

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Department of Sociology  
Bachelor of Science in Sociology  
Major: Sociology  
Major Option: Research Methods

For students graduating in calendar year 2020

**Checksheet:** This checksheet specifies the requirements for a major in sociology with a research methods option.

**Number of Credits for a Bachelor of Science in Sociology:** 120 credits.

77 credits must be completed beyond what is required for a sociology major with a research methods option.

**Number of Credits for a Sociology Major with a Research Methods Option:** 43 credits.

The 43 credits include 22 credits of sociology core degree courses.

**Number of Credits of Free Electives:** 41 credits.

**Number of Credits for the Curriculum for Liberal Education:** 36 credits.

All students with a sociology major with a research methods option are required to complete the Curriculum for Liberal Education.

**Double Majors in the Department of Sociology:** The Department of Sociology offers a major in sociology, and a major in criminology. Students are permitted to obtain both majors. Courses in the sociology core degree can meet the requirements of both majors, but none of the required or elective courses taken for either major can count toward the other.

**Minimum GPA:** A minimum 2.0 in-major GPA and 2.0 overall GPA.

All courses with a SOC prefix or cross-listed with sociology are included in the calculation of the in-major GPA.

**Grade Requirement:** All courses used to fulfill the requirements of the sociology major with a research methods option must be taken for a letter grade of A-F.

**Requirements for Satisfactory Progress:** Students must have completed Introductory Sociology (SOC 1004), Social Research Methods (SOC 3204), Sociological Theory (SOC 3104), and an additional 9 credits of sociology prior to attempting 72 credits (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing, and credit by examination).

Upon having attempted 60 credits, students must have an in-major GPA of 2.0 and an in-major GPA of 2.0 thereafter to be considered as making satisfactory progress toward the degree.

If satisfactory progress is not made, procedures will be followed as required by the Academic Eligibility Policy.

**Prerequisites:** Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites.

**Advising:** Regular contact with the academic advisor for sociology is not required but strongly encouraged. Call (540) 231-8971 to schedule an appointment. The Department of Sociology main office is located in 560 McBryde.

**Sociology Major with a Research Methods Option**

**Sociology Core Degree Required Courses: 22 credits**

In accordance with State Council of Education guidelines, courses used to fulfill the SCHEV approved degree core may not also be used to meet Curriculum for Liberal Education or major requirements.

**Sociology: 16 credits. Take in the order listed**

_____ SOC 1004	Introductory Sociology (3) (including First Year Experience)
_____ SOC 3104*	Sociological Theory (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
_____ SOC 3204	Social Research Methods (4) (Pre: SOC 1004). Recommend taking before STAT 3604.
_____ SOC 3004	Social Inequality (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
_____ SOC 4194	Senior Seminar (3) (Pre: SOC 3104 and SOC 3204)

**Statistics: 3 credits**

_____ STAT 3604	Statistics for the Social Sciences (3) (Pre: MATH 1014 or higher level Math)
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**Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, Peace Studies and Violence Prevention, and Women's and Gender Studies Electives: 3 credits**

**Select one of the following:**

_____ AFST 1714	Introduction to African American Studies (3)
_____ AINS 1104	Introduction to American Indian Studies (3)
_____ PSVP 2044 (SOC 2044)	Peace and Violence (3)
_____ WGS 1824	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (3)

\*Recommend taking two of the following courses prior to registering for SOC 3104, Sociological Theory: SOC 2004, Social Problems, SOC 2014, Dating Marriage Divorce, SOC 2024, Minority Group Relations, SOC 2034, Diversity and Community Engagement, and/or SOC 2304, Individual in Society.

**Research Methods Option Courses: 9 credits.**

Select 9 credits from the list below. A course used to meet this requirement cannot also be used as a sociology elective. Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites.

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| _____ SOC 3954            | Study Abroad (variable), in related area with the approval by the department chair. No more than 3 credits.                                    |
| _____ SOC 4094 (APS 4094) | Appalachian Community Research (3)   |
| _____ SOC 4204            | Applied Research (3) (Pre: SOC 3204, STAT 3604)  |
| _____ SOC 4304            | Research Methods Topics (3) (Pre: SOC 3204, STAT 3604). Can be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits if topics are different.                    |
| _____ SOC 4754            | Internship (3) (Pre: SOC 3204, STAT 3604), in related area with the approval of the department chair. No more than 3 credits.                  |
| _____ SOC 4974            | Independent Study (variable), in related area with approval by the department chair. No more than 6 credits. (Pre: Junior or senior standing). |
| _____ SOC 4994            | Undergraduate Research (variable). Can be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits.   |
| _____                     | Other statistics and/or methods course with approval by the department chair.  |

**Sociology Electives: 12 credits.**

A course not used as a research methods option course can be used to fulfill this requirement. Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites.

1000-2000 level: None required. Maximum of 6 credits. A maximum of 3 credits from SOC 2754 (Internship), SOC 2964 (Field Study), and SOC 2974 (Independent Study) can be used to fulfill this requirement.

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3000-4000 level: Minimum of 6 credits. A course not taken in the above list of research methods option required courses can be used to meet this requirement. A maximum of 3 credits from SOC 4754 (Internship), SOC 4964 (Field Study), and SOC 4974 (Independent Study) can be used to fulfill this requirement.

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## Curriculum for Liberal Education and Foreign Language

### Curriculum for Liberal Education: 36 credits.

All students must fulfill the requirements of the Curriculum for Liberal Education. Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites

#### Area 1: Writing and Discourse

6 credits from the sequence ENGL 1105/1106.

\_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 1105 (3)

\_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 1106 (3)

#### Area 2: Ideas, Cultural Traditions, and Values

6 credits selected from Area 2 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses. Courses listed in Areas 2 and 6 may not count for both areas.

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#### Area 3: Society and Human Behavior

6 credits selected from Area 3 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses.

\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

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#### Area 4: Scientific Reasoning and Discovery

6 credits of lecture selected from Area 4 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses.

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#### Area 5: Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning

6 credits selected from Area 5 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses.

\_\_\_\_\_ Math 1014 or other higher Math (3)

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#### Area 6: Creativity and Aesthetic Experience

3 credits selected from Area 6 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses. Courses listed in Areas 2 and 6 may not count for both areas.

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#### Area 7: Critical Issues in a Global Context

3 credits selected from Area 7 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses. A course taken to satisfy another area of the Curriculum for Liberal Education that also is included as an Area 7 course will satisfy the Area 7 requirement simultaneously.

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### **Foreign Language Requirement:**

Students who completed 3 years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school have completed this requirement. Students who did not complete 3 years of a foreign, classical, or sign language in high school must complete one of the following:

- 2 years of a foreign, classical, or sign language in high school plus FL 1106 or the equivalent in college. These 3 hours count towards the 120 required for graduation.
- Complete FL 1105-1106 or the equivalent in college. These 6 hours do not count toward the 120 required for graduation.
- Complete either SPAN 1114, GER 1114, RUS 1114, or ITAL 1114. The 4 hours do not count towards the 120 required for graduation.