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Welcome

Choosing a university or four-year college to complete your education and receive a bachelor's degree is a major decision. The Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Public Health (SAPH) at UMBC offers three undergraduate majors and two minors, as well as a master's and post-baccalaureate certificates.

Sociology (SOCY) is the study of social relationships among people and the institutions and organizations they use to organize these relationships. There are many subfields within sociology, including medical sociology, aging, population, religion, gender roles, family, work organizations, occupations, crime and delinquency, urban sociology, political sociology and others. All majors are required to take classes in methods, theory and statistics.

Anthropology (ANTH) is the worldwide comparative study of humankind, present and past. The subfield of cultural anthropology examines the relationship of culture, human meaning, and the social, political, and economic forces that affect our worlds. Our major, which focuses on cultural anthropology, provides students with an understanding of cultural diversity, human social organization and social structure, and social research methods.

The Public Health Program (PBHL) is designed for career-oriented students who plan to seek employment in one of a variety of administrative, supportive, planning, research or policy positions. Students can expect to achieve a comprehensive understanding of health care issues and the health care system that will underpin various educational and career goals; training in basic administrative, managerial and methodological skills; preparation for entry-level employment in community health and health care organizations and in support systems in the private and public sectors; and preparation for a graduate program leading to an advanced degree in a health related field.

Majors also have available several options within the programs. One is independent study courses, which enable students to study particular areas of interest with individual faculty members. Another is the honors program, which consists of three courses that emphasize individual work with faculty members.

Students in SOCY & ANTH can also enroll in a community service and learning internship, while earning credit hours towards their overall bachelor's degree. Students in PBHL are required to take an internship (6 credits) which is applied to their major.

The department has chapters in the national honor societies of Lambda Alpha (Anthropology) and Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology). The department also has student-run organizations for undergraduates and graduates, which include: Council of Majors (ANTH & PBHL) and Sociology Graduate Student Organization (SGSO).

Majors in SOCY, ANTH and PBHL often enroll in professional and academic graduate programs after receiving their undergraduate degrees. The department also offers a Bachelor's/Master's in Applied Sociology option that enables students to reduce the number of credits required to complete the master's degree.

Advising

Advising is an essential component of academic success. All undergraduates are required to participate in academic advising each Fall and Spring semester in order to register. Each student will be assigned a faculty advisor.

Undergraduate students: contact Debbie Sanford (dsanford@umbc.edu) for advising information.

Graduate students: contact Emily Byrne (ebyrne@umbc.edu) for advising information.

Programs of Study

See website/catalog for list of required classes

Sociology, BA
32 credits total

Anthropology, BA
31 credits total

Public Health, BA
49 credits total

Applied Sociology, MA
30 credits total

Accelerated Programs

Bachelor's/Master's in Applied Sociology
BA/MPP Public Health

Certificates

Graduate Non Profit Sector
Graduate Social Dimensions of Health
Graduate Applied Social Research Methods
Undergraduate Social Dimensions of Health

Double Majors

Sociology/Anthropology
Sociology/Psychology
Sociology/Social Work
Public Health/Social Work

Minors

Anthropology
Public Health
Sociology
Social Work Major with Sociology Minor

Career Opportunities

- Social or Public Services
- Program/Administrative Support
- Management
- Education
- Marketing
- Social Science Researcher
- Policy Analyst
- Public Health
- Long-term care
- Hospitals
- Federal, state and community health agencies and other health-related organizations.