UNCG at a Glance

Profile: UNCG is a public, coeducational, doctoral-granting, residential university chartered in 1891. It is one of the three original constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina System.

Structure: UNCG is organized into the College of Arts and Sciences, and six professional schools: The Joseph M. Bryan School of Business and Economics, School of Education, School of Health and Human Performance, School of Human Environmental Sciences, School of Music, and the School of Nursing.

Enrollment: More than 16,000 students (32 percent male, 68 percent female) from forty-nine states and more than seventy countries including more than 3,000 graduate students. More than 2,400 freshmen.

Location: UNCG is located in Greensboro, NC and is easy to reach by I-85 and I-40, Amtrak service, or the regional airport.

Campus Life: UNCG’s picturesque campus includes 30 academic buildings and 24 residence halls on 210 acres. Opportunities for students include more than 180 student organizations, sixteen intercollegiate athletic teams, intramurals, club sports, recreation center, campus golf course, student newspaper, student literary magazine, student radio station, music and choral groups, drama and dance performance groups, concert and lecture series, film series, internships, fraternities and sororities, community service, and a field campus for fishing, swimming, and canoeing.

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The undergraduate concentration in Social Problems in a Global Society provides students with background they need to understand international social problems, such as poverty and ill health, population growth, environmental degradation, immigration and ethnic conflict, and international crime and terrorism. Students learn how worldwide systems of commerce, politics, technology, and non-profit, non-governmental organizations contribute to the causes of and solutions to these problems, both in the U.S. and abroad. The concentration includes courses about specific problem areas and more theoretical and general courses about international social systems.

Career Opportunities

The concentration provides a liberal arts education coupled with more detailed knowledge about some of the most serious issues facing the contemporary world. While not designed to provide job training for specific jobs, the concentration does provide a background for further study and a variety of careers. Students might pursue graduate study in sociology, international relations, or Ph.D. programs focused on specific areas, such as African Studies. Job opportunities exist in governmental and non-governmental organizations that work on solutions for social problems, such as hunger, health care, or environmental degradation or that promote community, national, and international development. A growing number of jobs also are in the private sector where knowledge of how the world system functions is advantageous.

Concentration Requirements

Students majoring in sociology, including both concentrations, are required to complete 36 hours in the major with a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Undergraduate students in the global social problems concentration will take the following:

- **SOC 101** Introduction to Sociology
- **SOC 202** Social Problems in a Global Context
- **SOC 225** Social Inequalities: Race, Class, Gender
- **SOC 290** Thinking Sociologically – Classical Theory
- **SOC 301** Introduction to Methods & Research
- **SOC 302** Introduction to Data Analysis
- **SOC 344** Global Society
- **SOC 345** Social Change
- **SOC 490** Seeing Society – Contemporary Theory

Students will choose two courses from the following list of electives in the concentration:

- **SOC 261** Health and Society
- **SOC 300** Post-Soviet Societies
- **SOC 323** Global Deviance
- **SOC 326** The Community
- **SOC 328** Social Movements & Revolutions
- **SOC 330** Urban Society
- **SOC 346** Population Problems
- **SOC 370** Environmental Sociology
- **SOC 371** Immigration, Ethnicity & Race in a Global Context
- **SOC 375** International Field Research
- **SOC 429** Collective Violence & Nonviolence in Global Perspective

The final elective to complete the major may be chosen from the above list of elective courses or from among any of the general sociology courses. Two of the three elective courses must be taken at the 300 course level or above.

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Opportunities for Further Study

Students are encouraged to complete a secondary major or minor to complement this concentration. This might include course work in anthropology, geography, political science, history, or international studies. Foreign language study beyond the required two years also is desirable. Students who consider study abroad should work closely with the Undergraduate Director to identify appropriate courses at universities abroad. Sociology majors with appropriate GPAs are encouraged to participate in the Lloyd International Honors College to pursue general university honors or disciplinary honors within Sociology. In addition, students may participate in the Sociology internship program to gain valuable experience working in a field of their choice.

Faculty in the Concentration

MIKHAIL BALAEV: Economic Sociology, Globalization, Quantitative Methods, Political Sociology

JULIE V. BROWN: Medical Sociology, Post-Soviet Societies, Occupations and Professions, Social Control

STEVE KROLL-SMITH: Medical Sociology, Social Psychology, Environmental Sociology

ARIELLE KUPERBERG: Family, Gender and Work, Demography, Quantitative Methods

PAUL LUEBKE: Social Movements, Political Sociology, Race and Ethnic Relations, Immigration

WILLIAM T. MARKHAM: Environmental Sociology, Social Inequality, Sub-Saharan Africa, German Society

STEPHEN SILLS: Global Social Problems, Visual Sociology, Globalization, Transnationalism

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