



IMPACT YOUR
COMMUNITY WITH A
CAREER IN SOCIOLOGY
AND SOCIAL WORK.

Hood College DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

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As part of The Ruth Whitaker Holmes School of Behavioral and Health Sciences, both of our programs—sociology and social work—offer relevant courses taught by faculty members who are committed to student learning and actively engaged in their disciplines. They will serve as your mentors and advisers every step of the way, as you apply classroom learning to an internship in a real-world setting. At the end of your studies, you will have gained hands-on experience to enter a career in sociology or social work with confidence.



I would tell anyone who is considering studying social work at Hood that our program is excellent. It's a personalized experience, and I always felt supported and valued. The program will provide you with the skills, knowledge and ethic to be an amazing social worker, and if you embrace the experience, you will grow both personally and professionally.

—SARAH MCKINLEY '23
Social Work Major





PROGRAMS

- Sociology (B.A.)
- Social Work (B.A.)
- Criminology and Delinquency Minor
- Sociology Minor
- Social Science Research Minor
- Social Work, Pre-Professional Practice Minor

SOCIOLOGY

You will work closely with a faculty member to complete an independent research project and/or engage in community-based research with the City of Frederick Department of Housing and Human Services as part of the senior capstone. Most students also complete an internship experience (up to 15 credits) guided by a site supervisor and faculty mentor.

You will utilize grant writing, program evaluation, research, communication and data collection/analysis skills on a project with one of our community partners. Popular internship sites include United Way of Frederick County, YMCA, Frederick County Healthcare Coalition and Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

SOCIAL WORK

Our curriculum includes courses in practice methods, research, policy and theory—all the necessary skills to become a generalist social worker. Small class sizes allow for individualized attention, while hands-on experience in the form of service learning and simulated practice will prepare you for a dynamic career in social work.

As a senior, your classroom learning will culminate in 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.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

As a student in the Department of Sociology and Social Work, you will take part in internships or field placements, which will serve as community-based educational opportunities that connect classroom learning and career aspirations with real-world experience. This combination of academic and practical knowledge will prepare you to pursue graduate school or a career. Students may also work with a faculty member on an independent study related to a specialized topic of your own choosing.

DEGREE-IN-THREE

The Degree-in-Three program provides an accelerated curriculum map for students to complete a sociology B.A. in just three years. Degree-in-Three sociology students can save up \$33K+ in tuition.

4PLUS

Hood's 4PLUS program combines undergraduate and graduate studies to save you time and money. By working with your adviser, you can start taking courses toward your master's in your junior or senior year and earn dual-course credit for both your bachelor's and master's degree.

Any major can work toward a master's in business administration, computer science, cybersecurity, health informatics, information technology or management information systems.

CAREERS IN SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

Sociologists and social workers pursue careers in diverse fields, including human services, child welfare, healthcare and education, with faster than average job growth.

- Civil Service
- Community Health Worker
- Consultant
- Human Resources Manager
- Market Researcher
- Public Relations
- School Counselor
- Social Worker
- Survey Analyst
- Urban Planning





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Our faculty are committed teachers, active in scholarship, service and mentorship—faculty who will work with you and help develop your critical thinking skills.

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