

Sociology and Anthropology



Study patterns of human behavior through courses in sociology, anthropology and social work.

Majors choose from three tracks: general sociology, human services and cross-cultural. Professors encourage you to be aware of ongoing social inequalities and engaged with local and global communities to work toward social justice and cultural redemption. You learn about the social nature of economic inequality, globalization, family, race, technology, gender, culture, religion and deviance from a Christian perspective. Earn academic credit for internships with agencies addressing social problems. Take advantage of off-campus programs, especially Westmont in San Francisco. Conduct independent research and present your work at Westmont's Student Research Symposium. Professors work closely with you and get to know you personally.

SELECTED COURSES

- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- Quantitative Research Methods
- Religion and Society
- Gender and Sex Roles in Cross-Cultural Perspective
- Human Services and Social Policy
- Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

CAREER PATHS

- Social Work
- Counseling
- Probation
- Law enforcement
- Youth Services
- International relief
- Development work
- Foreign Service
- International business
- Missionary outreach in developing countries
- Law
- Public administration
- Church ministry
- Community development
- Health industry
- Non-profit organizations
- Media

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



SARAH JIREK, PH.D.

Explores trauma recovery, posttraumatic growth and resilience to help people make positive changes



FELICIA SONG, PH.D.

Studies digital technology's impact on relationships, community and spiritual formation



MEREDITH WHITNAH, PH.D.

Looks at the role of religion in both perpetuating and mitigating different forms of social injustice



BLAKE VICTOR KENT, PH.D.

Expertise in quantitative methods of research, specializing in population health, medicine, and religion

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Westmont in Asia
- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont in San Francisco
- Westmont Downtown
- Westmont in Mexico
- Westmont in Northern Europe

ALUMNI

Janie Purcell Anderson '80 says "I enjoyed the San Francisco Urban program and being a resident assistant in Page during my years at Westmont. I worked at a home for unwed mothers (Florence Crittenton) until I had my own family. Later I went back and got my teaching credential and taught in private school and then in public school, mostly fourth and fifth grades."

Steven Alcala '13 writes "I graduated from the Los Angeles Police Academy in 2014 and have been working in the field since then. A majority of the calls I have responded to have dealt with domestic violence. I'm always looking to better myself and be the best police officer I can be."



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