



## Frequently Asked Questions about the Option in Inequalities and Diversity:

### *Why study inequalities and diversity?*

In a recent national survey by the American Sociological Association of graduating sociology majors, 83.8% of students graduating with a B.A. in Sociology strongly agreed that they gained the ability to describe and explain how people's experiences vary by race, class, gender, age, and other ascribed statuses. This option in Inequalities and Diversity formalizes that training by requiring students to take a number of classes that specifically address these issues.

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### *Can I combine this option with a minor in another program?*

Yes, this option combines nicely with minors in any of the ethnic/area studies programs on campus: Asian and Asian American Studies, Chicano Studies, Latin American Studies, and Pan African Studies. Minors in Women's and Gender Studies and Labor and Working Class studies would also fit nicely with this major option. In many cases, courses that count on the major program can also be used to satisfy minor program requirements.

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### *Can I get any work/internship experience through this major option?*

Several courses in this program utilize service learning. In service learning, students do community service as a portion of the class requirements thus gaining valuable experience while learning to apply sociological concepts and theories to activities outside the classroom. Students also have the option to complete up to 8 units on the major program through cooperative education. Cooperative education is work done independently by the student writing papers that apply sociology concepts to experiences in the workplace, internships, or volunteer settings.

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### *If I am transferring from a community college, can I use any of my transfer courses for this option?*

As with the other options in sociology, students transferring from community college can use an Introductory Sociology course and a Statistics course towards their sociology major here at CSULA. Students should check out <http://www.assist.org> for more information about how transfer courses equate to courses at CSULA.

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### *How can I get more information about this option?*

A copy of the program sheet listing all of the requirements for this option can be obtained from the Sociology Department (King Hall C3093). Appointments with an academic advisor can be made by visiting the department office or calling at 323-343-2200. Questions about the program can also be directed to Professor Gretchen Peterson at: [gpeters@calstatela.edu](mailto:gpeters@calstatela.edu).