The Bachelor of Arts in Sociology: Deviance concentration prepares students to become effective professionals in diverse and challenging fields, including:

- Mental health services.
- Drug and alcohol services.
- Child and youth services.
- Corrections and/or probation.
- Education.
- Veterans affairs.
- Community reintegration and treatment.

Admissions Criteria

- Admissions application.
- $25 application fee.
- Official high school transcript (unless you possess a conferred college degree, associate or higher).
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended.
- SAT or American College Test (ACT) scores. (This requirement may be waived for applicants who have been out of high school for at least two years, or have an associate, RN or bachelor’s degree.)

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In sociology, behaviors or actions that violate social norms are called “deviance.” This term includes aberrant social behavior, drug and alcohol addiction, child abuse and neglect, elder abuse, domestic violence, and more.

Program Benefits:
- Offers a favorable occupational outlook due to workforce demand. Employment of sociologists and social science majors, combined, is projected to grow 26 percent from 2012-2022, faster than the average for all occupations.*
- Prepares students to be professionally effective in diverse and challenging fields, including social services; mental health; drug and alcohol treatment; child and youth services; probation and corrections; education; veterans affairs; or community reintegration and treatment.
- Provides an interdisciplinary understanding of deviance as a concept of difference and diversity.
- Develops a framework for cross-cultural and societal research pertaining to deviance.
- Examines deviance as a concept that is related to significant social problems in schools, workplaces and specific institutions, such as elder care.
- Applies a means for institutional response to treat, understand and influence.
- Promotes understanding of diversity, inter-cultural complexities, public policies, societal change, ideologies, and system values, norms and mores.
- Provides a strong foundation for graduate study in areas such as social work, counseling, law, criminal justice and other fields.
- Presents opportunities to examine real-world problems in the seminar project or internship.


As researchers for television dramas including ‘CSI,’ 'The Blacklist,' ‘Backstrom’ and ‘Bones,’ we rely on industry professionals to help us to make sure our shows are as realistic as possible. Emily Sweitzer has been a great consultant for us on these shows. …From criminal psychology to forensic psychology to child psychology in court battles (you name it), Emily always gives us interesting, thought-provoking and realistic avenues for us to explore.

—SCOTT RECCHIA
RESEARCHER FOR TV DRAMAS

As a student in the 120-credit Sociology: Deviance concentration, you will develop skills in thinking abstractly, formulating problems and analyzing situations and data. Our graduates have learned a perspective that demonstrates inter-connectedness with their life course involving all levels of social organization, from the local to the global, historical, economic and political contexts.

Courses include:
- SOC 100: Principles of Sociology
- SOC 300: Sociology of Deviance
- SOC 311: Sociology of Crime
- SOC 318: Sociology of Addiction, Excess, and Exploitation
- SOC 324: Child Abuse and Neglect: A Societal Perspective
- SOC 380: Society and the Sociopath
- SOC 395: Sociology of Elite Deviance
- SOC 400: Structural and Institutional Violence
- SOC 405 Reintegration into Community and Society
- SOC 410: Sociological Theory
- SOC 415: Social Research Methods
- SOC 425: Evaluation Research
- SOC 429: Sociology Internship

The program’s 100% asynchronous online delivery meets the needs of busy students and professionals. The 120-credit program can be completed in just three (3) years of full-time study. For details, visit www.calu.edu/go.