



### ***After Graduation***

Skills of sociologists and anthropologists are increasingly valued in a world in which there is a need for people who understand complex organizational systems and cross cultural partnerships.

Graduates can enter a variety of fields such as education, health care, museum curation, social work, international development, government planning, organizational psychology, non-profit management, marketing and publishing.

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**SOCIOLOGY-  
ANTHRO-  
POLOGY**

*Undergraduate  
Program*

*Social Sciences*

Sociologists and Anthropologists are interested in how society and culture operate as forces that shape who we are, how we act and what we believe in; but also in how individuals and communities contribute to social change and cultural transformations.

## Sample Courses

### SOAN 216

#### *Hands-On Anthropology*

An introduction to the techniques, theories, and debates concerning ethnographic fieldwork. Exploring the politics and ethics of research, kinds of observation and effective interviewing.

### SOAN 217

#### *Anthropology of the Body*

An examination of cultural and historical variations in perceptions and experiences of the human body. Focusing on the ways the human body is culturally constructed and socially experienced.

### SOAN 218

#### *Anthropology of Medicine and Science*

Exploring science and medicine from a cross cultural and historical perspective. Students examine how these practices are imbued with and shaped by social meanings and politics.

*Sociology and Anthropology are social sciences which combine methods of empirical investigation and critical analysis to develop a better understanding of the human being in society.*



The scope of expertise and interests of the department extend from **the emergent Middle Eastern social worlds to global cultural flux and dynamics**, from citizenship in an information-technology age to the unequal distribution of **knowledge, capital or health**.

### **Curriculum**

The Department of SOAM strives to be a vibrant community of research and learning organized around a triple set of scholarly commitments:

- Critical social theory
- Rigorous methodologies of field inquiry for social research
- Communication of knowledge and information that matters on a range of social and political issues

During the three years, students take a wide range of courses covering **the fundamentals of sociological and anthropological theory**. Students are trained in both qualitative and quantitative research methods.



Students are encouraged to diversify their elective courses from a range of topics and issues, such as politics, religion, health or art.

Many courses also include a fieldwork component where students are expected to design and conduct research projects that take them outside the AUB campus.

The degrees of SOAM equip students with **cutting-edge effective skills** for an array of professional and academic pursuits, but also with a disposition towards critical thinking, civic participation and self transformation through intellectual craftsmanship in dialogue with the world they live in.

### **Student Activities**

The SOAN department has several events created to increase interest and discussion between students and faculty.

The Sociology Café, organized by Dr. Sari Hanafi and Dr. Nabil Dajani, meets once a month and they have informal discussions about critical issues of life in Lebanon.

The **Anthropological Society in Lebanon** (ASIL) also meets around once a month to discuss theoretical, methodological, and ethical concerns relating to the particularities of ethnography in Lebanon and to developing visions for anthropology as a **transnational discipline**.

### SOAN 224

#### *Sexuality and Society*

A comparative conceptual framework to explore the changing nature of sexuality in society. Special focus is placed on the social construction of sexual identities, sex and the body, sexual ethics in the globalized world.

### SOAN 226

#### *Religion and Society*

A course examining the relationship between society and religions, including both formal institutions and informal processes.

### SOAN 240

#### *Seminar in Human Rights and Cultural Differences*

A seminar providing students with an introduction to the history, concepts, institutions and applications of human rights.