

# SOCIOLOGY (BS)

Sociology is the study of the development, structure, and functioning of human society. Sociologists study social interaction and connection, organizations and institutions, communities and whole societies. The ability to identify and understand these processes – a capacity which C.W. Mills called the “sociological imagination” – is a valuable tool for navigating and engaging with a changing and complex world. The sociology major prepares students for a diverse set of interesting and impactful careers, such as careers in law, social work, urban planning, business, education, and public health as well as for graduate work in sociology and related fields. A maximum of two courses may be transferred into the major.

## Degree Requirements

Total program: 60 semester hours

### Prerequisite Requirements

8 semester hours

Code	Title	Semester Hours
SOC 250	Introduction to Sociology	4
SOC 305	Quantitative Analysis	4
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>8</b>

### Core Requirements

20 semester hours

Code	Title	Semester Hours
SOC 390	Research Methods	4
SOC 400	Sociological Theory	4
SOC 497	Internship	4
Two Senior Capstone Courses <sup>1</sup>		8
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>20</b>

<sup>1</sup>

e.g., SOC 499A Senior Thesis A and SOC 499B Senior Thesis B or two SOC 499C Senior Capstone C courses. When crosslisted with a Research Intensive course, that course may only be taken one time for credit (either as 499C or as catalog course number).

### Breadth Requirements

4 semester hours

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select one of the following:		4
SOC 315	Race and Ethnicity	
SOC 330	Social Class and Inequality	
SOC 331	Gender Inequality	
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>4</b>

### Elective Requirements

12 semester hours (Any 3 sociology courses)

## Select a Concentration

16 semester hours

If not selecting a concentration: (Any 4 sociology courses)

### Social Justice Concentration

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select four of the following:		16
SOC 270	Social Problems	
SOC 314	Sexuality and Gender Issues	
SOC 315	Race and Ethnicity	
SOC 317	Health, Wealth, and Poverty	
SOC 320	Sociology of Deviance	
SOC 330	Social Class and Inequality	
SOC 331	Gender Inequality	
SOC 335	Black Experience in the U.S. <sup>1</sup>	
SOC 336	Latino Experience <sup>1</sup>	
SOC 337	Asian-American Experience <sup>1</sup>	
SOC 338	Native American Experience <sup>1</sup>	
SOC 341	Urban Sociology	
SOC 345	White-Collar Crime	
SOC 370	Social Change	
SOC 375	Drugs and Society	
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

<sup>1</sup>

Only one of the following may be used.

### Applied Statistics Concentration

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select four of the following:		16
SOC 310	Advanced Quantitative Analysis	
SOC 317	Health, Wealth, and Poverty	
SOC 342	Urban Crime Patterns	
SOC 348	Social Networks	
SOC 371	Birth, Migration and Aging	
SOC 380	Political Economy of Crime	
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

### Crime, Law, and Society Concentration

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select four of the following:		16
SOC 320	Sociology of Deviance	
SOC 321	Juvenile Delinquency	
SOC 322	Introduction to Criminology	
SOC 342	Urban Crime Patterns	
SOC 345	White-Collar Crime	
SOC 350	Law and Society	
SOC 375	Drugs and Society	
SOC 380	Political Economy of Crime	
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>16</b>