

# DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND FAMILY STUDIES

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The Department of Sociology and Family Studies offers an academic major in Sociology leading to a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. Within the Sociology major, the department offers a concentration in Gerontology. The department also offers minor programs in sociology, criminology and family studies, coursework leading to certification as a family life educator (CFLE), a Certificate in Gerontology, and courses applicable to the General Education Component.

The Department of Sociology and Family Studies aims to prepare students for the many occupations in government, the justice system, health care, personnel management and human services for which preparation in sociology, criminology, family studies, and gerontology are appropriate; or for advanced study in graduate and professional schools leading to teaching and research positions. The gerontology concentration and interdisciplinary certificate program are designed to provide a broad base of knowledge and skills to advance the careers of those who work with our growing elderly population. Students should consult the department chair concerning personal educational objectives, programs, career objectives and options for online/distance learning education. Information about sociology, this department and online/distance learning education are available at <http://www.una.edu/sociology>.

Sociology majors must pursue at least one academic minor. The following minors are recommended: criminal justice, family studies, criminology, foreign languages, geography, geographic information science, international studies, management, marketing, political science, psychology and public relations. Successful completion of an exit examination is required of all students completing a major in Sociology.

## Majors

- BA/BS Major in Sociology (<https://catalog.una.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/arts-sciences/sociology-family-studies/sociology-family-studies-ba-bs>)

## Minors

- Criminology Minor (<https://catalog.una.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/arts-sciences/sociology-family-studies/criminology-minor>)
- Family Studies Minor (<https://catalog.una.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/arts-sciences/sociology-family-studies/family-studies-minor>)
- Sociology Minor (<https://catalog.una.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/arts-sciences/sociology-family-studies/sociology-minor>)

## Certificates

- Family Life Education Certificate (<https://catalog.una.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/arts-sciences/special-programs-activities/certificate-family-life-education>)
- Gerontology Certificate (<https://catalog.una.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/arts-sciences/special-programs-activities/certificate-gerontology>)