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

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
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 4200 Political Sociology

Core B: Social Inequality and Diversity
SOC 3360 Black Women and Feminism
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
SOC 3350 Population and Society
SOC 3390 Socialization
SOC 3500 Criminology
SOC 3700 Sociology of Globalization
SOC 3540 Deviant Behavior

Core D: Community Engagement and Applied Sociology
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