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**The Hood College**

**Department of  
Sociology and  
Social Work**

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## The Department of Sociology and Social Work

Both of our programs—sociology and social work—will give you an array of timely and topical courses taught by faculty members who are caring, committed to student learning and actively engaged in research in their disciplines. They will serve as your mentors and advisors.

### Sociology

Sociology students work with a faculty member to complete an independent research project and/or engage in team community-based research with the Frederick Community Action Agency as part of their senior capstone. Most students also complete an internship experience (up to 15 credits) guided by a site supervisor and a faculty mentor where they utilize grant writing, program evaluation, research, communication, and data collection-analysis skills gained from their studies in coordination with an organizations' community and professional projects. Popular internship sites include United Way of Frederick County, YMCA, Frederick County Healthcare Coalition, and Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

### Social Work

Social work students participate in 40 hours of service learning in the first year of the program. Popular volunteer placements include Frederick Rescue Mission, On Our Own, and Community Living. Our seniors round out their experience in the program with a 500-hour field practicum supervised by a licensed social worker. Practicum sites include Frederick County Public Schools, Carroll Lutheran Village, Family Partnership, Office of the Public Defender, and the Mental Health Association.

### From Our Students

*"We are there to listen to [our clients], give them support, and/or resources in order to allow them to have their needs met."*  
—Jaylyn Hamilton '22



*"I really enjoy being a part of the social work program at Hood College. The curriculum really goes past just the basics of the profession, and I have gotten to practice skills like cultural humility that make me a better social worker. The program has prepared me for not only my field placement, but also a successful career in social work."*

*—Paige Tolbard '22*

*"Social workers are everywhere! They practice in hospitals, schools, counseling, government, nursing homes and more."*

*—Rylan Lutz '22*

## Majors and Concentrations

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- **Sociology (B.A.)**
- **Social Work (B.A.)**

### Minors

- **Sociology Minor**
- **Pre-Professional Practice in Social Work Minor**
- **Social Science Research Minor**
- **Criminology and Delinquency Minor**

## Beyond the Classroom

As a student in the Department of Sociology and Social Work, you'll take part in internships or field placements, which will serve as community-based learning opportunities that will tie in classroom learning and career aspirations with real-world experience. This combination of academic and practical experience means that you'll graduate well-prepared for your first job and career. Students may also work with a faculty member on an independent study related to a specialized topic of your own choosing.

# HOOD BY THE NUMBERS

# 32

**BACHELOR'S  
DEGREES**

# 19

**MASTER'S  
DEGREES**

# 11

**POST-BACCALAUREATE  
CERTIFICATES**

# 2

**DOCTORAL  
PROGRAMS**

8 MASTER'S PROGRAMS THAT CAN BE ACCELERATED AS PART OF THE 4PLUS PROGRAM

**AVERAGE CLASS SIZE 15**

**STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO 11:1**

# 2,037

**TOTAL  
ENROLLMENT**

# 1,182

**NUMBER OF  
UNDERGRADUATE  
STUDENTS**

# 30&14

STATES COUNTRIES

**OF ORIGIN FOR  
UNDERGRAD  
STUDENTS**

# 40%

**UNDERGRADUATE  
DIVERSITY**

855 GRADUATE STUDENTS

# 97

**FULL-TIME  
PROFESSORS**

# 95%

**OF FULL-TIME  
FACULTY HOLD A  
TERMINAL DEGREE  
IN THEIR FIELD**

# 136

**PART-TIME AND  
ADJUNCT FACULTY  
COMPLEMENT THE  
FACULTY WITH  
THEIR EXPERTISE**

# 26%

**DIVERSITY OF  
FULL-TIME  
FACULTY**



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