SOCIOLOGY, BACHELOR OF ARTS

Sociology examines human society with an emphasis on social structure, social interaction, and social change. From the analysis of passing encounters between strangers on the street to the investigation of broad-based global social movements, sociology examines the subtle, yet complex ways individual lives interact and intersect with the collective experience of others. One of the sociology program's special emphases is understanding social inequalities and their implication for social justice. Comparative, cross-national, and cross-cultural perspectives are also offered in many courses.

The analytic frameworks sociologists employ encourage students to think about complex situations in a new way by showing how the social environment influences people's life options, advantages and disadvantages. Sociologists are interested not only in understanding social issues and social organization, but also in resolving social problems and improving social conditions for human populations. With sociological knowledge we become more aware of ourselves, of other people, and of the world we all live in.

To study sociology, a student needs to acquire information (what we know), methodology (how we know), and theory (how we explain).

A major in sociology will require students to develop background and strength in each of these domains. The insights gained from a sociological perspective include the ability to perceive the structures and patterns upon which everyday life rests, to understand the interaction between individual agency and social forces, to interpret events from diverse perspectives, and to examine existing social arrangements critically.

The sociology major prepares students to work in education, research, government, business, human services, community organizing, program development, policy analysis, youth services, criminal justice, crime and violence prevention, and victim services. Sociology also prepares students for graduate studies in sociology or related social sciences, for applied research careers, or for professional degree programs in law, social work, public administration and other fields.

The major is organized to provide a firm foundation in theory and research methods while allowing students to tailor their major to their specific subject interests.

A sociology major leads to either a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree.

For the BA degree, sociology majors must complete all the major degree requirements. In addition, students must complete the world language requirement as specified in the Academic Policies section of the University Catalog. This requirement includes completion of the second level of a world language or completion of WL 100 Intro to Comparative Linguistics (3 c.h.) and ANTH 106 Language, Thought and Culture (3 c.h.)/ENG 106 Language, Thought and Culture (3 c.h.), or completion of the second level of American Sign Language.

Student Learning Outcomes

The student learning outcomes apply for both the BS and BA degrees in Sociology.

Upon completion of the Sociology major, students should be able to:

1. Understand the major theoretical perspectives in sociology through comparing, contrasting, and thinking critically about the roles of these theories in the study of society.
2. Apply a variety of quantitative and qualitative research methods in the gathering and analysis of sociological data and recognize common methodologies used in sociological literature.
3. Use sociological theories and methods to analyze substantive social issues and problems such as deviance, race, gender, sexuality, and class.
4. Demonstrate critical thinking by evaluating arguments and evidence related to social issues and by connecting sociological insights to current events and personal experiences of the social world.

Specific Program Requirements

- Completion of 36 credit hours of sociology coursework is required for the major. All sociology majors will work with a faculty advisor who will assist in the selection of courses to complete academic requirements.
- A minimum grade of C is required in all sociology courses counting toward either the sociology major or the sociology minor.

Course	Title	Credits
CORE REQUIREMENTS		
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (GT-SS3)	3
SOC 205	Research Methods	3
SOC 310	Social and Cultural Theory	3
ELECTIVES		
Select 27 credits of sociology electives		27
Total Credits		**36**

Sociology Electives

A total of 27 credit hours of sociology electives are required for the major, including a minimum of 18 credit hours of upper-division (300 or 400-level courses) electives. Electives accepted toward the major can include a maximum of 6.0 credit hours of anthropology and/or criminology. These courses must be approved by a sociology faculty advisor.

Course	Title	Credits
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (GT-SS3)	3
SOC 201	Social Problems (GT-SS1)	3
SOC 203	The Criminal Justice System	3
SOC/PSYC/WS 231	Marriage & Family Relationships	3
SOC 248	Environmental Sociology	3
SOC 252	Understanding Lived Experiences	3
SOC 261	Introduction to Cannabis Studies	3
SOC 291	Special Topics	1-3
SOC 302	Collective Behavior and Social Movements	3
SOC 303	Deviance	3
SOC 304	Race and Crime	3
SOC/WS 305	Women & Crime	3
SOC 306	Delinquency and Juvenile Justice	3
SOC 312	Soc on the Fringe Cults & Conspiracy Theories	3
SOC/ANTH 314	Religion, Culture and Society	3
SOC/ANTH 315	Health, Culture, and Society	3

SOC/ANTH 316	Age, Culture and Society	3
SOC 321	Cross-Cultural Perspective on Crime	3
SOC 324	Race & Ethnic Relation	3
SOC 325	Gender And Society	3
SOC 326	Social Stratification	3
SOC 334	Sociology of the Military	3
SOC/PSYC 352	Social Psychology	3
SOC 357	Immigration	3
SOC 361	Advanced Cannabis Studies	3
SOC 370	Popular Culture	3
SOC 373	Film & Society	3
SOC 374	Crime in Film	3
SOC 376	Crime & Society in Science Fiction	3
SOC 378	Rock 'n' Roll and Rebellion	3
SOC 388 & 388L	Community Engagement and Community Engagement Lab	4
SOC 404	Poverty and Inequality in the U.S.	3
SOC 405	Law & Society	3
SOC 408	Science, Technology, and The Future	3
SOC 418	Crime, Drugs, & Social Policy	3
SOC 426	Collective Violence and Rioting	3
SOC/HIST/WS 428	Women & Work	3
SOC 432	Organization Theory	3
SOC 435	The Interviewer's Craft	3
SOC 450	Soc of Mental Health and Suicide	3
SOC 452	Sociology of the Self	3
SOC 453	Inside-Out Prisoner Exchange	3
SOC 490	Special Projects	1-3
SOC 491	Special Topics	1-3
SOC 492	Research	1-3
SOC 494	Field Experience	1-12
SOC 495	Independent Study	1-3

Planning Sheet

Disclaimer: The Planning Sheet is designed as a guide for student's planning their course selections. The information on this page provides only a suggested schedule. Actual course selections should be made with the advice and consent of an academic advisor. While accurately portraying the information contained in the college catalog, this form is not considered a legal substitute for that document. Students should become familiar with the catalog in effect at the time in which they entered the institution.

Course	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Fall		
ENG 101	Rhetoric & Writing I (GT-CO1)	3
General Education		13
	Credits	**16**
Spring		
ENG 102	Rhetoric & Writing II (GT-CO2)	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (GT-SS3)	3
General Education ³ credits must be World Language course.		10
	Credits	**16**
Year 2		
Fall		
SOC 205	Research Methods	3
General Education Must be World Language course.		3
Elective ³ credits must be Sociology course.		9
	Credits	**15**
Spring		
SOC 310	Social and Cultural Theory	3
Elective 6 credits must be Sociology course; 3 credits must be upper division. 6 credits must be outside the major.		12
	Credits	**15**
Year 3		
Fall		
Elective 6 credits must be Sociology course; 3 credits must be upper division. 9 credits must be outside the major.		15
	Credits	**15**
Spring		
Elective 6 credits must be upper division Sociology course. 9 credits must be outside the major.		15
	Credits	**15**
Year 4		
Fall		
Elective 11 credits must be upper division; 3 credits must be Sociology course. 3 credits must be outside the major.		14
	Credits	**14**
Spring		
Elective 11 credits must be upper division; 3 credits must be Sociology course. 3 credits must be outside the major.		14
	Credits	**14**
	Total Credits	**120**