Sociology looks at aspects of societies that transcend the individual - social phenomena such as culture and social structure. It also explores the relationships among the individuals and groups that make up the social world. Areas of concern include:

- the causes and effects of the distribution of wealth and power in a society;
- the impact of social categories such as gender, race, and age;
- the nature of social institutions such as religion, the family, and education;
- the ways that individuals organize and influence their everyday lives.

Sociology enables the student to understand broader social and historical forces and their relation to the lives of individuals.

The Sociology major provides a background for those who seek careers in social research, law enforcement, human resources, social work, teaching, journalism, and other fields.

The Sociology Department offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, a Master of Arts degree in Social Research and Analysis and a Graduate Certificate in Data Collection and Analysis.

**Undergraduate**

- Sociology Major (B.A.) ([link](http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/sociology-ba/))
- Sociology Major (B.A.) (Combined B.A./M.A.T. with Teacher Certification in Grades K-6 and Teacher of Students with Disabilities) ([link](http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/sociology-teacher-certification-elementary-school-grades-k-6-students-disabilities-combined-ba-mat/))
- Sociology Major with Teacher Certification in Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6 (B.A.) ([link](http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/sociology-teacher-certification-elementary-school-grades-k-6-ba/))
- Sociology Major with Teacher Certification in Social Studies (Preschool-Grade 12) (B.A.) ([link](http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/sociology-teacher-certification-social-studies-preschool-grade-12-ba/))
- Sociology Minor ([link](http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/sociology-minor/))

**Graduate**

- Data Collection and Management Certificate Program ([link](http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/data-collection-management-certificate-graduate/))
- Social Research and Analysis (M.A.) ([link](http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/social-research-and-analysis-ma/))