Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

The sociology major offers students a rigorous program of study to examine social phenomena, develop theoretical and methodological proficiencies, and apply a critical understanding of complex social issues and processes.

The curriculum is designed to provide students with a solid sociological foundation in understanding social institutions, social inequality and diversity, and social processes and change as well as opportunities to practice sociology through community engagement and internships.

The requirements for the bachelor’s degree in Sociology prepare students to pursue graduate studies in sociology, social work, counseling, and other professional programs in addition to careers in social services, education, criminal justice, law, health care, and non-profit organizations.

Requirements (37 units)

Total units required for graduation: 120 units

Requirements for the B.A. in Sociology
(Program Code: SOC)

Foundation (13)
- SOC 1000 Introduction to Sociology 3
- SOC 3010 Qualitative Analysis & Field Research 3
- SOC 3110 Sociological Theory 3
- SOC 3070 Quantitative Analysis & Survey Research 4

Core Electives (12)
Complete 3 units from each of the four core areas:

Core A: Social Institutions
- SOC 3400 Sociology of Families 3
- SOC 3410 The African American Family
- SOC 3420 The Latino Family
- SOC 3550 Medical Sociology
- SOC 3800 Sociology of Religion
- SOC 4220 Sociology of Work
- SOC 4320 Political Sociology

Core B: Social Inequality and Diversity
- SOC 3360 Black Women and Feminism 3
- SOC 3430 Sociology of Violence
- SOC 4100 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
- SOC 4400 Social Inequality
- SOC 4410 Black Americans in Contemporary Society
- SOC 4420 The Latino Experience in the U.S.
- SOC 4440 Sociology of Sex and Gender
- SOC 4530 Citizenship, Status, and Inequality

Core C: Social Processes and Change
- SOC 3300 Aging and The Lifecourse 3
- SOC 3350 Population and Society
- SOC 3390 Socialization

Core D: Community Engagement and Applied Sociology
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- SOC 3020 Introduction to Community-Based Research
- SOC 4180 Social Welfare in the U.S.
- SOC 4340 Community Organization
- SOC 4840 Social Casework
- SOC 5500 Applied Sociological Research
- SOC 5753 Internship and Practicum

Senior Capstone (3)
- SOC 5250 Indian Nations and Native America
- SOC 5300 Global Aging
- SOC 5400 Sociology of Higher Education
- SOC 5440 LGBTQ Families
- SOC 5450 Indigenous Peoples
- SOC 5490 Crime, Desistance, and Reentry
- SOC 5510 Borders, Knowledges, and Identities
- SOC 5600 Social Determinants of Health
- SOC 5900 Seminar in Sociology
- SOC 5971 Honors Seminar 1
- SOC 5972 Honors Seminar 2

Upper-division Electives (9)
Complete additional 9 units of upper-division courses in Sociology 9

Total Units 37