

University of New Mexico
Sociology Major/Minor Course Checklist
 Effective as of Fall 2026

The sociology major requires **34** credit hours, the second major requires **28** hours, and the minor requires **21** hours.

Grade Point Average: A cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for admission to and graduation from the sociology major. Courses taken as CR/NC do not count toward the major, second major, or minor.

Prerequisites: Generally, students should follow courses in sequence, beginning with 1000-level requirements, proceeding to 2000-level requirements, and so on. Some upper-division electives require other courses as prerequisites.

Concentrations: Students may select an *optional* concentration in Pre-Law or Advocacy and Public Policy. Requirements are listed on pages 3 and 4 of this document. ***Concentrations are possible for majors and second majors.***

Note: Students are unable to major in sociology AND minor in criminology.

MAJOR: 34 Hours		2 nd MAJOR: 28 Hours		MINOR: 21 Hours	
SOCI 1110	(3 credits)	SOCI 1110	(3 credits)	SOCI 1110	(3 credits)
SOCI 371	(3 credits)	SOCI 371	(3 credits)	SOCI 371	(3 credits)
SOCI 380	(3 credits)	SOCI 380	(3 credits)	SOCI 380	(3 credits)
SOCI 381L	(4 credits)	SOCI 381L	(4 credits)	SOCI 2000-400 Level	(3 credits)
Sociology of Race Requirement SOCI 2315, 415, 420, 430, or 424	(3 credits)	Sociology of Race Requirement SOCI 2315, 415, 420, 430, or 424	(3 credits)	SOCI 2000-400 Level	(3 credits)
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CORE COURSEWORK

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites
SOCI 1110	Introduction to Sociology	NONE
SOCI 371	Sociological Theory	SOCI 1110
SOCI 380	Introduction to Research Methods	SOCI 1110
SOCI 381L	Sociological Data Analysis	SOCI 380 and MATH 1350
Sociology of Race Requirement: All undergraduate Sociology and Criminology majors and second majors are required to complete a three-credit course focused on the social construction of race, racism and antiracism, including a focus on power, oppression and resistance in local and/or global societies and how these dynamics shape individual lives and impact the larger social structures of their communities.	*Choose from: SOCI 2315, SOCI 415, SOCI 420, SOCI 430, or SOCI 424 *Most of these classes also fulfill the UNM Critical Analyses of U.S. and Global Cultures (CAC) Requirement, but this is an additional requirement for all UNM students. Check current CAC course list to verify if course will count towards both requirements.	Varying, see UNM Catalog

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Concentration in Pre-Law

Provides background for careers or further training in police, correctional or legal institutions. To receive this concentration, students must complete 12 hours of the courses listed below. (Note: 9 of these hours must be selected from the 300/400-level courses listed below.)

Course #	Course Name	Prerequisites
SOCI 2120	Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems	SOCI 1110
SOCI 2210	Sociology of Deviance	SOCI 1110
SOCI 2310	Contemporary Social Problems	SOCI 1110
SOCI 312	Causes of Crime and Delinquency	SOCI 2120 or SOCI 2210
SOCI 412	Sociology of Police and Social Control	SOCI 312
SOCI 414	Sociology of Corrections	SOCI 312
SOCI 416	Sociology of Law	SOCI 312 or SOCI 371
SOCI 418	Selected Topics in Criminology	SOCI 312
SOCI 423	Gender and Crime	SOCI 312
SOCI 424	Race, Class, and Crime	SOCI 312
SOCI 425	Crime Through the Life Course	SOCI 312
SOCI 426	Drugs, Crime, and Social Control	SOCI 312
SOCI 427	Sociology of Madness	NONE
SOCI 488	Field Observation and Experience	Junior or Senior standing, 6 credits of 300/400 SOCI, SOCI 380 recommended.
SOCI 490	Directed Study (Limited to approved topics)	NONE
SOCI 491	Directed Study in Criminology	NONE

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Concentration in Advocacy and Public Policy

The concentration is designed for students interested in pursuing a graduate degree or a career in community organizing, the non-profit sector, government and institutional services, advocacy, political action, and/or public policy (including, but not limited to, the UNM Master's in Public Policy program:

<https://mpp.unm.edu/>). The concentration aims to provide broad thematic coverage of these fields and provide opportunities for real-world experience by drawing upon elective courses focusing on organizations, institutions, identity, and social change. 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). Students are encouraged to take SOCI 346/347 and/or SOCI 488 as part of these requirements.

Course #	Course Name	Prerequisites
SOCI 2310	Contemporary Social Problems	SOCI 1110
SOCI 2315	The Dynamics of Prejudice	NONE
SOCI 308	Sociology of Gender	SOCI 1110
SOCI 310	Sociology of Aging and the Aged	SOCI 1110
SOCI 325	Couples, Family, and Friendships	NONE
SOCI 331	Social Movements	SOCI 1110
SOCI 340	Sociology of Medical Practice	NONE
SOCI 346	Health & Social Inequalities I	NONE
SOCI 347	Health & Social Inequalities II	SOCI 346
SOCI 415	Inequality and Power	NONE
SOCI 416	Sociology of Law	SOCI 312 or SOCI 371
SOCI 420	Race and Inequality	NONE
SOCI 427	Sociology of Madness	NONE
SOCI 430	Intersectionality: Race, Gender, Class for Social Policy	NONE
SOCI 488	Sociology & Criminology Internship: Field Observation and Experience	Junior or Senior standing, 6 credits of SOCI 300/400-Level courses, SOCI 380 recommended.
SOCI 490	Directed Study (Limited to approved topics)	NONE

*SOCI 398: Special Topics in Sociology and SOCI: 418: Special Topics in Criminology may also be applied to the above groups depending on subject matter; this requires department approval.