

# WHAT IS THE STUDY OF SOCIOLOGY?

Sociology is the study of society. The sociological imagination is a strategy for understanding the relationships between the lived experiences of individuals and their social and historical context. There are two subfields within sociology:

- Macro-sociology: the study of society as a whole, analyzes social systems and populations on a large scale.
- Micro-sociology: the study of small group and/or individual behaviour with an analytic focus on everyday interactions.

Human social life is the particular focus of sociological inquiry. Sociologists study every aspect of our interactive lives like families, identities, genders, conformity, and deviance. They also study all of the institutions that we participate in, including religion, education, governance, health-care, family, and law.

## WHY STUDY SOCIOLOGY AT CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY?

- CBU offers diverse sociology courses on family, religion, deviance, gender, education, identity, environment, the relationships between people and animals, classical and contemporary theory, and qualitative and quantitative methodologies.
- Small classes, taught by passionate faculty, give students the chance to leverage sociological research methods in their first year, including interviews, quantitative surveys and observations made in everyday settings.
- Sociology prepares students to do research in social settings, design and assess social policy, guide the implementation of programs and policies, and engage with various kinds of organizations.

# **BA** Degree

This program has two entry points, so students can start in September or January.

# **SOCIOLOGY COURSES**

- SOCO 4302 Contemporary Sociological Theory
- SOCO 4300 Classical Theory in Sociology
- SOCO 3307 Criminology
- SOCO 3306 Contemporary Issues in Education
- SOCO 3304 Religion, Science & Society
- SOCO Survey of Sociological Theory

# **ACADEMIC SUCCESS COACHING**

At Cape Breton University, we want all of our students to find success - and working with an academic success coach is a great way to get started. This one-on-one meeting gives you the chance to examine the big-picture goals of your university experience and determine the best way to reach them.

During this coaching visit, you will work with your coach to create an academic plan and discuss your strengths and areas in which you could improve.

#### PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Options for the sociology degree within the Bachelor of Arts degree program:

- BA three-year Concentration
- BA Major
- BA Double Major
- BA four-year Honours

Students will receive a 3 or 4-year Canadian university degree upon the successful completion of the program.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants to the program must have completed five Grade 12 advanced or academic courses including English with an overall average of at least 65%. Applicants must successfully complete the IELTS exam with a score of 6.5 band average with no individual section score less than 6.0.

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Career Development Services will help you prepare for a successful career. Its services include individual career counselling, resume and cover letter writing, mock interviews with feedback, graduate information, labour market information and more.

# **CAREERS**

This program is a strong foundation for any career requiring an understanding of social issues and social-problem solving. Sociology also provokes social sensitivity, providing excellent preparation for work in our increasingly multicultural world. Careers can be found in law enforcement, social work, education, health promotion, public relationships, and market research among others.

CBU's degree in Sociology will prepare you with the education necessary for you to achieve success in a broad range of sectors.

## Attention

For those students who have graduated from an Indian educational institution with a degree in this subject area, credit recognition for your Indian courses is possible.

