

SOCIOLOGY, BA

Degree: Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Major: Sociology

Program Overview

Sociology is a dynamic and exciting discipline with opportunities for a variety of career pathways. A major in sociology provides a strong background for students considering careers in health and social service professions, criminal and juvenile justice agencies, social research, public administration and program development, journalism, market research, social work, communications, teaching, or business. A sociology major also provides excellent preparation for law school, medical school, or graduate study in sociology, social work, education, and many other fields.

Learning Outcomes:

- Students will be able to (1) articulate the sociological perspective and how it differs from other social and behavioral science perspectives; (2) express the contribution of sociology to understanding human behavior and the social construction of reality; and (3) demonstrate an understanding of the connection between personal troubles and public issues, and the organization of individual agency by social structure.
- Students will be able to analyze how race/ethnicity, class, gender, age, sexuality and disability are embedded in power relations at the macro level (institutions), meso level (organizations), and micro level (interpersonal relations).
- Students will be able to describe explanations for and consequences of local, national, and global social inequalities.
- Students will be able to (1) describe the role of theory in building sociological knowledge; (2) compare and contrast key theoretical paradigms in sociology (e.g., functionalism, symbolic interactionism, constructivism, critical theory); and (3) apply sociological theories and concepts to explain the social world.
- Students will be able to (1) describe the role of research methods in building sociological knowledge; (2) develop conceptual models to address research questions; (3.) compare and contrast methodologies and data analytic techniques.

Undergraduate Policies

For undergraduate policies and procedures, please review the Undergraduate Academics section of the General Bulletin.

Program Requirements

Students seeking to complete this major and degree program must meet the general requirements for bachelor's degrees and the Unified General Education Requirements. Students completing this program as a secondary major while completing another undergraduate degree program do not need to satisfy the school-specific requirements associated with this major.

The major in sociology has been designed to serve a range of educational goals, including pre-professional training, postgraduate employment, and preparation for graduate school. The major requires a minimum of

30 credit hours of coursework. All majors complete the four following common core requirements, plus a minimum of six electives:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses:		
SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCI 300	Modern Sociological Thought	3
SOCI 306	Logic of Social Inquiry	3
<i>Choose one of the following:</i>		3
SOCI 307	Social Statistics	
ANTH 319	Introduction to Statistical Analysis in the Social Sciences	
PSCL 282	Quantitative Methods in Psychology	
STAT 201	Basic Statistics for Social and Life Sciences	
Concentration Electives		12
SOCI Electives ^a		6
Total Credit Hours		30

a SOCI 375 is available to selected majors in their junior or senior year.

Concentration Requirements

Students may choose **four electives** within any of the following concentrations:

- General Sociology
- Crime, Law and Justice
- Gender, Work and Family
- Health, Medicine and Aging
- Social Inequality

General Sociology

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Choose four of the following:		
SOCI 113		3
SOCI 201	Introduction to Gender Studies	3
SOCI 202	Race and Ethnic Minorities in The United States	3
SOCI 203	Human Development: Medical and Social	3
SOCI 204	Criminology	3
SOCI 208	Family in the 21st Century	3
SOCI 228	Sociology of Sexuality	3
SOCI 239	International Comparative Family Policy	3
SOCI 250	Law & Society: Law, Rights and Policy	3
SOCI 255	Special Topics	3
SOCI 264	Body, Culture and Disability	3
SOCI 275	Lives in Medicine: Becoming and Being a Physician	3
SOCI 310	The Individual in Society	3
SOCI 311	Health, Illness, and Social Behavior	3
SOCI 313	Sociology of Stress and Coping	3
SOCI 320	Delinquency and Juvenile Justice	3
SOCI 325	Great Books in Sociology	3
SOCI 326	Gender, Inequality, and Globalization	3

SOCI 327	Narrative Methods: Life Stories, Oral History, and Sociological Storytelling	3
SOCI 328	Capitalism, Cities, and Inequality	3
SOCI 338	Seminar and Practicum in Adolescents	3
SOCI 344	Health Disparities	3
SOCI 345	Sociology of Mental Illness	3
SOCI 347	Sociology of Education	3
SOCI 349	Social Inequality	3
SOCI 355	Special Topics	3
SOCI 356	Economic Sociology: Money, Markets, Morals, and Social Life	3
SOCI 357	Sociology of Human Rights	3
SOCI 360	The Sociology of Law	3
SOCI 361	The Life Course	3
SOCI 365	Health Care Delivery	3
SOCI 366	Racial Inequality and Mass Imprisonment in the US	3
SOCI 369	Age, Society, and Inequality	3
SOCI 372	Work and Family: U.S. and Abroad	3
SOCI 375	Independent Study	3
SOCI 377	Sociology of Population	3
SOCI 380	Social Movements and Social Change	3
SOCI 384	Sociology of Sex(es), Gender(s) and Sexuality(ies)	3
SOCI 385	Ethnography	3
SOCI 386	Race and Racism	3

Crime, Law and Justice Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Choose four of the following:		
SOCI 204	Criminology	3
SOCI 239	International Comparative Family Policy	3
SOCI 250	Law & Society: Law, Rights and Policy	3
SOCI 320	Delinquency and Juvenile Justice	3
SOCI 349	Social Inequality	3
SOCI 357	Sociology of Human Rights	3
SOCI 360	The Sociology of Law	3
SOCI 366	Racial Inequality and Mass Imprisonment in the US	3
SOCI 380	Social Movements and Social Change	3

Gender, Work and Family Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Choose four of the following:		
SOCI 201	Introduction to Gender Studies	3
SOCI 208	Family in the 21st Century	3
SOCI 228	Sociology of Sexuality	3
SOCI 239	International Comparative Family Policy	3
SOCI 250	Law & Society: Law, Rights and Policy	3
SOCI 264	Body, Culture and Disability	3
SOCI 275	Lives in Medicine: Becoming and Being a Physician	3
SOCI 310	The Individual in Society	3

SOCI 326	Gender, Inequality, and Globalization	3
SOCI 349	Social Inequality	3
SOCI 356	Economic Sociology: Money, Markets, Morals, and Social Life	3
SOCI 372	Work and Family: U.S. and Abroad	3
SOCI 384	Sociology of Sex(es), Gender(s) and Sexuality(ies)	3

Health, Medicine and Aging Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Choose four of the following:		
SOCI 203	Human Development: Medical and Social	3
SOCI 264	Body, Culture and Disability	3
SOCI 275	Lives in Medicine: Becoming and Being a Physician	3
SOCI 310	The Individual in Society	3
SOCI 311	Health, Illness, and Social Behavior	3
SOCI 313	Sociology of Stress and Coping	3
SOCI 344	Health Disparities	3
SOCI 345	Sociology of Mental Illness	3
SOCI 361	The Life Course	3
SOCI 365	Health Care Delivery	3
SOCI 369	Age, Society, and Inequality	3
SOCI 377	Sociology of Population	3
SOCI 443	Medical Sociology	3
SOCI 469	Age, Society, and Inequality	3

Social Inequality Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Choose four of the following:		
SOCI 113		
SOCI 201	Introduction to Gender Studies	3
SOCI 202	Race and Ethnic Minorities in The United States	3
SOCI 203	Human Development: Medical and Social	3
SOCI 228	Sociology of Sexuality	3
SOCI 264	Body, Culture and Disability	3
SOCI 320	Delinquency and Juvenile Justice	3
SOCI 326	Gender, Inequality, and Globalization	3
SOCI 328	Capitalism, Cities, and Inequality	3
SOCI 344	Health Disparities	3
SOCI 349	Social Inequality	3
SOCI 356	Economic Sociology: Money, Markets, Morals, and Social Life	3
SOCI 357	Sociology of Human Rights	3
SOCI 361	The Life Course	3
SOCI 365	Health Care Delivery	3
SOCI 366	Racial Inequality and Mass Imprisonment in the US	3
SOCI 372	Work and Family: U.S. and Abroad	3
SOCI 380	Social Movements and Social Change	3
SOCI 384	Sociology of Sex(es), Gender(s) and Sexuality(ies)	3
SOCI 386	Race and Racism	3

Departmental Honors

Juniors majoring in sociology with a 3.4 overall GPA and a 3.6 GPA in sociology are invited to apply for the department's honors program, which consists of an intensive, year-long investigation of a research problem under the guidance of a faculty member. Students will earn credit through registration in SOCI 397 and SOCI 398. Admission to honors work is by faculty approval.

The opportunity to join Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD), the national sociology honors fraternity, is available to junior or senior sociology majors. Membership requires a 3.0 GPA in sociology and a 3.3 GPA overall. In addition, the student must have completed at least four sociology courses.