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<b>Sociology</b>	Sociology (BA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Murdoch campus (internal)</li> <li>• Some units only; Murdoch campus (external)</li> </ul>

## SOCIOLOGY

### SOCIOLOGY (BA)

#### Global Studies

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Sociology

Course Codes: B1356

Duration: 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

#### Availability:

- Murdoch campus (internal) Some units only: Murdoch campus (external)

In an increasingly complex global world, understanding social change and your part in this is of vital importance. With this in mind, Sociology provides you with knowledge that is academically sound, socially useful and vocationally relevant. Central to how we practice Sociology at Murdoch is our interest in developing pioneering ways of understanding the dynamic relationship between individuals and the global societies they are part of. On top of exploring the patterns, ideas and findings of Sociology in various texts you will be encouraged to think as an active sociologist.

Sociology helps us to grasp the connections between the personal and the social in a global context. It helps us understand how changes in the structure of society, the material world (eg. Technology), the economy, cultural systems of beliefs and values, and access to power, influence us as members of society. Sociology is particularly interested in class, gender, ethnicity, and religion. Sociological knowledge and skills are increasingly important in a wide range of professions and occupations, and provide a broader perspective for understanding the world.

The Bachelor of Arts at Murdoch is a degree unlike any other in Australia. It embraces new directions in teaching and practice-based learning to train the thinkers and researchers of the 21st century. So many of the biggest and most vital issues we face today are about human society and the human condition. How can we understand who we are, how we want to live, or what kind of society we want to create, without the insights, knowledge and skills provided by the humanities? Our degree is different because we teach our students to put these into practice in a way that is recognised and valued by employers. Our graduates are empowered to be the agile and creative thinkers who will thrive in a rapidly changing world. They are able to think creatively, communicate effectively, manage projects, exercise highly-developed analytical and interpersonal skills, and they possess an in-depth knowledge of contemporary societal issues and trends. These are professional skills which are recognised and valued universally. In short, you can study what you love and get a job too!

#### Employment Prospects:

Sociology is uniquely suited to helping students develop skills needed for successful careers related to social life, social change, diverse communities, and their interactions. Studying sociology fosters creativity, innovation, critical thinking, problem solving, and communication skills. It provides a foundation for understanding the globalising world and equips you with tools for imagining solutions to difficult social problems.

The breadth, adaptability, and utility of sociology mean there are numerous employment opportunities. The following list is illustrative and there are other career options: Advocacy; Case management; Childcare; Community development; Criminal investigations/justice; Elementary or secondary education; Human resources/Personnel; Research agencies; Law enforcement; Non-profit agencies; Police officers; Rehabilitation counselling; Social work; Sustainable development; Special Education; Youth/Elderly services; Urban Planning.

#### Admission Requirements (Onshore):

As per normal undergraduate admission requirements.

#### Special Requirements:

There may be a reduction of choice of units if completing this course in the external mode.

#### Recommended Double Majors:

Community Development; International Aid and Development; Sustainable Development; Tourism and Events

#### Recommended Minors:

Asian Studies; Australian Indigenous Studies; Modern History; Public Policy; Religion

#### Main Research Areas:

Social change and social equity, humanitarian work, food studies, social policy, gender inequalities, multiculturalism, diversity and inequality, (global) institutions

### Course Structure - 72 credit points

#### Course Core - 24 credit points

##### 100 Level Units - 9 credit points

##### Spine Unit - 3 credit points

MSP100 Career Learning: Managing Your Career - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-external, S2-external

##### Course Core Units - 6 credit points

ART101 Coming into Community - 6 points  
<span data-type="offering" data-unit="ART101">MURDOCH: S1-internal (quota of 112 places) (closed), S1-external, S2-internal, S2-external</span>

OR

ART102 Inventing the Future - 6 points

##### 200 Level Units - 15 credit points

##### Spine Units - 6 credit points

Select from the following:

MSP200 Building Enterprise Skills - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-external, S2-external

MSP201 Real World Learning - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-external, S2-external, SUM-external, W-external, Y-external

ART208 Presenting in Public: Writing and Performing for Professional Contexts - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S2-internal

ART325 Professional Placement - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal

AIS308 Working with Indigenous Communities: Internship - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal

COD303 Preparing for Professional Community Practice - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

POL340 Public Policy Internship - 6 points  
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

AST384 Asian Studies Project - 3 points  
MURDOCH: AU7-external, S1-external, W-external

##### Course Core Units - 9 credit points

ART201 Global Citizenship - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external, S2-internal, S2-external

ART202 The Weight of Data - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external, S2-internal, S2-external

BAR200 Developing Research Skills and Methods - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

**Major Units - 24 credit points****Options - 24 credit points**

Select from any of the available Majors, Co-Majors or Minors

**Major Structure - 24 credit points****100 Level Units - 6 credit points****Core Units - 6 credit points**

SOC134 Introduction to Sociology - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

COD125 Introduction to Community Development - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

**200 Level Units - 9 credit points****Core Units - 9 credit points**

BRD201 Food Matters - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

SOC203 Youth Identities - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

SOC209 Religion and Society - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

**300 Level Units - 9 credit points****Course Core Unit - 3 credit points**

SOC313 Healthy Lifestyles - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

**Specified Electives - 6 credit points**

Select from the following:

COD214 Social Policy and Community Action - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

COD302 Creative Ways to Work with Community - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

SUS207 Overseas Aid and International Development - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

SUS310 Sustainable Urban Communities - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

POL226 Sex and Gender Matters - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

POL246 Public Policy Analysis - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

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**PREREQUISITES****Asian Studies Project (AST384)**

Permission of the Unit Coordinator.

**Building Enterprise Skills (MSP200)**

Nil.

**Career Learning: Managing Your Career (MSP100)**

Nil.

**Coming into Community (ART101)**

Nil.

**Creative Ways to Work with Community (COD302)**

Nil.

**Developing Research Skills and Methods (BAR200)**

Nil.

**Food Matters (BRD201)**

Nil.

**Global Citizenship (ART201)**

Nil

**Healthy Lifestyles (SOC313)**

Nil.

**Introduction to Community Development (COD125)**

Nil.

**Introduction to Sociology (SOC134)**

Nil.

**Inventing the Future (ART102)**

Nil.

**Overseas Aid and International Development (SUS207)**

Nil.

**Preparing for Professional Community Practice (COD303)**

Nil.

**Presenting in Public: Writing and Performing for Professional Contexts (ART208)**

nil

**Professional Placement (ART325)**

Enrolment in a Bachelor of Arts course and with the permission of Academic Chair

**Public Policy Analysis (POL246)**

Nil.

**Public Policy Internship (POL340)**

High standard of academic performance.

**Real World Learning (MSP201)**

Normally completed an equivalent of 24 credit points

**Religion and Society (SOC209)**

Nil.

**Sex and Gender Matters (POL226)**

Nil.

**Social Policy and Community Action (COD214)**

Nil.

**Sustainable Urban Communities (SUS310)**

Nil.

**The Weight of Data (ART202)**

Nil.

**Working with Indigenous Communities: Internship (AIS308)**

Students must have completed at least two (2) units from the Australian Indigenous Studies minor or have sought the approval of the Academic Chair.

**Youth Identities (SOC203)**

Nil.

# Personal Study Plan

Unit Sets:

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Year	Semester 1	Semester 2
1		
2		
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