

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

## Program Overview

Noted for its emphasis on human interaction and social change, the sociology department offers an array of courses in social and cultural analysis, qualitative and quantitative research methods, and social theory. Faculty members stress diversity and innovation in the approach to teaching and learning. As a result, students develop an understanding of major theoretical perspectives in sociology in preparation for their pursuit of graduate studies.

## Career Opportunities for Sociology Majors

The Bachelor of Arts in Sociology prepares recipients for graduate study and provides a strong foundation for career positions in government, human services administration, applied research, and positions with a social work/criminal justice emphasis.

## Objectives

Graduates with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology will:

Have the requisite skills necessary to function in professional positions related to their academic preparation.

1. Be adequately prepared to pursue graduate/professional school studies.
2. Be able to demonstrate mastery of major theoretical perspectives and critical thinking skills in social and cultural analysis, qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, and social theory. Be proficient in using technology to assess, compile, and interpret data, and generate summarized data in various formats.
3. Utilize their internship and practical skills to compete for positions in human services, government, and other non-profit agencies.


## GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To obtain the Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, a student must complete the following:

|                                   |            |                |
|-----------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| General Education Requirements    | 45         | Semester Hours |
| Departmental Requirements         | 24         | Semester Hours |
| Major Field of Study Requirements | 33         | Semester Hours |
| Free Electives                    | <u>18</u>  | Semester Hours |
| <b>Total Semester Hours</b>       | <b>120</b> |                |

## Graduation Requirements

1. Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology must have completed all General Education, departmental, major field of study, and elective requirements.
2. Sociology majors must earn a grade of "C" or better in all departmental, major field of study and elective sociology courses.
3. Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology must enroll in GEEP courses and receive a "P"



grade each semester of attendance.

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4. Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology are required to take the Rising Junior and Senior Comprehensive Examinations and the Major Subject Field Test in Sociology.
5. Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology must complete an application for graduation and secure the approval of their advisor and school's dean by the stipulated institutional deadline.

**RECOMMENDED FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM**  
**Bachelor of Arts in Sociology**

**Freshman Year**

| <b>First Semester</b> |      |                                      | <b>Cr. Hrs.</b> | <b>Second Semester</b> |      |                                   | <b>Cr. Hrs.</b> |
|-----------------------|------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| ENGL                  | 1301 | English Composition I                | 3               | CISC                   | 1300 | Intro to Computing                | 3               |
| HIST                  | 2300 | Into to African American Studies     | 3               | ENGL                   | 1302 | English Composition II            | 3               |
| PHED                  | 1110 | Fund. Of Health & Fitness I          | 1               | HIST                   | 1302 | United States History II          | 3               |
| BIOL                  | 1401 | Intro. To Biology with Lab <b>OR</b> | 4               | MATH                   | 1330 | College Algebra                   | 3               |
| PHYS                  | 1402 | Intro. To Physical Science Lab       | 2               | RELI                   | 1301 | Survey of Religion and Philosophy | 3               |
| GESS                  | 1200 | Academic Success Seminar             | 2               | PHED                   | 1111 | Fund. Of Health & Fitness II      | 1               |
| GESS                  | 1100 | Academic Success Seminar - PF        | 1               | GEEP                   | 1002 | General Education Enrich Program  | 0               |
| GEEP                  | 1001 | General Educ Enrich Program          | 0               |                        |      |                                   | <b>16</b>       |
|                       |      |                                      | <b>14</b>       |                        |      |                                   |                 |

**Sophomore Year**

| <b>First Semester</b> |      |                             | <b>Cr. Hrs.</b> | <b>Second Semester</b> |      |                                  | <b>Cr. Hrs.</b> |
|-----------------------|------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| ENGL                  | 2311 | World Literature I          | 3               | HUMA                   | 2300 | Humanities                       | 3               |
| HIST                  | 1301 | United States History I     | 3               | PSYC                   | 2300 | Intro to Psychology              | 3               |
| SOCI                  | 2310 | Intro to Sociology          | 3               | SOCI                   | 2340 | Marriage and Family              | 3               |
| SPAN                  | 2301 | Elementary Spanish I        | 3               | SPAN                   | 2302 | Elementary Spanish II            | 3               |
| SPCH                  | 2300 | Speech Communications       | 3               | SOCI                   |      | Elective                         | 3               |
| GEEP                  | 2001 | General Educ Enrich Program | 0               | GEEP                   | 2002 | General Education Enrich Program | 0               |
|                       |      |                             | <b>15</b>       | CLAP                   | 3099 | Rising Junior Examination        | 0               |
|                       |      |                             |                 |                        |      |                                  | <b>15</b>       |

**Junior Year**

| <b>First Semester</b> |      |                             | <b>Cr. Hrs.</b> | <b>Second Semester</b> |      |                                  | <b>Cr. Hrs.</b> |
|-----------------------|------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| ENGL                  | 2301 | Adv English Composition     | 3               | SOCI                   | 3340 | Sociological Theory              | 3               |
| SOCI                  | 3370 | Social Statistics           | 3               | SOCI                   | 3361 | Social Research Methods          | 3               |
| SOCI                  | 2330 | Major Social Problems       | 3               | SOCI                   | 3302 | Intro to Human Services          | 3               |
|                       |      | Free Electives              | 6               | SOCI                   |      | Elective SOCI 3000/4000 Level    | 3               |
| GEEP                  | 3001 | General Educ Enrich Program | 0               |                        |      | Free Elective                    | 3               |
|                       |      |                             | <b>15</b>       | GEEP                   | 3002 | General Education Enrich Program | 0               |
|                       |      |                             |                 |                        |      |                                  | <b>15</b>       |

**Senior Year**

| <b>First Semester</b> |      |                             | <b>Cr. Hrs.</b> | <b>Second Semester</b> |      |                                  | <b>Cr. Hrs.</b> |
|-----------------------|------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| CRIJ                  | 4333 | Crime and Deviance          | 3               | SOCI                   | 4330 | Medical Sociology                | 3               |
| SOCI                  | 4337 | Rural Urban Sociology       | 3               | SOCI                   | 4321 | Social Stratification            | 3               |
| SOCI                  | 4311 | Social Change               | 3               |                        |      | Free Elective                    | 3               |
| SOCI                  | 4350 | Field Experience I          | 3               |                        |      | Free Elective                    | 3               |
| SOCI                  | 3351 | Race and Ethnic Relations   | 3               | GEEP                   | 4002 | General Education Enrich Program | 0               |
| SOCI                  | 4329 | Sociology Senior Seminar    | 3               |                        |      |                                  | <b>12</b>       |
| GEEP                  | 4001 | General Educ Enrich Program | 0               |                        |      |                                  |                 |
|                       |      |                             | <b>18</b>       |                        |      |                                  |                 |

**Total Semester Hours** **120**

**General Education Requirements (45 hours)**

|                             |      |  | <b>Semester Hours</b> |          |
|-----------------------------|------|--|-----------------------|----------|
| BIOL                        | 1401 | Introduction to Biological Sciences with Lab | OR                    | 4        |
| PHYS                        | 1402 | Introduction to Physical Sciences with Lab   | (4)                   |          |
| ENGL                        | 1301 | English Composition I                        |                       | 3        |
| ENGL                        | 1302 | English Composition II                       |                       | 3        |
| ENGL                        | 2311 | World Literature I                           |                       | 3        |
| GESS                        | 1200 | Academic Success Seminar                     |                       | 2        |
| GESS                        | 1100 | Academic Success Seminar – Personal Finance  |                       | 1        |
| HIST                        | 1301 | US History I                                 |                       | 3        |
| HIST                        | 1302 | US History II                                |                       | 3        |
| HIST                        | 2300 | Introduction to African American Studies     |                       | 3        |
| HUMA                        | 2300 | Humanities                                   |                       | 3        |
| MATH                        | 1330 | College Algebra                              |                       | 3        |
| PHED                        | 1110 | Fundamentals of Health and Fitness I         |                       | 1        |
| PHED                        | 1111 | Fundamentals of Health and Fitness II        |                       | 1        |
| RELI                        | 1301 | Survey of Religion and Philosophy            |                       | 3        |
| SPAN                        | 2301 | Elementary Spanish I                         |                       | 3        |
| SPAN                        | 2302 | Elementary Spanish II                        |                       | 3        |
| SPCH                        | 2300 | Speech Communication                         |                       | <u>3</u> |
| <b>Total Semester Hours</b> |      |  | <b>45</b>             |          |

**Departmental Requirements**

|                             |      |   | <b>Semester Hours</b> |          |
|-----------------------------|------|---|-----------------------|----------|
| CISC                        | 1300 | Introduction to Computing                   |                       | <u>3</u> |
| CRIJ                        | 4333 | Crime and Deviance                          |                       | 3        |
| ENGL                        | 2301 | Advanced English Composition                |                       | 3        |
| PSYC                        | 2300 | Introduction to Psychology                  |                       | 3        |
| SOCI                        | 3302 | Introduction to Human Services              |                       | 3        |
| SOCI                        | 4321 | Social Stratification                       |                       | 3        |
| SOCI                        | 4330 | Medical Sociology/Anthropology              |                       | 3        |
| SOCI                        |      | Sociology Elective (3000-4000 level course) |                       | 3        |
| <b>Total Semester Hours</b> |      |   | <b>24</b>             |          |

**Courses Required to Satisfy the Major Field of Study Requirements for English students:**

|      |      |                           | <b>Semester Hours</b> |   |
|------|------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| SOCI | 2310 | Introduction to Sociology |                       | 3 |
| SOCI | 2330 | Major Social Problems     |                       | 3 |
| SOCI | 2340 | Marriage and Family       |                       | 3 |
| SOCI | 3340 | Sociological Theory       |                       | 3 |
| SOCI | 3351 | Race and Ethnic Relations |                       | 3 |

|                             |      |                                    |           |
|-----------------------------|------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| SOCI                        | 3361 | Social Research Methods            | 3         |
| SOCI                        | 3370 | Social Statistics                  | 3         |
| SOCI                        | 4311 | Social Change                      | 3         |
| SOCI                        | 4329 | Sociology Senior Seminar           | 3         |
| SOCI                        | 4337 | Rural-Urban Sociology/Anthropology | 3         |
| SOCI                        | 4350 | Field Experience I                 | 3         |
| <b>Total Semester Hours</b> |      |                                    | <b>33</b> |

**Free Electives**

**Total Semester Hours 18**

**Courses Required to Satisfy a Minor in Sociology:**

|                             |      |   | <b>Semester Hours</b> |
|-----------------------------|------|---|-----------------------|
| SOCI                        | 2310 | Introduction to Sociology                   | 3                     |
| SOCI                        | 2330 | Major Social Problems                       | 3                     |
| SOCI                        | 2340 | Marriage and Family                         | 3                     |
| SOCI                        | 3340 | Sociological Theory                         | 3                     |
| SOCI                        | 4337 | Rural/Urban Sociology/Anthropology          | 3                     |
| SOCI                        |      | Sociology Elective (3000-4000 level course) | <u>6</u>              |
| <b>Total Semester Hours</b> |      |   | <b>21</b>             |

**Courses Required to Satisfy a Minor in Psychology:**

|                             |      |                            | <b>Semester Hours</b> |
|-----------------------------|------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| PSYC                        | 2300 | Introduction to Psychology | 3                     |
| PSYC                        | 3361 | Social Research Methods    | 3                     |
| PSYC                        | 4315 | Psychology Seminar         | 3                     |
| PSYC                        |      | Electives in Psychology    | <u>12</u>             |
| <b>Total Semester Hours</b> |      |                            | <b>21</b>             |

The Department of Sociology offers a minor in social work. Key courses have been selected to complement and support several majors.

Sociology majors with a minor in social work are prepared to counsel teenagers, help neglected children, work with people dependent on alcohol or drugs, assist members of a broken family, and improve the quality of life for the chronically ill, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. They may work in hospitals, the public sector, clinics, or private practice.

**Courses Required to Satisfy a Minor in Social Work:**

|                             |      |  | <b>Semester Hours</b> |
|-----------------------------|------|--|-----------------------|
| SOWK                        | 2330 | Major Social Problems                                    | 3                     |
| SOWK                        | 3302 | Introduction to Human Services                           | 3                     |
| SOWK                        | 3332 | Human Growth and Development                             | 3                     |
| SOWK                        | 4322 | Social Work Practice                                     | 3                     |
| SOWK                        | 4350 | Field Experience I                                       | 3                     |
|                             |      | Electives from Anthropology/Psychology (2000-4000 level) | <u>3</u>              |
| <b>Total Semester Hours</b> |      |  | <b>18</b>             |