Sociologists and anthropologists study society and culture—how they take form, influence each other and shape our experiences and the world we inhabit. Anthropology and sociology are the most social of the social sciences because they insist that social relationships have their own dynamics that cannot be reduced to individual choices. They are also strongly inclined towards the humanities because they respect the role of cultural meanings in shaping social life.

Sociologists and anthropologists:
- study all dimensions of social and cultural life;
- explore society and culture globally; and
- question what passes as “normal.”

Although sociology and anthropology overlap in a number of areas, each is a distinct discipline in its own right.

Sociology focuses on human social behaviour and organization, usually in the context of larger urban, industrialized societies, and seeks to understand such things as the impact of processes of globalization, social movements, relations of class, gender and race, family and kinship groups, education, science, and popular culture.

Anthropologists study the global variability of human cultures and societies, often in a comparative framework. Anthropology focuses on diverse areas of social and cultural life such as livelihood practices, political struggles, religion and ritual, international development, health and illness, gender, and the environment in remote communities as well as cosmopolitan centres.

The Carleton advantage

Strong academic programs
Carleton’s undergraduate programs in Sociology and Anthropology are comprehensive in scope. Our faculty include leading national figures in both disciplines and young scholars doing innovative work. This is a great place to learn both sociology and anthropology.

Applied work experience
Students in the final year of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) Honours (Sociology) or a BA Honours (Anthropology) may obtain departmental permission to enrol in a half credit field placement (SOCI 4820 or ANTH 4000). This is a unique opportunity to gain research experience in a professional research setting such as Statistics Canada, the
Canadian Museum of Civilization, or an international development organization based in Ottawa. Instead of attending classes, you will spend up to one day a week working in an organization.

Co-op opportunities
A co-op option is available to Honours students in Sociology or Anthropology and allows you to combine work placements with academic study. Work placements exist in a variety of public and private sector fields, and give you the opportunity to apply information and skills obtained in class, such as social survey design and quantitative and qualitative data analyses, to practical social issues and problems. Students in co-op can gain the experience and develop the skills needed to acquire marketable areas of expertise. Work placements also offer a perspective on career preferences and interests, with an opportunity to develop job networks.

Choosing the right program
Bachelor of Arts (General) in Anthropology
Bachelor of Arts (General) in Sociology
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Anthropology
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Sociology

General programs
The Bachelor of Arts (General) is usually taken over three years.

At least 6.0 of your credits must be in Sociology or Anthropology. You take fewer core courses than in the Honours program and, in consultation with faculty advisors, you are free to tailor your program to suit your interests and career goals.

Honours programs
The BA (Honours) program provides an intensive and in-depth program of study over a period of four years.

At least 9.0 of your credits must be in Sociology and/or Anthropology. As an Honours student in Sociology, you will be expected to have at least 3.0 credits in one discipline outside Anthropology and Sociology, such as economics, geography, history, philosophy, political science or psychology.

Honours programs can be combined with other disciplines for a Combined Bachelor of Arts (BA) (Honours) degree. Students must complete 7.0
credits in either Sociology or Anthropology and fulfill the requirements for the other discipline. In addition, students not majoring in Sociology may pursue a minor in Sociology and those not majoring in Anthropology may pursue a minor in Anthropology. A minor usually requires 4.0 credits in that discipline.

Core courses
In the Sociology (Honours) program, required courses include *Introduction to Sociology I* (SOCI 1001) and *Introduction to Sociology II* (SOCI 1002) or *Introduction to Sociological Perspectives* (SOCI 1003); *Introduction to Qualitative Methods* (SOCI 2001); *Introduction to Quantitative Methods* (SOCI 2002); *Sociological Theory* (SOCI 2005); *Quantitative Methods: Research Design and Data Analysis* (SOCI 3003); and *Studies in Sociological Theory* (SOCI 3005).

In the Anthropology (Honours) program, required courses include *Introduction to Anthropology* (ANTH 1001) and *Introduction to Issues in Anthropology* (ANTH 1002) or *Introduction to Anthropological Perspectives* (ANTH 1003); *Foundations in Socio-Cultural Anthropology* (ANTH 2001); any two courses in our ethnographic area series (ANTH 2610-2690); and any two of *Ethnographic Research Methods* (ANTH 3005), *Contemporary Theories in Anthropology* (ANTH 3006), and *History of Anthropological Theory* (ANTH 3007). Your BA Honours degree is capped off with *Honours Research Paper in Anthropology* (ANTH 4900) where you demonstrate your anthropological knowledge and analytical skills in a major research essay on a topic of your choice.

Electives
In addition to your core courses you can select from a range of courses in Sociology or Anthropology. In Sociology, students can take courses in the following topics:

- race and ethnicity;
- power and stratification;
- work, industry and occupations;
- science and technology;
- urban sociology;
- sociology of gender;
- sociology of the family;
- studies in addictions;
- criminology; and
- power and everyday life.
In Anthropology, students can take courses in the following topics:

- anthropology and indigenous peoples;
- applied and participatory anthropology;
- culture and symbols;
- religion and society;
- development and underdevelopment;
- anthropology and human rights; and
- visual anthropology.

Mention : Français
Students registered in certain BA programs, such as Sociology and Anthropology, may earn the notation Mention : Français by completing part of their requirements in French and by demonstrating a knowledge of the history and culture of French Canada. Required credits include 1.0 credit in the French language; 1.0 credit devoted to the history and culture of French Canada; and 1.0 or 2.0 credits, depending on the program, in upper-level courses taken in French.

Your first-year experience

First-year Seminars
First-year BA students are strongly encouraged to include a First-year Seminar (FYSM) in their first-year course load. First-year Seminars will get you away from the lecture hall and give you the chance, in a small class of no more than 30, to discuss and debate topics with your classmates and your professors. You will also get early and frequent feedback on class assignments and instruction in research, writing and study skills. Although some FYSMs count as courses leading to a major, you do not have to choose a FYSM in your major discipline. Students are also limited to one FYSM.

A sample first year – Anthropology

- 0.5 credit in Introduction to Anthropology (ANTH 1001) and 0.5 credit in Introduction to Issues in Anthropology (ANTH 1002) or 1.0 credit in Introduction to Anthropological Perspectives (ANTH 1003)
- 0.5 credit in Introduction to Sociology I (SOCI 1001)
- 1.0 credit in any First-year Seminar
- 2.5 credits in electives
A sample first year – Sociology

- 0.5 credit in *Introduction to Sociology I* (SOCI 1001) and 0.5 credit in *Introduction to Sociology II* (SOCI 1002) or 1.0 credit in *Introduction to Sociological Perspectives* (SOCI 1003)
- 0.5 credit in *Introduction to Anthropology* (ANTH 1001)
- 1.0 credit in any First-year Seminar
- 2.5 credits in electives

Future opportunities

The workplace
Sociology and Anthropology prepare you for a variety of careers. Some graduates apply their social sciences knowledge directly in research, teaching, policy development, or in personnel or correctional services. Others go on to careers in federal government departments such as Industry Canada and Statistics Canada.

Many other graduates work in the fields of international development and community development, as researchers and analysts. At the municipal and regional levels, social sciences graduates are found in areas such as consultation, research, policy planning and administration.

Graduate studies
BA (Honours) graduates may also be eligible to go on to graduate studies in Sociology or Anthropology as well as a variety of fields including:

- Canadian studies;
- political economy;
- international affairs;
- environmental studies; and
- resource management.

Professional programs
Many professions encourage well-rounded applicants from a variety of backgrounds to apply. Sociology and Anthropology provide a strong foundation for a number of professional programs such as urban planning, medicine, teaching and law and you are encouraged to pursue your interest in these fields.
FAQs

1. Why would I choose an Honours program?
Honours or four-year programs have many advantages, including offering more courses in your chosen field and access to co-op and internship opportunities where available, as well as preparing you for graduate studies, professional programs and employment.

2. When do I have to declare a major?
You will need to choose a major by the end of your first year. Course registration is generally easier for students who have declared a major, so even if you are not 100 per cent certain, it is best to choose a major upfront and change it later if you need to.

3. Where can I go for academic advice?
Once you are studying at Carleton, our Student Academic Success Centre offers a range of services including academic advising and free study-skill development workshops. Friendly academic advisors are available by appointment year-round to assist you with your educational planning needs. carleton.ca/sasc

Admission requirements

For admission to Sociology or Anthropology programs, you must have the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent, including a minimum of six 4 U/M courses. Your six 4 U/M courses must include 4U English (or Anglais).

It is Carleton University policy to consider your best performance in any eligible course in the admissions assessment. Since the number of qualified applicants may be greater than the number of available spaces, cut-off averages and required marks may vary. Please refer to our website at admissions.carleton.ca/requirements for the current admission requirements.

For more information

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You may also wish to consult our current

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We look forward to hearing from you!