



# Sociology BA

Sociology will enable you to see the world in a new light; it is the scientific study of human social relationships, interactions, and institutions. Whether they be friendships, families, church groups, socioeconomic classes, complex organizations, or nations, much of our lives are socially constructed. And in a society where individualism is celebrated, it is easy to forget that the way we behave and feel is socially produced. This is the basic premise of sociology. After your core courses, a BA in Sociology will focus on qualitative tools like interviews, stories, and community engagement to answer that critical question “What is this all about?”

## Career Outlook

The value of sociology to twenty-first century education derives from the scientific approach used to answer social and cultural questions. Because of the diversity within the field, sociology majors find a tremendous variety of career opportunities. Generally speaking, there are five broad categories of employment for sociology graduates: Business Leadership, Human Services, Law and Government Policy, Research, and Criminal Justice. Sociology also provides a solid foundation for graduate school in any of the social sciences.

## Future Career Options

- Advertising Manager/Public Relations
- Business Operations Lead
- City Manager
- City Housing Inspector
- Community Developer
- Editor/Journalist/Writer
- Human Resources Manager
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Lawyer/Paralegal
- Nonprofit Agency Leadership
- Probation/Parole Officer
- Public Health Educator
- Research Sociologist
- Social Welfare Worker

## Skills Developed By Degree Completion

- Identify and apply theories to understand social phenomena
- Design and lead social projects/project management
- Utilize evidence-based knowledge and sociological theories to generate research
- Use sociology to analyze social problems in context and evaluate solutions
- Use sociological knowledge to inform social change
- Construct and propose real-world solutions to social issues

Successful alumni have gone on to fulfill many of the opportunities above. Additional possibilities are taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Contact an advisor to discuss additional future career options.

# IT STARTS RIGHT NOW

This is a sample academic map for the courses to take each academic semester/session. This map is not a substitute for academic advisement. Contact your advisor when making final selections.



## UNIVERSITY STUDIES

University studies is required for all first-year students and those with less than 24 credit hours.



## MILESTONE COURSES

Milestone courses should be taken in the order shown to ensure you stay on a timely and accurate path toward graduation.



## SUMMER AND INTERSESSION COURSES

Don't forget that summers and winter breaks are a way to fast-track your route to degree completion – and lighten your load during fall and spring!

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## 2024-2025 4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

### Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Year

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#### FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ENGL 1100: First-Year Writing (3)  
FGN LANG 1001: Language and Culture I (5)  
INTDSC 1003: University Studies (1)  
SOC 1010: Introduction to Sociology (3)  
GEN ED CORE: Mathematics Proficiency (3)

#### SPRING SEMESTER (14 credit hours)

FGN LANG 1002: Language and Culture II (5)  
SOC 1040: Social Problems (3) or SOC 1241: Globalization and Social Change (3)  
SOC 2160: Social Psychology (3)  
GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities and Fine Arts (3)



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Year

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#### FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

FGN LANG 2101: Language and Culture III (3)  
SOC 2XXX: Sociology Elective (3)  
GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities and Fine Arts (3)  
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)

#### SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

SOC 2XXX: Sociology Elective (3)  
SOC 3210: Social Theory (3)  
GEN ED CORE: US History and Government (3)  
GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities and Fine Arts (3)  
Elective (3)



Year

3

#### FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ENGL 3100: Junior-Level Writing (3)  
SOC 3230: Sociological Research Methods (3)  
SOC 3XXX: Sociology Course (3)  
GEN ED CORE: Communication Proficiency (3)  
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)

#### SPRING SEMESTER (16 credit hours)

SOC 3XXX: Sociology Elective (3)  
SOC 4XXX: Sociology Elective (3)  
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)  
Cultural Diversity Requirement (3)  
Elective (3)  
Elective (1)



Year

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#### FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

SOC 3221: Qualitative Methods in Social Research (3)  
SOC 4385: Internship in Sociology (3)  
SOC 4XXX: Sociology Course (3)  
Elective (3)  
Elective (3)

#### SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

SOC 4200: Applied Social Research (3)  
SOC 4XXX: Sociology Course (3)  
Elective (3)  
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