

Sociology, BA

General Education Requirements

Majors must satisfy the university and college general education requirements. Any foreign language may be used to meet the language requirement for the B.A. degree.

All required courses for the major must be completed with a grade of C- or better. Courses counting toward the major requirements may not be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.

The minimum number of Sociology hours required for the B.A. degree is ~~36~~ 33.

Core Courses: ~~21~~ 18 hours

~~Concentration Courses: 9 hours~~

Elective Courses: ~~6~~ 15 hours

~~Sociology B.A.~~ Core Courses

SOC 1010	Introduction to Sociology (MOTR SOCI 101)	3
SOC 1040	Social Problems	3
or SOC 1241	Globalization and Social Change	
SOC 2160	Social Psychology	3
SOC 3210	Sociological Theory	3
SOC 3221	Qualitative Methods in Social Research	3
SOC 3230	Research Methods	3
SOC 4307	Community-Based Research in Sociology	3
Total Hours		21 18

Electives (~~6~~ 15 hours)

Students must complete at least ~~3~~ 15 hours of ~~SOC at the 4000-level and an additional 3 hours of SOC at the 2000-level~~ Sociology Courses including 9 hours of SOC at the 3000-level or above. GERON, GS, MVS or ~~other~~ courses relevant to sociology that are offered by other departments may be ~~substituted with~~ included as electives when ~~approval of~~ approved in advance by the faculty ~~advisor~~.

~~Concentrations (9 hours)~~ Optional Tracks

~~Students seeking a BA in Sociology must complete one of the following concentration choices:~~

~~A. Urban Sociology~~

~~B. Sociology of Health and Aging~~

~~C. Gender and Families~~

~~D. Military Sociology~~

~~A.~~ Urban Sociology Track (aligned with the Urban Studies Minor)

SOC 2203	The City	3
SOC 2202	Urban Sociology	3
SOC 3344	Problems of Urban Community	3
Total Hours		9

~~B. Sociology of~~ Health and Aging Track (aligned with the Gerontology Minor)

SOC/GERON 2170	Aging in America: Concepts & Controversies	3
SOC/GERON 2300	Social and Community Services for an Aging Population	3
SOC/GERON 3400	Environment, Society, and Aging	3

SOC/GERON 4400	Social and Community Services for an Aging Population	3
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Total Hours		9
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C. Gender and Families Track (aligned with the Gender Studies Minor)

SOC/GS 2102	Introduction to Gender Studies	3
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SOC/GS 2103	Gender Roles in Society	3
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SOC 3243	Marriage, Family and Kinship	3
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Total Hours		9
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D. Military Sociology and Veterans Track (aligned with the Veterans Studies Minor)

SOC 2801/MVS 2100	Veterans in American Society	3
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SOC 2802/MVS 2130	Gender and the Military	3
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SOC 3801	Military Sociology	3
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Total Hours		9
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~~Pursuing a second concentration is encouraged.~~

Rationale Under our current program structure, students are forced to choose a concentration in order to declare sociology as a major. This requirement to choose a discipline-path immediately has a detrimental effect on student enrollment and retention. Students tell us it is too early to choose, and the program is too complicated. They also tell us that the 1000 level SOC courses are repetitive. This proposal streamlines the core and removes the compulsory emphasis area requirement in favor of a less prescriptive elective distributions, and highlight optional tracks that are closely aligned with minors