Do you want to change the world? Get the tools you will need through the Sociology major at Mills College. Join a lively and welcoming community of scholars and activists interested in learning about everything from immigration issues to educational inequality to gentrification and urban change. Take courses such as Sociology of Hip-Hop, Social Control, or Gender & Society to learn more about how our society works and how we can change it. Sociology at Mills teaches a clear set of marketable skills to our students including professional writing skills, public speaking, social science research methods, and professional networking. Our graduates leave Mills with a strong combination of marketable skills and depth of sociological knowledge.

Sociology is a fundamental part of a liberal arts education and our program offers exciting, insightful experiences for all students. Several of our courses engage the larger Bay Area community through internships, partnerships, and community-engaged learning.

The Sociology Program offers courses on many different topics that meet a wide range of student interests. By combining these courses and courses in related fields, students can develop depth and focus in areas such as urban studies, race and racism, educational inequality, or law and society.

While some students choose to pursue a graduate degree in sociology, most recent graduates have gone on to graduate studies in law, public health, education, urban and regional planning, business, public policy, or social work. Regardless of one’s career plans, the sociology major is an excellent foundation for lifelong learning and citizenship in the global village.

**Program Goals**

- Students will utilize multiple theoretical frameworks and sociological vocabulary to explain how historical forces, social structures, culture, and power relations shape human behavior on scales ranging from the individual to the global.

- Students will gain basic skills in both quantitative and qualitative research methods and data analysis and will have advanced skills in at least one method of research and one method of data analysis.

- Students will be effective communicators who can construct and present well-organized, coherent, sociological arguments in writing, speaking, and other media to a variety of audiences.

- Students will accumulate a stock of established and accepted research findings and be able to critically use these to understand their own lives and the world around them, and to contribute to public conversations about contemporary issues.

**Majors & Minors**

**Major**

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