

# Sociology - B.S.

College of  
Arts and Sciences

Sociology emphasizes the study of human behavior and basic social processes. The discipline provides excellent preparation for careers in a variety of occupations and professions, including planning and community development, law, public relations and advertising, personnel administration, private business and government administration, health and human services, family relations, criminal justice fields, and others.

Courses offered by the department cover a wide range of topics and issues. Areas such as social inequalities, social justice, health, illness and disability, globalization, family, community, environment, crime, law and deviance comprise a large part of the curriculum. Students may also pursue special readings courses and experiential education placements or internships through the department.

### 120 hours (minimum)

Any student earning a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree must complete a minimum of 60 hours in natural, physical, mathematical, and computer science. Please note: courses with a SOC prefix are generally not accepted towards fulfilling this 60-hour requirement. Therefore, be sure to keep this requirement in mind as you choose your course work for the requirements in the major. A complete description of College requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree, including a specific listing of courses applicable to the 60-hour requirement, can be found in the *Arts and Sciences* section of the 2023-2024 Undergraduate Catalog.

### UK Core Requirements

See the *UK Core* section of the 2023-2024 Undergraduate Catalog for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

#### I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity

Choose one course from approved list.....3

#### II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities

Choose one course from approved list.....3

#### III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences

Choose one course from approved list.....3

#### IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences

Choose one course from approved list.....3

#### V. Composition and Communication I

CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I .....3

#### VI. Composition and Communication II

CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II .....3

#### VII. Quantitative Foundations

Choose one course from approved list.....3

#### VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning

Choose one course from approved list.....3

#### IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA

Choose one course from approved list.....3

#### X. Global Dynamics

Choose one course from approved list.....3

**UK Core hours** ..... 30

### Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)

SOC 302 Sociological Research Methods .....3

**Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement hours (GCCR)**..... 3

### College Requirements

I. Foreign Language (*placement exam recommended*) ..... 0-14

II. Disciplinary Requirements

a. Natural Science .....3

b. Social Science (*completed by Premajor and Major Requirements*) .....3

c. Humanities.....3

III. Laboratory or Field Work (*completed by Major Requirement*)

IV. Race and Ethnicity Requirement..... 0-3

V. Electives.....6

**College Requirement hours:** ..... 12-29

### Premajor Requirements

Any two sociology courses at the 100 or 200 level (including CLD 102) .....6

**Premajor hours:**..... 6

### Major Core Requirements

SOC 302 Sociological Research Methods .....3

SOC 303 Quantitative Sociological Analysis  
or

PSY 216 Applications of Statistics in Psychology..... 3-4

SOC 304 Classical Sociological Theory .....3

**Major Core hours:**..... 9-10

### Other Course Work Required for the Major

#### From the Major Department:

Choose 18 hours of 300+ level Sociology courses, at least 6 of which must be at the 400+ level..... 18

#### From Outside the Major Department

Choose 15 hours outside Sociology at the 300+ level. Maximum of 3 hours of 200+ level courses used to satisfy College requirements can also be counted here. ....15

**Other Major hours:** ..... 33

### Electives

Choose electives to lead to the minimum total of 120 hours required for graduation .....5

### Total Minimum Hours

**Required for Degree** ..... 120

*\*Course used towards completion of a UK Core Requirement.*

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