

Major in Sociology

Sociology majors must complete at least 34 hours of course work, including the following 13 hours of required courses: 101, 380 [280], 371, 381L. Students must choose 12 hours (4 courses) from the list of required 300-400 level courses, and select 9 hours (3 courses) drawn from all sociology courses not specifically required. The student *may* select from a number of designated courses that provide a concentration in one of the following subfields of sociology:

1. **Pre-law.** Provides background for careers or further training in police, correctional or legal institutions. Note: students are prohibited from completing a major in sociology with this concentration AND minor in criminology.

2. **Human Services and Social Policy.** Appropriate for future work in public and private agencies, as preparation for law school or for graduate study in social work, public administration, and business administration. Note: students are prohibited from completing a major in sociology with this concentration AND minor in social welfare.

A list of electives for a concentration in Pre-Law or Human Services and Social Policy is available from the Department of Sociology and undergraduate advisors in the Department.

A cumulative grade point average of 2.25 or better in all courses completed is required for regular admission to the sociology major.

Planning the course of study

A student planning a sequence of courses should keep in mind that many required courses and electives have prerequisites and that it is best to steadily complete required courses rather than leaving them for the last semester or semesters.

Note: Students should not assume that any particular course is taught every semester; students should consult the Sociology Department as to when courses are offered.

Core Required Courses

13 hours (4 courses) of specific required Sociology courses are:

	COURSE	GRADE
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	_____
SOC 371 *	Sociological Theory	_____
SOC 380 *	Introduction to Research Methods [SOC 280]	_____
SOC 381L *	Sociological Data Analysis (3 hour lecture accompanied by 1 hour lab)	_____

* Courses that have one or more prerequisites.

Note: SOC 380 and 381L must be taken in order.

Electives Courses

12 hours (4 courses) from the required 300-400 level courses list below:

COURSE	GRADE
SOC 300/400 - level: _____	_____
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SOC 307	Nonviolent Alternatives
SOC 328	Sociology of Native Americans
SOC 331	Social Movements
SOC 340	Sociology of Medical Practice
SOC 342	Social Epidemiology
SOC 354	Intro to Latin American Society I
SOC 415	Social Stratification
SOC 420	Race and Cultural Relations
SOC 421	Sociology of Education
SOC 422	Sociology of Religion
SOC 424	Race, Class and Crime
SOC 427	Sociology of Madness
SOC 428	Sociology of Mexican Americans
SOC 452	Community Organizing
SOC 461	Social Dynamics of Global Change

9 hours (3 courses) drawn from any sociology course not specifically required above:

COURSE	GRADE
SOC elective: _____	_____
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SOC elective: _____	_____

List of Concentration Electives for a Major in Sociology

Students *may* select from a number of designated courses that provide a concentration in Pre-Law or Human Services and Social Policy.

Concentration in Pre-Law

The concentration in Pre-Law is designed for students interested in law school or other careers in the legal field, and highlights those aspects of law that overlap with crime and criminal justice. The concentration provides students with an introduction to the causes of crime and deviance as well as social and institutional responses to this behavior. Students can choose from courses focusing on the personal and social forces that give rise to crime, as well as courses that examine the role of the legal and criminal justice systems in dealing with criminals and reducing crime rates. To complete this concentration, students must complete 12 hours from the following list (Note: 9 of these hours must be selected from the 300/400 level courses listed below.)

SOC 205	Crime, Public Policy and the Criminal Justice System
SOC 211	Social Problems
SOC 213	Deviance
SOC 312	Causes of Crime and Delinquency
SOC 412	Sociology of Police and Social Control
SOC 414	Sociology of Corrections
SOC 416	Sociology of Law
SOC 423	Gender and Crime
SOC 424	Race, Class, and Crime
SOC 425	From Youthful Misbehavior to Adult Crime
SOC 426	Drugs, Crime, and Social Control
SOC 488	Field Observation and Experience
SOC 491	Directed Study in Criminology

Concentration in Human Services and Social Policy

The concentration is designed for students interested in pursuing a graduate degree or a career in human services, social work, social policy, health care, mental health, or education (K-12 and post-secondary). The concentration aims to provide broad thematic coverage of these fields by drawing upon elective courses that address topics critical to understanding the context within which welfare, health, mental health, and educational institutions operate, including social problems, race/ethnic relations, and socio-economic inequality. Students must complete 12 hours from the courses listed below. (Note: 9 of these hours must be selected from the 300/400 level courses listed below.)

SOC 200	Foundations of Social Welfare
SOC 211	Social Problems
SOC 216	Dynamics of Prejudice
SOC 225	Marriage, Family, and Their Alternatives
SOC 300	Social Welfare: Programs and Policies
SOC 303	Sociology of Political Behavior
SOC 308	Sociology of Gender
SOC 310	Sociology of Aging and the Aged
SOC 340	Sociology of Medical Practice
SOC 342	Social Epidemiology
SOC 345	Youth and Society
SOC 400	The Welfare State
SOC 415	Social Stratification
SOC 420	Race and Cultural Relations
SOC 421	Sociology of Education
SOC 427	Sociology of Madness
SOC 441	Complex Organizations
SOC 445	Sociology of Work
SOC 488	Field Observance and Experience
SOC 490	Directed Study (limited to topics approved for the concentration)

Further details are available on each concentration from the Department of Sociology and undergraduate advisors in the Department.