

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Department of Sociology  
Bachelor of Science in Sociology  
Major: Sociology

For student date of entry under UG Catalog 2023-2024

This checksheet specifies the requirements for a major in sociology.

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

77 credits must be completed beyond what is required for a major in sociology.

**Number of Credits for a Sociology Major: 43 credits.**

The 43 credits consist of 22 credits of sociology core degree courses, 18 sociology electives, 3 electives from Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, or Women and Gender Studies.

**Number of Credits of Free Electives: 32 credits.**

**Number of Credits for the Pathways to General Education Curriculum: 45 credits.**

All students with a sociology major are required to complete the Pathways to General Education Curriculum.

**Double Majors in the Department of Sociology:** The Department of Sociology offers a major in sociology, with and without options, 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 other 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 SOC are included in the calculation of the in-major GPA.

**Grade Requirement:** Courses taken as part of the sociology major must be taken for a letter grade of A-F.

**Requirements for Satisfactory Progress:** Students must have completed Introductory Sociology (SOC 1004), Sociological Theory (SOC 3104), Social Research Methods (SOC 3204), and an additional 9 credits of sociology courses 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 office is located at 560 McBryde Hall.

**SOCIOLOGY MAJOR**

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

*In accordance with university guidelines, courses satisfying degree core requirements may not be double counted to satisfy other areas of a degree (e.g. Pathways to General Education Curriculum).*

**Sociology: 19 credits. Take in the order listed:**

_____	SOC 1004		Introductory Sociology (3) (including First Year Experience)
_____	SOC 2104 (HD 2104)	<b>OR</b>	Quantitative Approaches to Community Research (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
_____	STAT 3604		Statistics for the Social Sciences (3) (Pre: MATH 1015)
_____	SOC 3104*		Sociological Theory (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
_____	SOC 3204		Social Research Methods (4) (Pre: SOC 1004)
_____	SOC 3004		Social Inequality (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
_____	SOC 4194		Senior Seminar (3) (Pre: SOC 3104, SOC 3204)

**Africana Studies, American Indian Studies 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)
_____	WGS 1814	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, Sociology of Intimate Relationships, SOC 2024, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, SOC 2034, Diversity and Community Engagement, SOC 2304, Individual in Society, and/or SOC 2404, Deviant Behavior.

**Sociology Electives: 18 credits.** Select from the following.

A course cross-listed with Sociology used to fulfill this requirement cannot also be used to fulfill other requirements of the major. Courses **MUST** have SOC department heading in order to count towards major (ex: SOC 1234). Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites.

1000-2000 level: Must take 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 level: Take 3 credits; may take 3 credits of 4000 level instead. No more than 3 credits.

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

4000 level: Minimum of 9 credits. Additional 4000 level must be taken if opting out of 3000 level above. 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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**Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, and Women's and Gender Studies Electives: 3 credits**

Any 2000-4000 level AFST, AINS, or WGS course can be used to fulfill this requirement. Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites.

A course cross-listed with sociology used to fulfill this requirement cannot also be used to fulfill other requirements of the major.

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**Pathways to General Education Curriculum**

\*All pathways courses must be at least 3 credit hours per course\*

**Pathways to General Education Curriculum**: 45 credits.

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

**Core Concept 1: Discourse** (9 hours)

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| 1A: Applied/Advanced - Select from approved Pathways courses | 3cr | _____           |
| 1f: Foundational - First -Year Writing                       | 3cr | _____ ENGL 1105 |
| 1f: Foundational - First -Year Writing                       | 3cr | _____ ENGL 1106 |

**Core Concept 2: Critical Thinking in the Humanities** (6 hours)

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| Select from approved Pathways courses | 3cr | _____ |
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**Core Concept 3: Reasoning in the Social Sciences** (6 hours)

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| Select from approved Pathways courses | 3cr | _____ |
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**Core Concept 4: Reasoning in the Natural Sciences** (6 hours)

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| Select from approved Pathways courses | 3cr | _____ |
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**Core Concept 5: Quantitative and Computational Thinking** (9 hours)

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| 5A: Applied/Advanced – Select from approved Pathways courses | 3cr | _____ |
| 5f: Foundational – Select from approved Pathways courses     | 3cr | _____ |
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**Core Concept 6: Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts** (6 hours)

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| 6A: Practice in the Arts- select from approved courses | 3cr | _____ |
| 6D: Practice in Design- select from approved courses   | 3cr | _____ |

**Core Concept 7: Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States** (3 hours)

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| Select from approved Pathways courses | 3cr | _____ |
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**Foreign Language Requirement:**

Students who did not successfully complete at least two years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language during high school must successfully complete six credit hours of a single foreign, classical, or sign language at the college level. Courses taken to meet this requirement do not count toward the hours required for graduates. Please consult the Undergraduate Catalog for details.