

Earth viewed in terms of its major natural and social systems; attention to global problems, related values and possible courses of action; case studies of problems related to "sustainable development" such as global warming and environmental justice. Prerequisites: One course in one of Sociology, Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science or Psychology.

SOC 3050 Development of Sociological Theory (3)

A critical survey of the major theoretical viewpoints in nineteenth and early twentieth century sociological thought. Prerequisite: Six hours of sociology or permission of department chairperson.

SOC 3052 Qualitative Methods in Social Research (3)

An introduction to the qualitative aspects of research with emphasis on the theory and practice of the techniques of content analysis, participant observation and interviewing. Prerequisites: SOC 2050 and 2052.

SOC 3060 Society and Self (3)
Analysis of the influence of social factors on the nature of self-attitudes. Beliefs and values. Review of theory and research on the nature of the socialization process.
Prerequisite: SOC 1000 or permission of department chairperson.

SOC 3420 Environment and Society (3)
An analysis of environmental problems as a social phenomenon. Understanding the impact of social institutions, values, policies and movements on creating and resolving environmental problems.
Prerequisites: SOC 1000 or permission of instructor.

SOC 4051 Contemporary Sociological Theory (3)
An investigation of various theoretical frameworks utilized by sociologists in viewing societies, social institutions and social interaction. An analysis of the major work of a number of modern and post-modern sociological theorists.
Prerequisite: Six hours of sociology or permission of department chairperson.

SOC 4052 Evaluation Research (3)
An introduction to the direct application of research methods to the evaluation of any purposive change plan; a social program, an advertising campaign, job training.
Prerequisites: SOC 2050 and 2052 or permission of department chairperson.

SOC 4054, 4055 Advanced Research Seminar I, II (3,3)
Direct involvement in the methodological and statistical techniques needed to collect and analyze "real-life" quantitative data. Large scale data analysis techniques. Experience in preparing data results for application to ongoing policy processes.
Prerequisites: SOC 2050 and 2052 or their equivalent and permission of department chairperson. CPS 1931 is recommended. SOC 4054 is prerequisite for SOC 4055.

SOC 4060 Personal and Social Interaction (3)
Face-to-face interaction, how the individual relates to others at work, in friendships, and in intimate relationships.
Prerequisite: SOC 1000 or permission of department chairperson.

SOC 4070 Special Topics in Sociology: Honors Seminar I (3)
Intensive study and exploration of a content area and/or research technique in which the instructor has special expertise and students have particular interest. Topics will vary.
Prerequisites: Minimum 9 Sociology credits with a 3.3 overall grade point average, or permission of instructor.

SOC 4071 Special Topics in Sociology: Honors Seminar II (3)
Intensive study and exploration of a content area and/or research technique in which the instructor has special expertise and students have particular interest. Topics will vary.
Prerequisites: Minimum 9 Sociology credits with a 3.3 overall grade point average, or permission of instructor.

SOC 4090 Independent Study (3)
An opportunity for the senior sociology student to develop and carry out an individual project subject to the permission of an advisor and the department chairperson. Meetings arranged by the student and advisor.

SOC 4095 Internship in Sociology (3)
Application of sociological concepts to community settings. Combines work in a field placement and a weekly seminar to assist in integrating field experience with sociological theory. Career development activities included in seminar.
Prerequisite: Junior or Senior Sociology major or minor; SOC 2052 Methods of Social Research; approved petition required.

SOC 4600 Senior Seminar in Sociology (3)
Collaborative course dealing with major empirical and theoretical accomplishments in Sociology. Each seminar is focused on a theme and requires student research projects demonstrating integration of advanced sociological and general knowledge and skills.
Prerequisites: Major in Sociology and senior status. Writing Emphasis Course

INSTITUTIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

SOC 2100 Sociology of the Family (3)
Study of families in contemporary society. Examination of the impact of globalizing forces upon family life, family as a gendered experience, and variations in families by race, ethnicity, social class, and sexual orientation.
Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 3110 Sociology of Education (3)
Education as a social institution and an organizational complex. The relationship between educational objectives and cultural values, manifest and latent functions of education.
Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 3150 Urban Sociology (3)
Analysis of the process of urbanization, urban settlement patterns, social structure, and life styles. Consideration of the particular problems posed by the urban settings.
Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 3151 The Community (3)
An analysis of human communities studied in relationship to the global processes of industrialization and urbanization. Review of the theories and research on various types of communities with a focus on changing bases for the construction of community and inter-community relationships.
Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 3404 Society and Computer Culture (3)
Sociological investigation of relationships among computers, culture, and society. Social effects of the computer as an example of technological expansion within societies. The social bases for computer development. Familiarity with computers helpful.
Prerequisite: SOC 1000 or permission of department chairperson

SOC 4100 Sociology of Religion (3)
A comparative and analytical treatment of religion as a social institution. The relation of religion to family, government, economy and other structures. Religion considered as an agent of change and stability in society.
Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 4110 Political Sociology (3)
A review and analysis of theory and research on the nature and distribution of power in society. A study of the social variables and processes determining stability and change in the political institution.
Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 4120 The American Dream: Democracy and Capitalism (3)
The American Dream as a set of strongly held values, beliefs, and attitudes embodying the aspirations of people. Competing approaches on ways to achieve the American Dream including economic democracy. The future of the American Dream in a global context.
Prerequisites: Six hours taken from two of the following: Sociology, Political Science, or Economics or the permission of the instructor.

SOC 4150 Sociology of Death (3)
Examination of the social aspects of death and dying. An analysis of cultural factors involved in death-related behavior through the use of a cross-societal perspective. Discussion of mutual relationships between an individual's death and social systems.
Prerequisite: SOC 1000 or permission of department chairperson.

SOC 4300 Sociology of Health Care (3)
An examination of the influence of social and cultural phenomena on sickness and health. Analysis of the organization of medical care and medical institutions.
Prerequisite: SOC 1000 or permission of department chairperson.

SOC 3200 Work and Careers: A Sociological Approach (3)
The world of work in modern industrial society examined and analyzed in terms of management theory, human relations and occupations.
Prerequisite: SOC 1000 or permission of department chairperson.

SOC 4200 The Sociology of Organizational Life (3)
A survey of theory and research on complex or formal organizations. Major emphasis on the bureaucratic model and special adaptations.
Prerequisite: SOC 1000 or permission of instructor.

SOCIAL DIFFERENTIATION

SOC 2300 American Ethnic and Racial Groups (3)
Social relations, experiences, and cultures of ethnic and racial groups in American society. Comparisons with other societies.
Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 2305 Hispanic Americans in Contemporary Society (3)

An intensive investigation of Hispanic ethnic groups in modern United States society, with attention focused on the dynamics of migration and settlement, enduring sociocultural patterns, and the processes and problems of inclusion and assimilation.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000

SOC 2308 The Female World: Fairy Tale and Fact (3)

Women as members of a society; how their life chances are influenced by how societies define women and how these societies act toward women. Emphasis on society in the United States.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 3170 Japanese Challenge: Lessons for America (3)

A comparative study of Japanese society: the family, community, workplace, politics, and government. An evaluation of the claim that Japan is "number one" in crucial areas challenging America today such as worker productivity, crime control, quality and equality in education and industrial policy.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000

SOC 3350 Social Inequality in America (3)

An analysis of wealth, power, and prestige in America. Comparisons with other societies.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 3360 Population (3)

Analysis of fertility, mortality and migration processes in the United States and globally. Investigation of the social, economic and cultural determinants and consequences of population change. Exploration of contemporary social issues utilizing a demographic perspective.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000 or permission of instructor.

SOC 3370 Sociology of the American Jewish Community (3)

Sociological analysis of the American Jewish community; historical evolution of the community; social structure and religious movements; Jewish demography and politics; patterns of Jewish identification; anti-Semitism and Jewish reactions; future trends in the American Jewish community.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000 or permission of department chairperson.

SOC 4301 Gender and Society (3)

An analysis of the social and cultural determinants of sexual behavior. Examination of the social roles of men and women and the possible influence of sex differences on the organization of society.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 4350 Sociology of Aging (3)

Aging as a social process at the individual and the societal level. The demography of age strata, strata boundaries and age-related experience in American society.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOCIAL DYNAMICS AND SOCIAL DEVIATION**SOC 2710 Crime and Delinquency (3)**

An analysis of crime and delinquency as social phenomena. The relationship of crime and delinquency to various social institutions such as the economy, the family, the law.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 3400 Collective Behavior (3)

A review of concepts about human interaction in unstructured situations as in a panic, craze, a riot. The role of rumor, propaganda and public opinion in such phenomena. Studies in depth of selected contemporary examples.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 3410 Social Movements (3)

An examination of sociological and social psychological theories of the origins and career patterns of social movements. Study in depth of selected examples.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 4401 Social Change (3)

An investigation of various theoretical frameworks utilized in describing and explaining social change. Analyses of case studies of change in modern societies.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000 or permission of instructor.

SOC 4450 Sociology of Extreme Situations (3)

A sociological analysis of extreme situations. Emphasis on the mass murder and death camp experiences of Jews during World War II; comparisons with other extreme situations such as trench warfare, the bombing of Hiroshima and its aftermath, institutionalization in asylums and prisons, and mass suicide. Social problems of survivors and their families.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 4700 Sociology of Deviance (3)

Analysis of deviant behavior as a general characteristic of social systems. Critical review of various sociological theories concerning the nature and functions of deviance.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOCIAL JUSTICE**SOC 2000 Introduction to Social Justice**

A sociological examination of social justice focusing on selected case studies at the local, national, and global levels. The study of the meaning of social justice, the manifestations and sociological explanations of injustice, and strategies for achieving a more just social world.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 4000 Seminar in Social Justice

Collaborative course dealing with major ongoing challenges as well as accomplishments in the areas of social justice at local, national, and global levels. Seminar will address empirical, theoretical, and applied work in sociological approaches to the area of social justice. Requires a seminar research project that uses conceptual skills in the design and conduct of the research.

Prerequisites: SOC 2000, Major in Sociology, and Junior or Senior Status.

GRADUATE COURSES IN SOCIOLOGY (AVAILABLE TO QUALIFIED UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRPERSON)**SOC 5000 Introduction to Social Justice (3)**

An examination of what constitutes social justice and how notions of justice and injustice are present in the work of classic and modern social theorists. An analysis of injustice in the United States and the world and the efforts, past and present, to challenge oppressive, unjust structures through various forms of political activity.

Prerequisite: SOC 2000 and 4000

SOC 5030 Quantitative Methods (3)

Understanding of quantitative research paradigm and methods including population parameters, sample statistics, sampling distributions, hypothesis testing, statistical inferences, measures of association and simple regressions, one way ANOVA, correlation, and stepwise and multiple regression. Emphasis on the application of statistical analysis through the use of statistical software. Strengths and limitations of quantitative approach and its potential application to social agencies, non-profits, and private organizations.

Prerequisite: SOC 5050

SOC 5031 Qualitative Methods (3)

Understanding of qualitative research paradigms and methods. Development of critical and analytical sociological skills through research practice. Emphasis on the design of qualitative research that focuses on non-profit agencies, public and private organizations.

Prerequisite: SOC 5030

SOC 5055 Sociological Analysis (3)

An introduction to sociological analysis. A delineation of the defining characteristics of the sociological perspective, and the ways it differs from and overlaps the perspectives of related disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences.

Prerequisite: SOC 4600

SOC 5050 Sociological Theory (3)

A survey and critical examination of the work of classical and contemporary sociological theory and theoretical paradigms. An exploration of the development and applied uses of sociology as a vehicle for making sense of human social reality and experience. A critical investigation of the nature of sociological theory and its place in the history of the discipline, social science, social justice, and society.

Prerequisite: SOC 3050

SOC 5060 Social Justice Policy (3)

A sociological examination of proposed and implemented policies and the strategies for influencing and changing social policy as it pertains to areas related to social justice. Case studies of social policies that have perpetuated injustice, those that have been developed to achieve social justice, and efforts to affect the policy process.

Prerequisite: SOC 5000

SOC 5101 Gender, Society, and Inequality (3)
An examination of the social construction of gender in the United States and around the world. Gender will be viewed as an ever-changing social construction that is mediated by dominant social institutions, everyday practice and movements for social change and gender justice. Specific focus will be placed on the social structural basis of gender inequality and the ways in which gender intersects with other categories of oppression, such as race, ethnicity and sexuality.

SOC 5120 Environmental Justice and Social Resistance (3)
An examination of the contemporary environmental crisis in the United States and around the world, focusing on its social institutional causes and social constraints on solutions. Emphasis will be placed on economic, political and cultural perspectives on the environmental crisis, analyses of the inequitable distribution of environmental costs and benefits, and social movement challenges to the environmental crisis and environmental inequality.
Prerequisite: SOC 3420

SOC 5160 The Oppressive Workplace (3)
An examination of the abuse by those with economic and political power of those in their employ, and the ways in which such conditions undermine productivity and human relations, as well as the personal, socioeconomic, and global consequences of workplace abuse and exploitation. Strategies and initiatives will be studied by which to reduce such deleterious conditions and consequences.
Prerequisite: SOC 4600

ANTHROPOLOGY COURSES

ANTH 1800 Cultural Anthropology (3)
Examination of the structures and functions of culture systems globally and over time, employing theories, methods and concepts of anthropology. Analysis based on cross-cultural and comparative perspectives.

ANTH 1900 Introduction to Archaeology (3)
An introductory survey of contemporary archaeological concepts, methods and theories, and techniques used for understanding human cultural development.

ANTH 2801 Introduction to Afro-American Culture I (3)
A cultural exploration of Afro-American music, art, literature from their African roots to their diverse expressions.

ANTH 2802 Introduction to African American Studies (3)
An examination of the Black experience in the United States from slavery to the present from the perspective of the social sciences and using the Afrocentric model.
Prerequisite: ANTH 2801 or permission of instructor.

ANTH 2805 Films of the African World Experience (3)
A survey of the images of people of African descent in film designed to explore the contrast between the Afrocentric vs. the Eurocentric perspective. Attention will be given to works depicting various types of movie-myth Blacks from Sambo to Super Spade, but will emphasize the films of Africana world filmmakers.

ANTH 2810 Physical Anthropology (3)
A systematic examination of theories of human evolution; an investigation into genetic processes and the physiological basis for racial origins and variations. A consideration of natural and cultural selection, ethnology and eugenics.

ANTH 2820 Urban Anthropology (3)
An analysis of the city as a cultural setting using anthropological methods including ethnographic field work.
Prerequisite: ANTH 1800 or permission of instructor.

ANTH 3200 Survey of American Folklore (3)
An introduction to the discipline with emphasis on the genre of American folklore, which includes examples from oral and customary folklore and material culture.
Prerequisite: ANTH 1800 or permission of instructor.

ANTH 3820 Dynamics in Tribal and Peasant Economic Life (3)
Anthropological perspective on the dynamics of tribal and peasant economies.
Prerequisites: SOC 1000, ANTH 1800 or ECO 1020 or 1021.

ANTH 3830 Anthropology of North American Indian Cultures (3)
Study of North American Indian cultures 35,000 B.C.-1800 A.D. concluding with the disruptive effect of European settlements on these cultures.
Prerequisite: ANTH 1800 or permission of department chairperson.

ANTH 4770 African Diaspora TravelLearn Course (3)
A two-to-three week educational tour of a designated African Diaspora culture (e.g., various with