

Sociology

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Sociology is housed in the Sociology and Anthropology Department. The department offers the following majors and minors:

Major in Sociology
Major in Anthropology
Major in Criminal Justice, Law and Society

Minor in Sociology
Minor in Anthropology
Minor in Comparative Religion

Sociology majors should only take one 100 level course in sociology as a preparatory course for upper-division sociology courses (Soc 110, Soc 120, Soc 130, Soc 150). Each of the 100 level courses offers a specific thematic introduction to the discipline of sociology. Students who plan to become Sociology majors should take one of these courses during their first year.

200 and 300 level courses require some familiarity with the language and concepts of the discipline of Sociology and/or Anthropology; therefore, we require a prerequisite course before they may be taken. Upper-division students who have performed well in other social science courses may ask for permission from the instructor to be admitted to these upper-division courses without the usual prerequisites.

Students should fulfill the methods requirement before the spring of their Junior year by taking two of the following three courses: Soc 300 (Qualitative Research), Soc 301 (Social Statistics), and/or Soc 302 (Survey Research). Soc 323 (Junior Seminar) should be taken in the junior year. Soc. 414 (Social Theory) is also required of the major; it should be taken in the fall of the junior or senior year. Soc 490, 495, and 454 should be taken in the senior year.

Note: The department is flexible about accepting anthropology courses to satisfy sociology requirements. Students are encouraged to speak with the department chair.

Sociology: Requirements for the Major

The Sociology major must complete the following courses with a grade of C- or better and maintain a 2.0 average in the major.

One of the following: 4 credits
SOC 110 Understanding the Apocalypse
SOC 120 Image, Society, and Identity
SOC 130 Stump the Sociologist
SOC 150 Special Topics in Introductory Sociology

One of the following: 4 credits
SOC 202 Public Sociology
SOC 203 Social Change (CE)
SOC 250 Special Topics in Public Sociology

Two of the following: 8 credits
SOC 300 Qualitative Research 4 credits
SOC 301 Social Statistics 4 credits
SOC 302 Survey Research 4 credits

All of the following: 14 credits
SOC 323 Junior Seminar 2 credits
SOC 414 Sociological Theory 4 credits
SOC 490 Advanced Research Methods 4 credits
SOC 454 Senior Seminar 2 credits
SOC 495 Senior Thesis 2 credits

Sixteen additional credits in sociology, which must include at least twelve credits of 300+ level courses. Anthropology courses by approval.

TOTAL: 46 credits

Sociology: Requirements for the Minor

The Sociology minor must complete the following courses with a grade of C- or better and maintain a 2.0 average in the major.

One of the following: 4 credits
SOC 110 Understanding the Apocalypse
SOC 120 Image, Society, and Identity
SOC 130 Stump the Sociologist
SOC 150 Special Topics in Introductory Sociology

One of the following: 4 credits
SOC 202 Public Sociology
SOC 203 Social Change (CE)
SOC 250 Special Topics in Public Sociology

Twelve additional credits in sociology, which must include at least eight credits of 300+ level courses.
Anthropology courses by approval.

TOTAL: 20 credits

Any student interested in a Sociology minor should consult with a faculty member in the Sociology Department before the end of the sophomore year.