

THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY (SOCI)

The curriculum in the field of Sociology is designed to:

1. Provide broad knowledge and understanding of the organization, institutions, culture, and processes of society.
2. Make clear the interrelatedness of Sociology and other social disciplines.
3. Provide the viewpoints and tools essential for significant, systematic, and study and interpretation of social problems.
4. Prepare students for advanced study in graduate and professional institutions and for work.
5. Incorporate technology into the discipline.
6. Help students master the nine core competencies.

Requirements for a Major in Sociology

A student majoring in Sociology must complete 36 credit hours.

1. Twenty-four of these hours must be: SOCI 1301, Introduction to Sociology; SOCI 2313, Social Science Statistics I; SOCI 3312, Social Theory; SOCI 3329, Methods in Social Research; SOCI 3316, Interventive Methods of Social Work; SOCI 4327, Senior Seminar; SOC 4328, Field Experience; and SOC 2304, Information Management for the Social Sciences. SOCI 1301 is a prerequisite for other courses unless otherwise noted.
2. 12 additional credit hours are to be taken from the Sociology offerings.
3. A student without a minor must also take PSYC 1301 and two 3000 level English writing courses and receive a “C” or above in each course (total of nine hours).
4. Students wishing to emphasize Social Welfare Studies should include in their program the social welfare sequence: SOCI 2300, 3319, 3318, 3315, 3316, and 4328.
5. All majors must complete a professional portfolio and pass a comprehensive Sociology exam at 75% or better.
6. Sociology majors must complete a total of 122 hours.

Requirements for a Minor in Sociology

A student who minors in Sociology is required to complete 21 credit hours.

1. Required courses are SOCI 1301 and SOCI 3316.
2. 15 additional hours.
3. SOCI 1301 is a prerequisite for other courses unless otherwise noted. No grades of “D” or lower are accepted in the minor.

A SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE FOR THE SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

FALL		YEAR 1		SPRING	
ENGL 1301	Intro. to College Comp.	3	ENGL 1302	College Comp. and Res.	3
MATH 1314	College Algebra	3	COMM 1315	Public Speaking	3
SOCI 2300	Contemporary Social Problems	3	KINE 1304	Dimensions of Health & Wellness	3
KINE 1100/1101	Personal Fitness/Sports	1	Fine Arts Core		3
Language I		3	Language II		3
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology	3			
Total Hours		16	Total Hours		15

FALL		YEAR 2		SPRING	
Science I		4	Science II		4
SOCI 2313	Social Science Statistics I	3	PSCI 3304	Info. Mgt. for the Social Sciences	3
HIST 1301/1302	U.S. History I or II	3	Sociology Elective		3
RELI 2302	Comparative Religion	3	Elective		3
PHIL 2301	Philosophy and Ethics		Literature		3
COSC 1300	Introduction to Computers	3			
Total Hours		16	Total Hours		16

FALL		YEAR 3		SPRING	
SOCI 3312	Social Theory	3	SOCI 3329	Methods in Social Research	3
SOCI 3316	Methods in Social Work	3	Diversity Core I		3
Sociology Elective		3	Sociology Elective		3
Diversity Core I		3	Minor or 3000 Level Writing		3
Minor or 3000 Level Writing		3	Elective or minor		3
Total Hours		15	Total Hours		15

FALL		YEAR 4		SPRING	
Sociology Elective		3	SOCI 4327	Senior Seminar	3
Elective or minor or Intro. to Psychology		3	SOCI 4328	Field Experience	3
Elective		3	Elective		3
Elective		3	Elective		3
Elective		3	Elective		3
Total Hours		15	Total Hours		15

* **Note:** Two required English courses and Introduction to Psychology will substitute for 9 hours of electives if student doesn't have a minor. Those having a minor will substitute minor courses for some of the elective courses.

COURSES IN SOCIOLOGY (SOCI)**SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology** **3 Credit Hours**

This course is a preliminary survey of the field of Sociology. It introduces students to concepts, research areas, and prospects in Sociology. Portfolios will be developed.

Prerequisite: None**Offered:** Fall/Yearly

SOCI 2300 Contemporary Social Problems **3 Credit Hours**

This course is a study of contemporary social issues, problems, and trends in the United States and a cursory examination of world problems. Basic social institutions in crisis (family, education, religion, government, economics, etc.) are examined.

Prerequisite: None

Offered: Spring/Yearly

**SOCI 2304 Information Management for
the Social Sciences** **3 Credit Hours**

This course focuses on the internet, intermediate to advanced level applications on electronic spreadsheet, database, graphics, and other modes of presenting ideas and reports. It involves a survey of case applications in public and private organizations, and one hour of lecture and three hours of laboratory work. Same as PSCI 2304

Prerequisite: CIS 103

Offered: Spring/Yearly

SOCI 2309 Special Topics **3 Credit Hours**

The topic will vary, allowing for the expertise of professors and the emerging information in the field. It could be taught either semester. Examples are Collective Behavior, Cultural Anthropology, and Gangs. Students may only take a total of two special topics selected from SOCI 2309 or SOCI 4308. *This is a writing intensive course.*

Prerequisite: May vary depending upon the course

Offered: As Needed

SOCI 2313 Social Science Statistics I **3 Credit Hours**

This course introduces concepts and methods used in social science statistics and helps students learn how to use statistical tools wisely. Same as PSCI 2313/PSYC 2313

Prerequisite: MATH 1314

Offered: Fall/Yearly

SOCI 2319 Addictions **3 Credit Hours**

The course examines drug, alcohol, eating, cigarette, sexual and gambling addictions, and the addictive process. Treatment and recovery for addictive individuals will be covered. This course is cross referenced to Psychology and is a support course for the Criminal Justice Program. Same as PSYC 2320 – This is a writing intensive course.

Prerequisite: None

Offered: Spring/ Every two years

SOCI 2320 Conflict Resolution **3 Credit Hours**

Conflicts often occur when there is a perceived divergence of interest or when there is a belief that individual or group aspirations cannot be met simultaneously. Consequently, interpersonal and inter-group relationships frequently are unsatisfactory, unproductive, and abusive. This course will focus on types of conflicts, forces that escalate conflicts, and models of conflict resolution. This course is crossed referenced to Psychology and is a support course for Criminal Justice Program. Same as PSYC 2320 – This is a writing intensive course.

Prerequisite: None

Offered: Spring/ Every two years

SOCI 2329 Human Sexuality**3 Credit Hours**

Human reproduction, birth control, and sexually transmitted diseases are among the topics discussed. The development of sex roles and the cultural impact on sexual relationships are introduced. Students are allowed to explore any issue related to human sexuality. A research paper is required.

Prerequisite: None**Offered: Spring/Yearly****SOCI 2336 Criminology****3 Credit Hours**

This course is a critical examination of criminal behavior as an aspect of social deviation, including theories of criminality, causes, and treatment.

Prerequisite: None**Offered: Fall/Every two years****SOCI 3310 Social Psychology****3 Credit Hours**

This course surveys theories about the factors that shape individuals' feelings, behaviors, and thoughts in social situations and the use of the scientific method in understanding these factors. The wide range of social, cognitive, environmental, cultural, and biological conditions that shape the social behavior and thought of individuals will be covered. Same as PSYC 3310.

Prerequisite: SOCI 1301 or PSYC 1301**Offered: Fall/Every two years****SOCI 3312 Social Theory****3 Credit Hours**

This course is a systematic analysis of the development of concepts and theories of Sociology, with extensive readings from outstanding writers, with an emphasis on the relationship of social theory to political, social, and economic backgrounds.

Prerequisite: SOCI 1301 or SOCI 2300**Offered: Fall/ Every two years****or CRIJ 1301****SOCI 3314 Social Science Statistics II****3 Credit Hours**

This course emphasizes advanced quantitative methods needed to perform statistical analysis using microcomputers. Students learn how to use SPSS/PC+ program to perform statistical analysis. Emphasis is on analysis of variance (ANOVA) and multiple regression. May be counted as an elective in sociology. Same as PSCI 3314

Prerequisites: PSCI 2313, PSYC 2313, SOCI 2313**Offered: Spring/yearly****SOCI 3315 Social Welfare Policy****3 Credit Hours**

This course is a survey of the development of selected legislation, such as adoptions, housing, child labor, physical and mental health, and social security, with emphasis on pre-legislative and legislative developments affecting welfare services. Same as PSCI 3315.

Prerequisite: SOCI 1301 or PSCI 1302 or CRIJ 1301**Offered: Spring
(During Legislative Session)**

SOCI 3316 Interventive Methods in Social Work **3 Credit Hours**

This course is a study of techniques used by the professional social worker, emphasizing methods of working with individuals, groups, and communities. Writing, interviewing, listening, and problem assessment skills are emphasized. Case assessment and record keeping are stressed. *This is a writing intensive course.*

Prerequisite: SOCI 1301 or SOCI 2300 or PSYC 1301 or CRIJ 1301. **Offered:** Fall/Yearly

SOCI 3318 Marriage and the Family **3 Credit Hours**

This course examines relationships within traditional and non-traditional marriages. Families are analyzed cross-culturally according to their form, structure, and life-cycle. Family violence will be examined. It is a support course for the Criminal Justice Program. *This is a writing intensive course.*

Prerequisite: Sophomore Standing **Offered:** Fall/Every two years

SOCI 3319 Minority Group Relations **3 Credit Hours**

This course will focus primarily on race, gender, class and sexuality and the inter-related systems of inequality based in social relationships of power and control. It will examine the privileged positions of those with power and control and the oppressions that harm and restrict others. A conceptual framework will be used to understand and recognize dimensions of privilege and oppression and how these processes are manifested within interpersonal and institutional relationships. *This is a writing intensive course and meets a diversity requirement.*

Prerequisite: None **Offered:** Spring/Every two years

SOCI 3320 Victimology **3 Credit Hours**

This course examines the wide range of victimization experiences from the perspective of the victim, their families and society. Discussions will center on the historic plight of crime victims, problems and dilemmas faced by crime victims, relationship between offenders and victims, victim's rights, victim justice, attitudes toward victimization and the emergence of the victim's role in the criminal justice process. Students are to learn and be able to apply theoretical and/or practical responses to issues involving victimization and victim assistance programs. Crimes that may be studied include workplace violence, corporate crime, robbery, burglary, assault, rape, stalking, domestic violence, homicide, suicide, elderly abuse and child sexual abuse and exploitation. *This is a writing intensive course.*

Prerequisite: SOCI 1301 or SOCI 2300 or CRIJ 1301 or PSYC 1301 **Offered:** Fall/Every two years

SOCI 3329 Methods in Social Research **3 Credit Hours**

This course presents the application of scientific methods of investigation in the social and behavioral sciences. Same as CRIJ 3329, PSYC 3329

Prerequisites: SOCI 2313 and SOCI 1301 or PSYC 1301 **Offered:** Spring/Yearly

SOCI 4300 Social Change**3 Credit Hours**

This course examines the state of society: what it is, how it works, and how it changes. It includes studies of the progress, problems, and prospects of contemporary society; trends and the dynamics of world development. Attention is also given to individual reactions to social change. *This is a writing intensive course.*

Prerequisite: Junior Status**Offered: Every Other Year****SOCI 4308 Special Topics in Sociology****3 Credit Hours**

This course covers specific topics in the area of Sociology, which vary from one semester to the next. Examples of possible topics are, Gender Issues, Urban Sociology, Homelessness, Population Problems, and the Sociology of Poverty, and Sociology of the Arts. Topics are not restricted to those listed. Students may take the course twice when a different topic is covered. Open to upper-level majors and minors or by permission of the instructor. *This is a writing intensive course.*

Prerequisite: May vary depending upon the course**Offered: As Needed****SOCI 4309 The Community****3 Credit Hours**

This course is a study of the physical, social, psychological, and institutional characteristics of communities in the United States. Problems in the community are stressed. *This is a writing intensive course.*

Prerequisite: SOCI 1301 and three additional hours in Sociology**Offered: As needed****SOCI 4327 Senior Seminar****3 Credit Hours**

As a capstone course, students will engage in a comprehensive review of the discipline of Sociology and the core competencies they were to have mastered. Students will contact graduate schools and potential employees, as well as develop a comprehensive portfolio that demonstrates their accomplishments, take a practice GRE, LSAT, or MCAT, and pass the Sociology comprehensive exam with a score of 75% or above. *This is a writing intensive course.*

Prerequisite: 24 hours in Sociology**Offered: Spring/Yearly****SOCI 4328 Field Experience****3 Credit Hours**

The focus is on the translation and extension of social work knowledge in professionally supervised practice with individuals, groups, and/or communities in public or private organizations. Students work 12 hours a week and a minimum of 156 hours total in the field. Students must have junior or senior standing and the approval of the professor. The agency supervisor MUST evaluate the student. The course can be repeated once at a different placement for Sociology credit.

Prerequisite: SOCI 1301, SOCI 3316 and two other Sociology courses**Offered: Spring/Yearly**