Sociology
College of Liberal Arts
Department of Sociology
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B.A., B.S. Degree
Minimum Requirements for Degrees: 120 credits

Sociology is a scientific discipline that teaches us about ourselves and the groups of which we are a part. The sociological perspective equips the graduate with critical thinking and analytical problem-solving skills necessary for a variety of careers. A person with a sociology undergraduate degree can apply sociology in any work environment, including human services, government, business, community activism and public health agencies. The sociology department also prepares individuals to pursue graduate studies in sociology or professional programs for careers in law, medicine, business, education and social policy.

Major—B.A. or B.S. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 116).
2. Complete the B.A. or B.S. degree requirements. (See page 120 and page 121). As part of the baccalaureate core requirements, complete SOC 100X.
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:*
   SOC 201—Social Problems .............................................................3
   SOC 263—Social Inequality and Stratification .................................3
   SOC 303—Early Sociological Thought ............................................3
   SOC 308—Race and Ethnic Relations ............................................3
   SOC 373W—Research Methods in the Social Sciences ....................3
   SOC 490—Capstone Seminar .......................................................3
4. Complete one course from the following research methods:
   SOC/PSY 250—Introductory Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences 3
   STAT 200X—Elementary Probability and Statistics 3
   SOC/PSY 480W—Qualitative Social Science Research 3
5. Complete 12 credits* from the following electives:**
   SOC 202—Sociology of Popular Culture ........................................3
   SOC 242—The Family: A Cross-Cultural Perspective .....................3
   SOC 301—Rural Sociology ............................................................3
   SOC 307O—Demography ...............................................................3
   SOC 309—Urban Sociology ............................................................3
   SOC 310—Sociology of Aging .......................................................3
   SOC/WMS 320—Sociology of Gender ............................................3
   SOC/PSY 330—Social Psychology ..................................................3
   SOC/PSY 332/WMS 333—Human Sexuality Across Cultures ..........3
   SOC 335—Deviance and Social Control ........................................3
   SOC/ED 345—Sociology of Education ............................................3
   SOC 350W—Childhood and Society ..............................................3
   SOC 405O—Social Movements and Social Change .......................3
   SOC 407O—Work and Occupations ............................................3
   SOC 435—Sociology of Law ..........................................................3
   SOC 440O—Environmental Sociology ...........................................3
   SOC 460—Global Issues in Sociological Perspective ....................3
   SOC/PSY 480W—Qualitative Social Science Research ....................3
6. Minimum credits required ..............................................................120

   * Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.
   ** Courses from this group not used toward the major may be applied toward B.A. general degree requirements where applicable.

Minor

1. Complete the following:
   SOC 201—Social Problems .............................................................3
   SOC electives .................................................................................15
2. Minimum credits required ..............................................................18
Baccalaureate Core Requirements
All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses. Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

**COMMUNICATION (9)**

Complete the following:
ENGL 111X ...............................................................(3) 

Complete one of the following:
ENGL 211X OR ENGL 213X ..................................................(3)

Complete one of the following:
COMM 131X OR COMM 141X ..............................................(3)

**PERPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)**

Complete all of the following four courses:
ANTH 100X/SOC 100X ..................................................(3)
ECON 100X OR PS 100X ..................................................(3)
HIST 100X .................................................................(3)
ENGL/FL 200X .................................................................(3)

Complete one of the following three courses:
ART/MUS/THR 200X, HUM 201X OR ANS 202X ....................(3)

Complete one of the following six courses:
BA 323X, COMM 300X, JUST 300X, NRM 303X,
PS 300X OR PHIL 322X ....................................................(3)

OR complete 12 credits from the above courses PLUS
• two semester-length courses in a single Alaska Native language or other
  non-English language OR
• three semester-length courses (9 credits) in American Sign Language
  taken at the university level.

**MATHEMATICS (3)**

Complete one of the following:
MATH 103X, MATH 107X, MATH 161X OR STAT 200X .......(3–4) 

* No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH 107X or 161X.

OR complete one of the following:
MATH 200X, MATH 201X, MATH 202X,
MATH 202X OR MATH 272X ..................................................(4)

*Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite

**NATURAL SCIENCES (8)**

Complete any two (4-credit) courses:
ATM 101X ...........................................................................(4)
BIOL 100X .................................................................(4)
BIOL 103X .................................................................(4)
BIOL 104X .................................................................(4)
BIOL 105X .................................................................(4)
BIOL 106X .................................................................(4)
BIOL 111X .................................................................(4)
BIOL 112X .................................................................(4)
CHEM 100X ...............................................................(4)
CHEM 103X ...............................................................(4)
CHEM 104X ...............................................................(4)
CHEM 105X ...............................................................(4)
CHEM 106X ...............................................................(4)
GEOG 205X ...............................................................(4)
GEOS 100X ...............................................................(4)
GEOS 101X ...............................................................(4)
GEOS 112X ...............................................................(4)
GEOS 120X ...............................................................(4)
GEOS 125X ...............................................................(4)
MSL 111X .................................................................(4)
PHYS 102X .................................................................(4)
PHYS 103X .................................................................(4)
PHYS 104X .................................................................(4)
PHYS 113X .................................................................(4)
PHYS 116X .................................................................(4)
PHYS 175X .................................................................(4)
PHYS 211X .................................................................(4)
PHYS 212X .................................................................(4)
PHYS 213X .................................................................(4)

**LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH (0–1)**

Successful completion of library skills competency test OR
LS 100X or 101X prior to junior standing .........................(0–1)

**UPPER-DIVISION WRITING AND ORAL COMMUNICATION (0)**

Complete the following:
Two writing intensive courses designated (W) ...................(0)
One oral communication intensive course designated (O) .......(0)
OR two oral communication intensive courses designated (O/2), at the
upper-division level (see degree and/or major requirements) ........(0)

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED ............................................38–39