Sociology

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Study our world — our social lives as individuals, how people connect as members of various groups, how societies are organized, and how they change over time. As a sociology student, consider the various options facing societies in an increasingly complex world. Influence and participate in societal change in a meaningful way. Our department offers small classes in a bilingual environment, as well as close mentorship with faculty members who encourage deep engagement with critical contemporary social issues, including racial inequality, migration, gender discrimination, poverty, indigenous reconciliation, climate justice and development. Our award-winning scholars are active in research and engaged and connected with local and global communities.

“As a person passionate about social justice and human rights initiatives, my degree opened my mind and challenged me in unexpected yet fulfilling ways. Supportive professors and the flexibility of the program allowed me to align my personal and academic interests and gave me the space I needed to learn more about my Indigenous heritage. My experience has been truly immersive and has shaped and strengthened my resolve to develop my understanding of alternative ways of knowing and being in the world, specifically from Indigenous perspectives.” — Breanna B., iBA’20 Sociology and Gender and Women’s Studies

Boost Your Major

- Get involved with the Aboriginal Students Association and international advocacy organizations such as Amnesty International and UNICEF
- Consider an exchange with Laval University in Quebec City
- Complete your Sociology degree as a bilingual or trilingual international bachelor of arts (IBA)

Skills You’ll Earn

- Comprehensive knowledge of social causes and issues and their consequences
- The ability to conduct both qualitative and quantitative social research
- An understanding of issues of diversity and equity in contemporary society and institutional settings, especially issues of racialization, gender and disability and intercultural awareness

Career Paths

As a graduate, you’ll be well-equipped to become a leader and changemaker. You can choose to pursue grad studies or get additional qualifications for careers such as:

- Civil servant
- Criminal Justice System worker
- Educator
- Environmental activist
- International Development consultant

- Lawyer
- NGO worker
- Polling and Survey expert
- Researcher
- Social Services worker
### Academics
- Attend an enrolment-planning workshop with the Academic Advising team
- Check your program requirements in the Academic Calendar
- Start/continue your language journey; visit our language-learning support centres
- Enrol in Sociological Perspectives to understand the connection between the personal and broader social structures
- Participate in orientation activities like JumpStart and Frosh Week
- Visit the Salon francophone or ESL Open Learning Centre
- Meet the Student Life Coordinator

### Get Involved
- Contact the Experiential Education office to find opportunities
- Develop your digital media skills at the Glendon Digital Media Lab
- Learn to articulate the skills you have developed through Becoming YU
- Learn another language – 20 languages are taught at Glendon and Keele Campuses, including French, Spanish and Ojibwe!
- Develop your intercultural skills
- Enrol in our bilingual or trilingual international bachelor of arts (BA)

### Gain Experience
- Become a Peer Mentor
- Join the Glendon Leadership Development program
- Get involved with the Aboriginal Students Association and international advocacy organizations such as Amnesty International and UNICEF
- Represent students’ voices in university governance and/or committees
- Continue your language journey; visit our language-learning support centres
- Learn a personal or broader social structure
- Participate in orientation activities like JumpStart and Frosh Week
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### Think Globally
- Learn in Women and Religion: Sex, Spirituality and Feminine Power for a deep understanding of the relationship between women and religion, including feminist spirituality and goddess worship in religious movements.
- Request a progress report and meet with your academic advisor
- Pursue your passion project through G21, Glendon’s inquiry-based incubator, or GENIAL, for startups
- Do a work placement with an elective course

### Plan Your Future
- Attend Glendon’s Bilingual Job Fair and networking events
- Use the Career Centre to enhance your resumé and LinkedIn profile; learn job search techniques
- Attend Glendon’s Global debates
- L’Enquête de terrain
- Urban and Environmental Sociology Cross-Campus Capstone Classroom (C4)
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- International Migration; International Perspectives on Race and Ethnic Relations; Global Sociology, Urban and Environmental Sociology courses

### First Year
- Attend an enrolment-planning workshop with the Academic Advising team
- Check your program requirements in the Academic Calendar
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- Enrol in Sociological Perspectives to understand the connection between the personal and broader social structures

### Middle Years
- Become a Peer Mentor
- Join the Glendon Leadership Development program
- Get involved with the Aboriginal Students Association and international advocacy organizations such as Amnesty International and UNICEF
- Represent students’ voices in university governance and/or committees
- In your courses, conduct observations in Toronto neighbourhoods and connect with community institutions such as religious, environmental, immigrant services and cultural organizations

### Final Year
- Become a Glendon Ambassador
- Join an association, such as the Canadian Sociological Association, the Ontario Association of Social Workers or the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology
- Work on practical challenges by enrolling in the Cross-Campus Capstone Classroom (C4)
- Apply practical sociological skills in courses such as Urban and Environmental Sociology and L’Enquête de terrain

### Other Skills You’ll Earn
- Communication, Data Gathering & Organizational Skills
  - Develop information from various sources and concentrate on relevant resources
  - Prepare oral and written presentations and reports using current data and technology
  - Learn new information and apply this to professional demands
  - Critically analyze problems, think creatively and make sound and well-reasoned decisions while considering different sides of each argument
- Management & Teamwork
  - Interpret and analyze information presented by peers and efficiently and constructively support or challenge their proposals, theories, ideas and reports in order to achieve a project’s intended and successful end result
  - Lead and interact with a variety of people with different approaches and personal and professional backgrounds
  - Work effectively in group situations, participate in decision-making, lead and contribute in various capacities to the ultimate success of the team and task
  - Identify priorities and proper courses of action, plan the execution of tasks and determine and delegate responsibilities to group members to most effectively carry out projects
- Admission Requirements
  - Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent, with average* of mid-to-high 70s
  - A minimum of six 4U or 4M courses, including 4U English (ENG4U) or French (FRA4U) for applicants from French-language high schools.
  - We accept a combination of U and M courses and OACs.
  - Proficiency in English OR French
  - *Average is calculated based on the top six 4U; 4M or DU courses

### Get In Touch
- Domestic students: liaison@glendon.yorku.ca
- International students: international@glendon.yorku.ca
- Attend one of our events!