# Sociology & Anthropology*

**MAJOR, COURSES**

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**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR:** Jennifer Turner

Students who enroll in sociology courses can expect to acquire greater knowledge and an appreciation of social behavior in human groups, organizations, and societies. Sociology students also develop an understanding of social and cultural diversity, the relationship between the individual and society, and social inequality based on race, class, and gender.

*Note: Hollins does not offer a major or minor in anthropology.*

## REQUIREMENTS FOR A MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY:

12 courses (44 credits)

### CORE COURSES:

- SOC 110: Introduction to Sociology: Perspectives and Methods (4)
- SOC 227: Social Theory (4)
- GPS 214: Qualitative Methods (4)
- GPS 216: Research Methods in Social Sciences and GPS 216L (4, 2)
- GPS 470: Senior Seminar (2)
- GPS 480: Senior Thesis (4) or an Internship (4)

### ELECTIVE COURSES:

- Four additional Sociology courses, two at the 200 level and two at the 300 level (16)
- GPS 121: Foundations of Social Justice (4) or
  - One 200 or 300 level course from one of the other GPS programs of study (International Studies, Political Science, Religious Studies (4)

## COURSES IN SOCIOLOGY:

### SOC 110: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY – PERSPECTIVES AND METHODS (4) Turner

An introduction to the field of sociology and its major concepts, theoretical perspectives, and methods of inquiry. The study of human groups, organizations, and societies and their impact on human behavior. Emphasis on the evolution and diversity of human societies. Open to first-year students. No prerequisite. Offered Term 1. (DIV)

### SOC 227: SOCIAL THEORY (4) Department

Focuses on significant contributions to social theory during the last two centuries. The first section of the course will attend to pre-World War II social theory. The second section will attend to developments since World War II. Open to first-year students. Prerequisite: SOC 110 or SOC 113. Not offered in 2019-20. (w, x, MOD)

### SOC 231: HISTORY OF MODERN SOCIAL THOUGHT (4) Department

This course offers students a historical overview of the development of social theory. Focus on how great social theorists of the past interpreted their own societies, and how their theories became forces for social change. Impact of historical theories and theorists on current perspectives of the social order and of human nature. Open to first-year students with permission. Not offered in 2019-20.

### SOC 234: SOCIAL PROBLEMS (4) Department

What are social problems and who gets to identify them? What historical, social, political, or global circumstances cause social problems? How do the perceptions of problems and solutions vary cross-culturally? Both global and U.S. social problems will be considered in this course. A wide range of social problems such as globalization, social inequality, access to health care, systems of education, reproductive rights, the environment, human trafficking, or other issues may be discussed in this course. Open to first-year students. No prerequisite. Not offered in 2019-20. (w, x)

### SOC 241: SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION (4) Department

This course analyzes religion as it relates to a range of social identities. We begin with a discussion of sociological theories of religion through which we will consider trends within religious practice, the purposes and effects of
religion, and the intersection of religion and other social structures. The class will then consider these theories in empirical contexts. Also listed as REL 241. Not offered in 2019-20. (DIV)

**SOC 246: THE MODERN INDIVIDUAL THROUGH LITERATURE AND FILM – INDIVIDUALISM, IDENTITY, AND ALIENATION (4)**
Department
Through the examination of selected literary works and films, we will seek to gain a better understanding of the individual’s quest for identity in modern/postmodern mass society. What forces combine to construct personal identity in a social world where the influence of family and community continue to decline? Not offered in 2019-20.

**SOC 250: SPECIAL TOPIC: MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (4)**
Matzner
Our lives are deeply affected by our mental health. But what exactly does it mean to be “mentally healthy”? Indeed, what is “pathological”? What is “normal”? And who gets to decide? Utilizing an intersectional, interdisciplinary perspective, this class examines power and oppression within the field of mental health, while also critically exploring societal aspects of mental illness. Also listed as GWS 250. Offered Term 1.

**SOC 250: SPECIAL TOPIC: BLACK FEMINIST THOUGHT (4)**
Turner
This course examines key issues and debates in classical and contemporary Black feminist theoretical perspectives within and outside of the United States. Students will explore the contributions of Black feminist scholars and activists to the field of Gender and Women's Studies. A major focus of the course will be how Black women's lived experiences shape Black feminist theory and praxis. Prerequisite: GWS 141. Also listed as GWS 250. Offered Term 2.

**SOC 250: SPECIAL TOPIC: REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE (4)**
Turner
This course examines the politics of reproduction in the United States, including the various actors and social institutions that shape reproductive legislation. Using an intersectional approach, students will explore topics such as forced sterilization, the policing of women of color's reproduction, and the connection between reproductive justice and other important issues, such as immigration and mass incarceration. Open to first-year students. Also listed as GWS 250. Offered Term 2.

**SOC 260: RACE, CLASS, AND GENDER - A REFLEXIVE APPROACH (4)**
Turner
This course addresses central concepts, theories, and empirical findings found in the sociological literature on structured social inequality. Emphasis is on historical and contemporary U.S. society. Considerable attention is devoted to examining the intersections between issues of cultural diversity and individual biographical experience. Open to first-year students with permission. No prerequisite. Offered Term 1. (DIV, MOD)

**SOC 281: GROUP DYNAMICS (4)**
Department
Study of structure and process in small-group relationships; group development and role formation; decision-making processes; power and conflict in group relationships; control of the individual by the group. Not offered in 2019-20.

**SOC 290: INDEPENDENT STUDY (2 or 4)**
Department
Independent study conducted below the advanced level. Application must be made with faculty prior to registration. Offered any term.

**SOC 315: THE COMMUNITY – IN SEARCH OF THE AMERICAN DREAM (4)**
Department
An examination of contemporary social, political, cultural, and economic issues and trends impacting communities. This course provides a forum for the analysis of social conditions that produce problems and solutions in communities and organizations in contemporary American society. Prerequisite: SOC 121 or permission. Not offered in 2019-20.

**SOC 323: SMALL CITIES STUDIO (4)**
Bohland
The Small Cities Studio Class is designed to provide a hands-on and collaborative research environment for students to engage issues and projects with Roanoke, Virginia. Students design their own research projects in consultation with instructors from both Hollins University and Virginia Tech. The class includes students from both campuses and provides a unique opportunity to work with students at a different campus. Also listed as POLS 323. Not offered in 2019-20.

**SOC 337: COMMUNICATION, SOCIETY, AND INDIVIDUAL IDENTITY (4)**
Department
In this class we will study the self as a social construction of dominant societal means of communication. The focus will be on the manner in which all communication, from interpersonal to mass media, affects individual identity.
development. Consideration of the specific effect will be on personal identity of the ascendancy of electronic media. Prerequisites: sophomore standing and SOC 110, SOC 113, or permission. Not offered in 2019-20.

**SOC 343: CRITICAL RACE THEORY (4)**  
Department  
This course examines racial assumptions embedded in US law and traces the impact of racism on the development of the law and legal institutions. Critical Race Theory (CRT) is a broad theoretical framework created by synthesizing the main themes of scholars who challenge dominant understandings of race and the law. This course surveys the texts that define the CRT framework. Not offered in 2019-20. (w, x, DIV)

**SOC 350: SPECIAL TOPIC: SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER (4)**  
Turner  
This course will examine the ways in which gender informs our experiences in the social world. We will specifically examine gender as it relates to our experiences within social institutions, such as work, family, and education. We will also look at gender as it relates to other facets of social identity, such as race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, age, and ability. Prerequisite: SOC 110. Also listed as GWS 350. Offered Term 1.

**SOC 390: INDEPENDENT STUDY (2 or 4)**  
Department  
Individual project work at the advanced level with a member of the sociology department. Application must be made with faculty prior to registration. Offered any term.

**SOC 399: INTERNSHIP (4)**  
Department  
Application must be made with faculty prior to registration. May be proposed in any term.

**SOC 490: SENIOR HONORS THESIS (4, 4)**  
Department  
Senior sociology majors with strong academic records may apply to work for honors recognition by presenting a thesis proposal to the faculty of the department. Work is completed over a full year (Fall, Short, and Spring Terms). Decisions on awards of departmental honor are made at the conclusion of the project. Application must be made with faculty prior to registration.

**COURSES IN ANTHROPOLOGY:**

**ANTH 145: INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY (4)**  
Costa  
A beginning course in cultural anthropology, its theory, method, and areas of study. Using films, lectures, and discussion, this course undertakes a cross-cultural exploration of cultural beliefs, practices, and their meanings in a variety of contemporary social contexts. Emphasis will be placed on applying anthropological insights to students' experiences in the U.S. Open to first-year students. No prerequisite. Not offered in 2019-20. (f, w, x, DIV)

**ANTH 219: FOOD, CULTURE, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (4)**  
Costa  
Explores the meanings of food and food-related practices in various cultural contexts in relation to structures of power and inequality including those shaped by race, ethnicity, gender, class, nationality, and geography. All students will participate in a community partnership project with a local food organization and volunteer a minimum of 20 hours during the semester. Also listed as ES/GWS 219. Prerequisite: sophomore standing. Not offered in 2019-20. (DIV)

**ANTH 220: LIFE HISTORIES/ SELF-NARRATIVES (4)**  
Costa  
This course acquaints students with the theory and method of life histories and self-narratives. Students critically examine these concepts, while exploring epistemology, difference, and feminist interpretations of narrative theory. Readings are drawn from diverse cultural and historical contexts. Methodologically, students learn to organize and conduct life history interviews, transcribe, and present them in written form. Also listed as GWS 220. Prerequisite: ANTH 145, GWS 141, or SOC 110. Not offered in 2019-20. (f, DIV)

**ANTH 242: ANTHROPOLOGY OF GENDER AND SEXUALITY (4)**  
Costa  
This course surveys anthropological approaches toward gender and sexuality from the 1920s to the present. We consider how gender and sexuality are constructed in specific historical and cultural contexts, including Pacific Island societies, Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas. Key issues to examine include essentialism/constructivism, non-normative sexualities, genital cutting, intersex, and transgenderism. Also listed as GWS 242. Prerequisite: ANTH 145, GWS 141, GWS 197F, or SOC 110. Not offered in 2019-20. (DIV)
ANTH 290: INDEPENDENT STUDY (2 or 4)  
Department  
Individual project work below the advanced level with a member of the sociology department. Application must be made with faculty prior to registration. Offered any term.

ANTH 390: INDEPENDENT STUDY (2 or 4)  
Department  
Individual project work at the advanced level with a member of the sociology department. Application must be made with faculty prior to registration. Offered any term.