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Program Description

The Sociology program faculty stresses a close working relationship with students and strongly encourages students to take full advantage of the many opportunities the Department provides for collaborative research with faculty, student internships, and other direct collaboration of professional skills. The department’s program learning goals and objectives can be found at the department’s website.

Mission Statement

Our goal is to advance students’ intellectual preparation in macro and micro sociological concepts through rigorous, substantive, theoretical, and methodological coursework. The program provides opportunities for praxis oriented internships, and on-going and continuous engagement with the program faculty’s teaching and research activities. Our graduates will have the personal and scholarly skills needed to face the challenges associated with social change, diversity of persons and ideas, and an evolving global economy.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology

The Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Sociology requires a minimum of 120 semester units which includes courses for the major and minor and courses for the other university-wide graduation requirements: General Education, American Institutions, First-Year Experience, Upper Division Writing, and Foreign Language. To fulfill the requirements for the major in sociology, the student must complete courses acceptable to the Department, including at least nine at the upper-division level. Typical course patterns for graduation can be found on the department Web Site.

Total Units Required to Graduate	120 units
Major Requirements	45 units
Lower Division	15
Core Curriculum	30
Minor Requirement	12 units
General Education Requirements	50-54 units
First-Year Seminar	2
LD Area A Foundational Skills	9
LD Area B Natural Sciences	9
LD Area C Arts and Humanities	6
LD Area D Social and Behavioral Sciences	6
American Institutions	6
SELF	3

Junior Year Diversity Requirement	3
UD Thematic Areas B and C	6
Capstone	0-1*
GWAR (Exam) or Class	0-3*
Additional Units	9-13 units

*The SELF may be satisfied by a course that double counts as Upper Division Thematic Course. Capstone may be satisfied within the senior seminar. GWAR may be satisfied with the exam or a class.

Note: One (1) semester unit of credit normally represents one hour of in-class work and 2-3 hours of outside study per week.

Requirements for the Major in Sociology

The Bachelor of Arts in Sociology emphasizes the systematic study of human behavior in social groups. It focuses on how people coordinate their activities to achieve both individual and collective goals. Sociology is different from the other social and behavioral sciences in two important ways. First, it places primary importance on the social group within the larger society. Second, it seeks to explain the broad range of human behavior as it is influenced by the social context. Thus, sociology studies the major issues of our times and seeks to understand their complexity and predict their future. It investigates how patterns of social activity originate, what sustains them, why they take one form rather than another, and how they change. Depending on the particular interest of the student, an appropriate minor area of study is selected in consultation with the student’s advisor. In lieu of the traditional minor, the Department also offers a concentration in either Ethnic Studies or in Human Services. Career opportunities for sociology majors include a variety of agencies at the federal, state, and municipal levels, as well as with both private non-profit and private for-profit organizations.

Lower Division Requirements (15 units)

1. SOC 1008, 2018, 2208 (or PSYC 2018 or equivalent elementary statistics course with department approval), SOC 2210/SOC 3000
2. SOC 2300 or 2400

Major Requirements (30 units)

3. SOC 3208
4. One (1) of the following, with approval of faculty advisor (each requires satisfactory completion of SOC 2210/SOC 3000, passing grade of C- or higher required): SOC 4200, 4210, 4230, 4240, or 4250
5. SOC 3100 and 3110
6. SOC 4000
7. SOC 4988
8. Four (4) additional courses in Sociology (with approval of faculty advisor), at least three (3) of which must be upper division
9. A minor or concentration is required (selected from one of the following three options):
 - a. A minor consisting of at least 12-semester units within a major program designed by another discipline
 - b. A concentration in either Ethnic Studies or Human Services

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- c. An interdisciplinary concentration or minor in one of the specially developed areas (see “Interdisciplinary Concentrations and Minors”)

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology with a Concentration in Human Services

Total Units Required to Graduate	120 units
Major Requirements	48 units
Lower Division	15
Core Curriculum	33
Concentration Requirement	9 units
General Education Requirements	50-54 units
First-Year Seminar	2
LD Area A Foundational Skills	9
LD Area B Natural Sciences	9
LD Area C Arts and Humanities	6
LD Area D Social and Behavioral Sciences	6
American Institutions	6
SELF	3
Junior Year Diversity Requirement	3
UD Thematic Areas B and C	6
Capstone	0-1*
GWAR (Exam) or Class	0-3*
Additional Units	9-13 units

*The SELF may be satisfied by a course that double counts as Upper Division Thematic Course. Capstone may be satisfied within the senior seminar. GWAR may be satisfied with the exam or a class.

Note: One (1) semester unit of credit normally represents one hour of in-class work and 2-3 hours of outside study per week.

Requirements for the Major in Sociology with a Concentration in Human Services

Lower Division Requirements (15 units)

- SOC 1008, 2018, 2208 (or **PSYC 2018** or equivalent elementary statistics course **with department approval**), SOC 2210/SOC **3000**
- SOC 2300 or 2400

Core Courses: Processes (18 units)

- SOC 3208
- One (1) of the following, with approval of faculty advisor (each requires satisfactory completion of SOC 2210 /SOC **3000**, passing grade of C- or higher required): SOC 4200, 4210, 4230, 4240, or 4250
- SOC 3100 and 3110
- SOC 3600
- SOC 4000
- Two courses from the following list: (6 units)
SOC 3500, 3510, 3520, 3610, 4510, or 4650

Core Courses: Experiences of Diverse Populations in the US (6 units)

- Two courses from the following list:
SOC 3308, 3318, 3320, 3330, 3340, 3408, 3420

Core Courses: Senior Seminar and Internship (6 units)

- SOC 4920 and 4988

Social Issues in American Society (9 units)

- Three courses are to be selected in consultation with the faculty advisor to provide additional “depth” or greater “breadth” in subject matter content areas associated with Human Services: CAFS 3200, 3600; CRJU 3318, 3448, 3608, 3260, 3280; PSYC 3270, 3620, 4320; SOC 3630, 4620

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology with a Concentration in Ethnic Studies

Total Units Required to Graduate	120 units
Major Requirements	45 units
Lower Division	15
Core Curriculum	30
Concentration Requirement	12 units
General Education Requirements	50-54 units
First-Year Seminar	2
LD Area A Foundational Skills	9
LD Area B Natural Sciences	9
LD Area C Arts and Humanities	6
LD Area D Social and Behavioral Sciences	6
American Institutions	6
SELF	3
Junior Year Diversity Requirement	3
UD Thematic Areas B and C	6
Capstone	0-1*
GWAR (Exam) or Class	0-3*
Additional Units	9-13 units

*The SELF may be satisfied by a course that double counts as Upper Division Thematic Course. Capstone may be satisfied within the senior seminar. GWAR may be satisfied with the exam or a class.

Note: One (1) semester unit of credit normally represents one hour of in-class work and 2-3 hours of outside study per week.

Requirements for the Major in Sociology with a Concentration in Ethnic Studies

Lower Division Requirements (15 units)

- SOC 1008, 2018, 2208 (or **PSYC 2018** or equivalent elementary statistics course **with department approval**), SOC 2210/SOC **3000**
- SOC 2300 or 2400

Major Requirements (30 units)

- SOC 3208
- One (1) of the following, with approval of faculty advisor (each requires satisfactory completion of SOC 2210 /SOC **3000**, passing grade of C- or higher required): SOC 4200, 4210, 4230, 4240, or 4250
- SOC 3100 and 3110
- SOC 4000
- SOC 4988
- Any four (4) courses chosen from the following: SOC 3308, 3318, 3320, 3330, 3340, 3420, 4068 or 4300

Concentration Requirements (12 units)

9. Any four (4) courses from the following: Nine (9) units of which must be upper division; and no more than six (6) units may come from any one department: ANTH 3318, 3320; ENGL 2220, 3220, 3250; PLSI 3450; SOC 3420, 3340, 4310; SPAN 4220*

*Requires competency in Spanish.

Requirements for the Minor in Sociology

Student must take four courses in Sociology, totaling 12 semester units, at least three of which must be upper division, approved by Chair of the Sociology Department. An independent study course cannot be used to satisfy the minor, without prior written permission from the Department Chair.