

# SOCIOLOGY



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*Sociologists study society and social behavior by examining the groups, cultures, organizations, social institutions, and processes that develop when people interact and work together. Sociologists typically design research projects to test theories about social issues, collect data through surveys and other sources, analyze and draw conclusions from data, prepare reports, articles, or presentations detailing their research findings, and collaborate with and advise other social scientists, policymakers, or other groups on research findings and sociological issues.\**

## The Program

The Sociology Area of Concentration within the A.A. in Social Sciences is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university. Program majors study various societies and learn about human interaction as well as learn methods of effective communication on how the discipline contributes to an understanding of the social world. Students will develop sociological knowledge, skills, and values that can be applied in transfer programs and various occupations.

## Learning Outcomes

- Understand the sociological perspective which is defined as the ability to see the connections between our personal experience and the larger forces of history.
- Perform sociological analyses on selected contemporary social issues (e.g., education, poverty, globalization, war).
- Describe sociological research methods and interpret sociological research.
- Identify and articulate the interplay of macro and micro level structural forces and the influence of culture in shaping behavior.
- Understand the stratified nature of globalization and the importance of intercultural differences within and between local and global communities.
- Communicate effectively on how sociology contributes to an understanding of the social world.
- Develop sociological knowledge, skills, and values that can be applied in transfer programs and various occupations.
- Recognize how social life is structured in ways that influence choices, opportunities, and action.

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## **Growth Potential & Estimated Salaries**

The median annual wage for sociologists was \$82,050 in May 2018. Employment of sociologists is projected to show little or no change from 2016 to 2026.\*

## **Financial Assistance**

Frederick Community College (FCC) provides a tuition payment plan for students who wish to spread payment over several months. Scholarship and loan assistance is available for eligible students. For complete scholarship information, contact Financial Aid.

## **Transfer Note**

Students can transfer the equivalent of 60 credits to any four-year institution in Maryland. To find more information about how credits will transfer from FCC to a state four-year institution, visit [artsys.usmd.edu](http://artsys.usmd.edu) or consult a College advisor. Students who plan to transfer should speak with an advisor or program manager from their chosen transfer institution before selecting elective courses.

**View required course listings:**  
**[frederick.edu/sociology](http://frederick.edu/sociology)**

\*Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Sociologists

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