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## B.A. in Sociology

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### Sociology Program Overview

The value set characterizing all the activities of the Department of Sociology and Criminology is **a belief in the basic dignity of every human being**. From this perspective we move to the more immediate objectives: to present students with various facets of interactive processes, the nature and function of institutions, social group relationships, and the opportunity to explore the ways of achieving a more peaceful society.

The department offers a variety of elective courses that explore the dynamics of various social institutions in society, including family, religion, education, media, medical, legal and criminal justice system.

### Advisement

The Department of Sociology and Criminology, through advisement, internships, and career seminars, is **committed to helping students prepare for a career after graduation**. Your adviser will help you tailor your course selection to fulfill graduation requirements, while you satisfy your individual interests and career preparation needs, and pursue your academic activities to get the most out of your college experience.

### Opportunities for Students

**Internships** afford majors in sociology the opportunity to experience how the social sciences are related to a variety of careers. By participating in one or more of the internships offered in the department, students can gain firsthand information on how certain occupations function, including social work, human services, and criminal justice. This may help students decide on a career after graduation.

### Student Research

The requirement for the department's senior capstone course is original research projects where students develop, implement, and analyze data. The project will be guided and mentored by a professor. The student is required to present the results of the research and to complete a formal written thesis.

The following students have presented research at conferences, had their research accepted into sociological journals, and/or have pursued higher studies after graduating from St. Bonaventure University:

#### Wendy Santos, senior, Class of 2018

*"The Problems and Coping Strategies of Social Workers."* Presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> Penn-York Conference, 2016.

#### Cynthia Rich, '17

*"The Effects of Substance Abuse on Oral Health."* Presented at the 2017 Arts & Sciences Annual Exposition, St. Bonaventure, 2017.

#### Brandi Mapson, '16

*"Using Restorative Justice as an Alternative in the Legal System and on College Campuses."* Poster presented at St. Bonaventure Arts & Science Exposition. Master's in Professional Studies with Criminal Justice and Security Technology concentrations at RIT.

#### Emily Lobello, '15

*"Color-Coding US Politics: Media Frames found in US Newspaper Articles from 2004 -2012."* Article published in Studies in Media and Communication Journal, Fall 2015.