

A Brief List of Sociological Concepts and Terms

An internship facilitates the transition from student to professional through explicit applications of academic learning to internship work experiences. Expand and customize this list to better reflect your own academic coursework in Sociology, Gerontology, Nonprofit Leadership, and your other majors and minors. Add concepts, theories, research generalizations, ideas, and insights. Review your list each day before writing the “Reflections and Applications” section of your daily internship journal entries. This “aided recall” practice will prompt more and stronger reflections connecting your academic learning to your internship experience.

Accommodation	Groupthink	Situation
Acculturation		Social Change
Alienation	Identity	Social Class
Anomie	Impression Management	Social Cohesion
Achieved Status	Informal Structure	Social Control
Ascribed Status	Instrumental Leadership	Social Conformity
Assimilation	Internalization	Social Conflict
Authority		Social Context
	Language	Social Differentiation
Beliefs	Latent Function	Social Determinism
Bureaucracy	Laws	Social Deviance
		Social Dynamics
Closed System	Macro-level Analysis	Social Forces
Cohort Group	Manifest Function	Social Groups
Cohort Identity	Master Status	Social Institutions
Collective Behavior	Meso-level Analysis	Social Mobility
Conflict Theory	Micro-level Analysis	Social Movements
Culture	Mores	Social Networks
Cultural Pluralism		Social Organization
Cultural Relativism	Nonverbal Communication	Social Position
	Norms	Socio-economic Status (SES)
Definition of the Situation	Nuclear Family	Socio-emotional Leadership
Demography		Socialization
Discrimination	Organizational Culture	Social Stratification
		Social Structure
Epistemology	Paternalistic Relationships	Status
Ethnocentrism	Power	Status Inconsistency
Exchange Theory	Prejudice	Stereotype
Extended Family	Presentation of Self	Structural Functionalism
	Primary Group	Subculture
False Consciousness	Primary Socialization	Symbols
Feminist Theory		Symbolic Interaction
Folkways	Racism	
Formal Organization	Real Norms	Taboo
	Reference Group	
Gender Theory	Role	Values
Ideal Norms	Role Conflict	
Identity	Role Strain	
Heterosexism	Secondary Group	
	Self	
Gender Inequality	Sexism	
Gender Socialization	Sexual Orientation	