

# 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 a broad array of fields including health and social service professions, criminal and juvenile justice agencies, social research, public administration and program development, journalism, market research, social work, communications, teaching, and business. A sociology major also provides excellent preparation for law school, medical school, and graduate study in sociology, social work, education and many other fields of graduate study.

## Undergraduate Policies

For undergraduate policies and procedures, please review the Office of Undergraduate Studies 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 general requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences. Students completing this program as a secondary major while completing another undergraduate degree program do not need to satisfy the latter set of requirements.

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 hours of coursework. All majors complete the four following common core requirements, plus a minimum of 6 electives:

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCI 300	Modern Sociological Thought	3
SOCI 306	Logic of Social Inquiry	3
SOCI 307	Social Statistics	3
or ANTH 319	Introduction to Statistical Analysis in the Social Sciences	
or PSCL 282	Quantitative Methods in Psychology	
or STAT 201	Basic Statistics for Social and Life Sciences	
An additional 18 hours of electives, consisting of any six courses in sociology		18
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

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

## Concentration Requirements

Students may choose **four (4) courses** within any of the following specializations for a concentration in that area (or choose the General Sociology option):

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

## General Sociology

Code	Title	Hours
SOCI 113	Critical Problems in Modern Society	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	Dating, Marriage, and Family	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	1 - 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	Departmental Seminar in Sociology: Great Books	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	Aging in American Society	3
SOCI 372	Work and Family: U.S. and Abroad	3
SOCI 375	Independent Study	1 - 3
SOCI 377	Population Dynamics and Changing Societies	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	Hours
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	Hours
SOCI 201	Introduction to Gender Studies	3
SOCI 208	Dating, Marriage, and Family	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	Hours
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	Aging in American Society	3
SOCI 377	Population Dynamics and Changing Societies	3
SOCI 443	Medical Sociology	3
SOCI 469	Aging in American Society	3

**Social Inequality Concentration**

Code	Title	Hours
SOCI 113	Critical Problems in Modern Society	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 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

**SAGES Participation**

In conjunction with the SAGES program, the department offers two special seminars, SOCI 325 and SOCI 392. These seminars fulfill SAGES requirements but are NOT requirements for the major. They may, however, be counted toward the 30 hours for the sociology major or the 15 hours for the minor.

**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.