Faculty Bio - Dr. Ana Ning

Dr. Ana Ning is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology. Her research, teaching and publishing goals combine theoretical inquiry and empirical research with wider application in public policy and clinical settings. Although Dr. Ning's published research has focused on health issues (e.g. harm reduction interventions, integrating biomedical and complementary/alternative health modalities, questions of evidence-based medicine, etc.), her interests and perspectives are directly linked to diverse sociological concerns including social theory, crime, social control, as well as culture, gender and ethnicity.

At King's, Dr. Ning has taught foundational and special topics courses ranging from second to fourth year level courses in Sociology and Criminology. Courses include Foundations of, and Contemporary Social Theory, Experiences of Health and Illness, Global Health and Human Rights, Understanding Medical Diversity and Social Worlds of Drugs and Addiction. King's University College, with its progressive teaching and research centres, and interdisciplinary programs within a community atmosphere that meets the needs and interests of a diverse student body, is a perfect fit for Dr. Ning's research and teaching endeavours.

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Why study Sociology at King's?

Students in Sociology at King's learn about all facets of the human condition from leaders in their fields in small class settings as they discuss the linkages between individual experiences with the wider society. Our students develop a range of analytic, computer and communication skills that enhance their employability while simultaneously developing an enriched understanding of the social, cultural and historical forces that have helped shape the modern world. Students will learn to appreciate the tension between individual agency and the social forces at play that constrain how human beings behave in all spheres of life. Such learning creates skilled communicators, researchers, and analysts who can enter the working world as imaginative thinkers with concrete technical abilities, writing expertise, and critical thinking skills that are vital to being successful professionals. Students in their first year at King's will take Sociology 1020, 1020W/X, or 1021E in order to gain entry into a Sociology module in their second year.

Career Options

Few job titles say “sociologist” but graduates with this degree have many options. Here are just a few examples of the potential career paths:

- Advertising
- Policy analyst
- Human rights
- Human resources
- Labour relations
- Probation & parole
- Health care admin
- Technical writing
- Media Correspondent
- Human Resource Specialist
- Youth outreach
- Police officer
- Public Policy Planner
- Urban planner
- Demographer
- Teacher
- Lawyer
- Media Correspondent
- Human Resource Specialist

Course Offerings

King's offers an Honors Specialization, Major and Minor in Sociology as well as in Criminology to which students apply after completing first year.

King's offers a variety of methods, research and theory courses in Sociology and Criminology. Some of the many popular courses include:

- Multiculturalism and Citizenship
- Sociology of the Environment I & II
- Population and Society
- Social Psychology
- The Family
- Social Change
- Social Inequality
- Medical Sociology
- The Experience of Health and Illness
- The Management of Health and Illness
- Drugs and Society
- Family and Work
- Globalization and International Migration
- Identity and Society
- Sociology of Sport & Physical Fitness
- Globalization and Social Change
- Disability Cross-Culturally
- The Social Construction of Gender
- Sociology of Religion - Understanding Islam I
- Understanding Medical Diversity
- Global Health and Human Rights
- Advertising and Social Institutions
- Mass Media and Society
- Vehicles, Villains, Victors
- Sociology of Film
- Global Divide
- Neoliberalism and Our Society

What students have to say

"King's was a positive experience for me. The small campus, classes, and close-knit faculty allowed me to excel in my studies in ways that would not have been possible at larger campuses. I was afforded many opportunities to go beyond just my studies at King's that allowed me to successfully complete my undergraduate degree. Further, the skills that I developed at King's have helped me to further my studies at a Master's level and a PhD level. I would recommend King's to anyone who wants a family feel as part of their university experience.”

Samantha Skinner
'13 BA Sociology (Honors Specialization)

"This program is an effective way to learn about the major theoretical perspectives in the field of Sociology. The small class size and seminar based courses were an ideal way to further my knowledge. Some of the professors I have had the pleasure of working with still influence my education today in a post graduate program.”

Brittany Jenkins
'16 BA (Honors Specialization Sociology)

"The Sociology program at King's opened so many doors for learning that I never expected. I was able to combine my interests in Canadian demography and statistics all into one degree – both of which I found after entering the program. With endless course options to choose from, and the support from outstanding faculty, I can't help but be satisfied with my degree choice.”

Nicole Bullock
'16 BA (Honors Specialization Sociology, Major Psychology)