SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

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Department Description

Sociology is a wide-ranging discipline that strives to understand how the organization of society affects people's lives and experiences. Our mission is to help students develop a sociological perspective and use this perspective to question and understand the world around them. Students in our program have opportunities to develop critical thinking and research skills and to apply classroom learning through experiences in community organizations and agencies. Department faculty members are committed to excellence in teaching and work to assist students in developing a foundation for moving into a career.

Faculty Department Faculty

Jeffrey S. Bennett^{1,2}; associate professor of anthropology and religious studies; B.A. (University of Washington); M.A., Ph.D. (University of Chicago).

Marc Garcelon¹; associate professor of sociology; B.A. (University of Washington); M.A., Ph.D. (University of California at Berkeley).

Jennifer Huberman; professor of anthropology; B.A. (Boston University); M.A., Ph.D. (University of Chicago).

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Emeriti Faculty

Linda M. Breytspraak; professor emeritus of sociology and medicine.

Undergraduate Undergraduate Programs:

- Bachelor of Arts: Sociology
- Bachelor of Arts: Sociology with Emphasis in Cultural Anthropology (https://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/ academic-departments-programs/sociology-anthropology/bachelor-of-arts-sociology/cultural-anthropology/)

Minors:

- Minor in Anthropology
- Minor in Sociology