Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

The sociology major offers students a rigorous program of study to examine social phenomenon, 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 to analyze social structures and contribute to transforming and diversifying our social world.

We offer a Social Services and Community Research concentration to further develop students' understanding of community dynamics and strengths, and promote civic engagement through the application of analytical skills to collaborate with community organizations on projects to benefit and empower the community. The Sociology program also prepares students to pursue graduate degrees in sociology, social work, counseling, and other social sciences fields. Additionally, many of our Sociology graduates pursue careers in helping professions, education, criminal justice, law, health care, etc.

Requirements (37 units)

Total units required for graduation: 120 units

Requirements for the B.A. in Sociology

Foundation (10)

SOC 1000 Introduction to Sociology 3
SOC 3110 Sociological Theory 3
SOC 3070 Quantitative Analysis & Survey Research 4

Upper-division Electives (21)
Select 7 Courses from below: 21

SOC 3300 Aging and The Lifecourse
SOC 3350 Population and Society
SOC 3360 Black Women and Feminism
SOC 3390 Socialization
SOC 3400 Sociology of Families
SOC 3410 The African American Family
SOC 3420 The Latino Family
SOC 3430 Sociology of Violence
SOC 3440 LGBTQ Families
SOC 3500 Criminology (this course does not count toward an elective for Social Service and Community Research Concentration)
SOC 3540 Deviant Behavior
SOC 3550 Medical Sociology
SOC 3560 Sociology of Mental Health
SOC 3600 Social Psychology
SOC 3800 Sociology of Religion (this course does not count toward an elective for Social Service and Community Research Concentration)
SOC 4100 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
SOC 4180 Social Welfare in the U.S.
SOC 4200 Social Movements (this course does not count toward an elective for Social Service and Community Research Concentration)

Concentration (6)

Students must satisfy the requirements of one of the concentrations listed below:

SOC 4220 Sociology of Work
SOC 4240 Social Networks
SOC 4300 Urban Sociology
SOC 4320 Political Sociology (this course does not count toward an elective for Social Service and Community Research Concentration)
SOC 4340 Community Organization
SOC 4360 Group Dynamics
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 4510 Sociology of Migration
SOC 4520 Social Change and Innovation
SOC 4530 Citizenship, Status, and Inequality
SOC 4840 Social Casework
SOC 4900 Crime, Desistance, and Reentry

Total Units 37

Concentrations (6 units)

General Sociology Concentration (6 units)

(Program Code: SOCG)

SOC 3010 Qualitative Analysis & Field Research 3
or SOC 3020 Introduction to Community-Based Research
A minimum of three units chosen from the following: 3
SOC 5250 Indian Nations and Native America
SOC 5300 Global Aging
SOC 5400 Sociology of Education
SOC 5450 Indigenous Peoples
SOC 5500 Applied Sociological Research
SOC 5510 Borders, Knowledges, and Identities
SOC 5600 Social Determinants of Health
SOC 5752 Internship and Applied Research
SOC 5900 Seminar in Sociology
SOC 5971 Honors Seminar 1
SOC 5972 Honors Seminar 2

Total Units 6

Social Service and Community Research Concentration (6 units)

(Program Code: SSCR)

SOC 3020 Introduction to Community-Based Research 3
SOC 5751 Internship and Practicum 3

Total Units 6