

SOCIOLOGY

College of Liberal Arts
Department of Sociology
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BA, BS 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 — BA or BS Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 131).
2. Complete the BA or BS degree requirements. (See page 135 or. As part of the baccalaureate core requirements, complete SOC F100X.)
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:
 - SOC F201—Social Problems3
 - SOC F263—Social Inequality and Stratification3
 - SOC F303—Early Sociological Thought3
 - SOC F308—Race and Ethnic Relations.....3
 - SOC F373W—Research Methods in the Social Sciences3
 - SOC F490—Capstone Seminar3

4. Complete one course from the following research methods:
 - SOC/PSY F250—Introductory Statistics for Social Sciences.....3
 - STAT F200X—Elementary Probability and Statistics.....3
 - SOC/PSY F480W—Qualitative Social Science Research.....3
5. Complete 12 credits* from the following electives:**
 - SOC F202—Sociology of Popular Culture.....3
 - SOC F242—The Family: A Cross-Cultural Perspective3
 - SOC F301—Rural Sociology3
 - SOC F309—Urban Sociology3
 - SOC F310—Sociology of Aging.....3
 - SOC/WGS F320—Sociology of Gender3
 - SOC/PSY F330—Social Psychology.....3
 - SOC/PSY F333/WGS F332—Human Sexualities Across Cultures.....3
 - SOC F335—Deviance and Social Control3
 - SOC/ED F345—Sociology of Education.....3
 - SOC F350W—Sociology of Childhood3
 - SOC F405O—Social Movements and Social Change.....3
 - SOC F407O—Work and Occupations3
 - SOC F435—Sociology of Law3
 - SOC F440O—Environmental Sociology3
 - SOC F460—Global Issues in Sociological Perspective3
 - SOC/PSY F480W—Qualitative Social Science Research.....3

6. Minimum credits required120
 - * Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course.
 - ** Courses from this group not used toward the major may be applied toward BA general degree requirements where applicable.

Minor

1. Complete the following:
 - SOC F201—Social Problems3
 - SOC electives.....15
2. Minimum credits required18

Baccalaureate Core Requirements

Communication 9 Credits

- ENGL F111X—Introduction to Academic Writing.....(3)
ENGL F190H may be substituted.

Complete one of the following:

- ENGL F211X—Academic Writing about Literature.....(3)
- ENGL F213X—Academic Writing about the Social and Natural Sciences.....(3)

Complete one of the following:

- COMM F131X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Group Context.....(3)
- COMM F141X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Public Context.....(3)

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Perspectives on the Human Condition 18 Credits

Complete all of the following four courses:

- ANTH F100X/SOC F100X—Individual, Society and Culture.....(3)
- ECON F100X or PS F100X—Political Economy.....(3)
- HIST F100X—Modern World History.....(3)
- ENGL/FL F200X—World Literature.....(3)

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Complete one of the following three courses:

- ART/MUS/THR F200X—Aesthetic Appreciation: Interrelationship of Art, Drama and Music.....(3)
- HUM F201X—Unity in the Arts.....(3)
- ANS F202X—Aesthetic Appreciation of Alaskan Native Performance.....(3)

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Complete one of the following six courses:

- BA F323X—Business Ethics.....(3)
- COMM F300X—Communicating Ethics.....(3)
- JUST F300X—Ethics and Justice.....(3)
- NRM F303X—Environmental Ethics and Actions.....(3)
- PS F300X—Ethics and Society.....(3)
- PHIL F322X—Ethics.....(3)

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Or complete 12 credits from the above courses plus one of the following:

- Two semester-length courses in a single Alaska Native language or other non-English language
- Three semester-length courses (9 credits) in American Sign Language taken at the university level.

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Mathematics 3 Credits

Complete one of the following:

- MATH F103X—Concepts and Contemporary Applications of Mathematics.....(3)
 - MATH F107X—Functions for Calculus*.....(4)
 - MATH F161X—Algebra for Business and Economics**.....(3)
 - STAT F200X—Elementary Probability and Statistics.....(3)
- * No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH F107X or F161X.

Or complete one of the following:*

- MATH F200X—Calculus I**.....(4)
- MATH F201X—Calculus II.....(4)
- MATH F202X—Calculus III.....(4)
- MATH F262X—Calculus for Business and Economics.....(4)
- MATH F272X—Calculus for Life Sciences.....(4)

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

** No credit may be earned for more than one of Math F200X, F262X or F272.

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Natural Sciences 8 Credits

Complete any two (4-credit) courses.

- ATM F101X—Weather and Climate of Alaska.....(4)
- BIOL F100X—Human Biology.....(4)
- BIOL F101X—Biology of Sex.....(4)
- BIOL F103X—Biology and Society.....(4)
- BIOL F104X—Natural History.....(4)
- BIOL F115X—Fundamentals of Biology I.....(4)
- BIOL F116X—Fundamentals of Biology II.....(4)
- BIOL F120X—Introduction to Human Nutrition.....(4)
- BIOL F213X—Human Anatomy and Physiology I.....(4)
- BIOL F214X—Human Anatomy and Physiology II.....(4)
- CHEM F100X—Chemistry in Complex Systems.....(4)
- CHEM F103X—Basic General Chemistry.....(4)
- CHEM F104X—Beginnings in Biochemistry.....(4)
- CHEM F105X—General Chemistry.....(4)
- CHEM F106X—General Chemistry.....(4)
- GEOG F111X—Earth and Environment: Elements of Physical Geography.....(4)
- GEOS F100X—Introduction to Earth Science.....(4)
- GEOS F101X—The Dynamic Earth.....(4)
- GEOS F106X—Life and the Age of Dinosaurs.....(4)
- GEOS F112X—History of Earth and Life.....(4)
- GEOS F120X—Glaciers, Earthquakes and Volcanoes.....(4)
- GEOS F125X—Humans, Earth and Environment.....(4)
- MSL F111X—The Oceans.....(4)
- PHYS F102X—Energy and Society.....(4)
- PHYS F103X—College Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F104X—College Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F115X—Physical Science I.....(4)
- PHYS F175X—Astronomy.....(4)
- PHYS F211X—General Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F212X—General Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F213X—Elementary Modern Physics.....(4)

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Library and Information Research 0 – 1 Credit

- Successful completion of library skills competency test or LS F100X or LS F101X prior to junior standing

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Upper-Division Writing and Oral Communication

Complete the following at the upper-division level:

- Two writing intensive courses designated (W) and one oral communication intensive course designated (O), or two oral communication intensive courses designated (O/2) (see degree and/or major requirements)

Total credits required 38 – 39

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses.

Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

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