In an ever-diverse and globalized world, the ability to understand the inner workings of human social interactions and the contextual history of humankind is increasingly important. The Sociology and Anthropology (SA) Department offers a joint Bachelor’s degree and minor in Sociology and Anthropology. The SA Department also participates in the interdisciplinary majors/minors and programs: Latin American and Caribbean Studies; Liberal Studies (MA); Science, Letters and Society; and, Women and Gender Studies. These fields engage in societal and cultural studies that are designed to endow majors with the know how to work with diverse communities of people, across a wide range of professions.

Studying Sociocultural Anthropology at CSI

Through its emphasis on sociocultural anthropology, the SA Department’s strength lies at the intersection of investigative research into the structure of groups, organizations, and societies and how people interact and apply knowledge to solve problems within these contexts.

The joint major in Sociology/Anthropology offers several options: most of the 40–44 credit requirement may be met by courses in sociology or in anthropology, according to the student’s primary interest; courses from both disciplines may be mixed equally. The program prepares students for such areas as teaching sociology or anthropology, social work, urban planning, public health, management, and law. Selected sociology and anthropology courses will also be of particular interest to majors in Biology, Psychology, History, Economics, International Studies, Nursing and Computer Science.

The Sociology/Anthropology B.A.
The Sociology/Anthropology BA is a 35-credit (3–4 credits per course) major track. Required courses emphasize topics such as sociological theory and cross cultural study, and teach students the importance of research skills in this field.

In conjunction with general education requirements and elective courses, a 4-year Sociology/Anthropology B.A. track can be constructed as follows:

First Year
SOC 100

Second Year
200+ level Sociology/Anthropology

Third Year
200+ level SOC/ANT
SOC 201 – Methods of Sociological Research
ANT 201 – Cultural Anthropology
SOC 200 – Sociological Theory

Fourth Year
300+ level Anthropology
300+ level Sociology/Anthropology
300+ level Sociology/Anthropology

Honors
In order to graduate with honors in Sociology/Anthropology, a student must have a 3.50 grade point average in Sociology/Anthropology courses and must complete an honors thesis or project under the supervision of a Sociology or Anthropology faculty member. This project must then be reviewed and given a passing grade by the faculty supervisor and two other readers.

Faculty Profiles

The 17 full-time faculty in the Sociology/Anthropology program are world-class scholars and educators. They come from around the globe—Pakistan, South Korea, Puerto Rico and the UK—and were trained at many universities—CUNY, Georgetown, Harvard, Brown, Johns Hopkins, Cornell, UConn and UMass. The department offers courses on topics such as Food, Self & Society; Ethnicity & Immigration; Class, Status & Power; Wall Street and Economic Crisis; and Women & Work. All of our faculty are actively engaged in research in their area of expertise, which provides real world examples of the many fascinating topics we teach.

Dr. Jean Halley
Dr. Jean Halley earned her PhD in Sociology from the CUNY Graduate
Center and her MA in Theological Studies from Harvard University. Author of numerous books, including “The Affective Turn: Theorizing the Social,” “Boundaries of Touch: Parenting and Adult-Child Intimacy” and “Seeing White: An Introduction to White Privilege,” Halley’s most recent work is “The Parallel Lives of Women and Cows: Meat Markets.” This study weaves together Halley’s memoir with a social history of beef cows. Halley explores what life means, and how life is valued, both cow and gendered human life, and she examines the various paths taken to arrive at the now that, once, was her childhood.

Dr. John “Jay” Arena
Winner of the 2013 Oliver Cromwell Cox Book Award and the 2014 Paul Sweezy Marxist Sociology Book Award from the American Sociological Association’s Marxist and Racial and Ethnic Minorities Sections, Dr. Arena has become a well-respected public sociologist. He earned his PhD in Sociology and MA in Latin American Studies from Tulane University in New Orleans, and joined the College of Staten Island’s Department of Sociology and Anthropology in Fall 2008. Arena maintains this commitment to social change by linking his research, writing and teaching in the service of changing oppressive social conditions. His areas of expertise include urban political economy, neoliberalism, post-civil rights black politics and social movements.

Dr. Grace Cho
After joining the Sociology and Anthropology Department faculty in 2004, Dr. Cho is now an Associate Professor. Cho completed her PhD in Sociology and Women’s Studies at the CUNY Graduate Center, graduated with an MEd from Harvard University and a BA from Brown University. Her book “Haunting the Korean Diaspora: Shame, Secrecy, and the Forgotten War” won the 2010 Asia and Asian America Outstanding Book Award from the American Sociological Association. Her research has covered a variety of issues, including collective trauma, war and militarism, migration, labor, sexuality, performance and food. Professor Cho is also an active member of several community organizations, such as Nodutdol for Korean Community Development and the Brooklyn Health Food Campaign.

**Education and Employment Opportunities**

Students who earn a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology often pursue further education in Social Work, Sociology graduate degree programs and law school while others pursue careers. There are a plethora of careers in the private, public and nonprofit sectors available to Sociology degree holders, who may pursue research and planning positions with government agencies or nonprofits—providing organizations with essential research and workplans to support community initiatives and policy; and criminal justice work—supporting inmate rehabilitation and parole.

Sociology graduates may also consider work in communications, engaging their technical writing skills through reporting and public relations work; advocacy—pairing their knowledge of society with personal policy interests with policy research and community organizing; or business and industry—leveraging their knowledge of human resources to support businesses’ training and human development.

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**2015 MEDIAN SOCIOLOGY BA SALARIES**

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