



# Sociology - General Track, BA

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**Program Description:** For the Sociology – General track, all students complete a set of foundational courses that introduce them to sociological theory and issues of inequality, as well as the skills and techniques of sociological research. They take 18-credits of Sociology electives to pursue their interests and prepare for employment and graduate school and learn how the knowledge and skills that they learn in their classes prepares them for the labor market. In addition, qualified students can apply for early admission into the Master of Arts in Sociology program which enables them to take graduate-level courses in their final year that count towards both their undergraduate and graduate degrees.

**Career Opportunities:** Many of our graduates work in social services positions for various non-profit and government agencies. In these agencies, they do advocacy work with many different groups and populations like children, the elderly, veterans, the homeless, survivors of domestic, sexual, and other types of interpersonal violence, people with intellectual and physical disabilities, and individuals experiencing substance use disorders and other mental health issues. They do community prevention and education on a variety of social problems and develop social policies that strengthen communities and improve the lives of the individuals and families who live in those communities. Our graduates also work in the business industry in marketing, sales, and public relations. Several of our graduates have gone on to work in law enforcement and various types of criminal justice positions like adult or juvenile probation officers. Some of our graduates have gone on to do research and work for the government or private agencies that address climate change and other environmental problems.

**Student Organizations:** There are several ways to get involved in the Sociology Department. We have the Sociology Club that hosts a variety of fund-raising events throughout the semester and organizes numerous mentoring events such as “Getting into Graduate School” and “Careers in Sociology” workshops. Additionally, Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) is the international Sociology honor society. AKD promotes excellence in students who use sociological knowledge to engage in service and intellectual activities that lead to the improvement of the human condition. Membership in AKD is open to students who meet minimum GPA requirements.

**Experiential Learning:** Several faculty members in the Sociology Department incorporate service-learning projects into their courses. For example, a group of students, faculty, staff, and administrators committed to speaking out against racism regularly participated in campus demonstrations organized by the Racial Justice Coalition for Change as part of the Racial and Ethnic Minorities class. Service-learning projects help students integrate meaningful community service with academic instruction and personal reflection.



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## Four-year Course Sequencing

**Four-year Sequencing:** The below suggested four-year plan outlines the courses tentatively planned for each semester of your baccalaureate degree. The goal is for you to visualize the years to come and understand what courses or other requirements are needed in order to graduate in four years. Considerable adjustments to this curriculum map are routinely made to facilitate students' timely completion of the program of study. This also allows you to plan with your advisor for important engagement activities that support your higher education goals, such as, planning for an internship, research, and/or study abroad. The summer and winter terms are also an opportunity to take courses or accomplish other goals.

Freshman Year: Fall			Freshman Year: Spring		
Course	Course Description	Credits	Course	Course Description	Credits
SOC 151 or 161	Principles of Sociology or Foundations of Sociology	3	ENGL 101	Composition I	3
HIST	HIST 196/197/198	3	FNLG 101	Choose from SPAN/FRNC/GRMN	4
Wellness	Select one 143 course from list	3	MATH	MATH 217 recommended	3
PHIL/RLST	Select one course from list	3	Social Science	ANTH 110 recommended (GMA)	3
Fine Arts	Select one course from list	3	SOC elective	Choose a 200- or 300-level course	3
<b>Total Fall</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total Spring</b>		<b>16</b>

Sophomore Year: Fall			Sophomore Year: Spring		
Course	Course Description	Credits	Course	Course Description	Credits
ENGL/FNLG 121	Humanities Literature	3	LSE	LSE (replaces ENGL 202)	3
FNLG 102	Choose from SPAN/FRNC/GRMN	4	FNLG 201/CS	Choose from SPAN/FRNC/GRMN or approved Cultural Studies course	3
Social Science	PSYC 101 recommended	3	Nat Science	NS lab or non-lab	3-4
Nat Science	NS lab or non-lab	3-4	SOC elective	Choose a 200- or 300-level course	3
SOC req elective	Choose one: 251/357/361/362/363/452	3	Free elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3
<b>Total Fall</b>		<b>17-18</b>	<b>Total Spring</b>		<b>16-17</b>

Junior Year: Fall			Junior Year: Spring		
Course	Course Description	Credits	Course	Course Description	Credits
SOC 315	Social Research Methods	3	SOC 325	Making Sense of Social Data	3
SOC 320	Sociology Theory	3	SOC elective	Choose a 300- or 400-level course	3
SOC elective	Choose a 300- or 400-level course	3	Free elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3
Free elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3	Free elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3
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<b>Total Fall</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total Spring</b>		<b>15</b>

Senior Year: Fall			Senior Year: Spring		
Course	Course Description	Credits	Course	Course Description	Credits
SOC 465	Your Sociology Future	3	SOC elective	Choose a 200-, 300- or 400-level course	3
SOC elective	Choose a 300- or 400-level course	3	Free elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3
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Free elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3	Free elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3
<b>Total Fall</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>Total Spring</b>		<b>15</b>



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## Summary of Requirements

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**Summary of Requirements:** The Sociology - General track requires five core courses and the completion of six controlled electives selected based on the student's personal and career interests. The Sociology General track requirements total 33 credits. Elementary-level II and Intermediate-level or Dept-approved course substitution may be included in Liberal Studies electives (7-8 credits). The IUP Liberal Studies program includes 46-48 credits, with 31-44 credits of free electives offering flexibility for Sociology majors to complete a minor, certificate, or double major. The total credits required for graduation is 120, and you can review your progress on Degree Works.

### Liberal Studies (46-48 credits)

Course	Credits	Grade
Learning Skills: English Composition (6 credits)		
ENGL 101 Composition	3	
SOC department has a Writing Across the Curriculum Plan, so students may select a liberal studies elective to replace ENG 202.		

Learning Skills: Mathematics (3 credits)		
MATH 217 Probability & Stats (recommended)	3	

Humanities (9 credits)		
HIST 196 or 197 or 198	3	
ENGL/FNLG 121 Humanities Literature	3	
PHIL/RLST Select one course from the list	3	

Fine Arts (3 credits)		
Select one course from the list	3	

Natural Sciences (7-8 credits)		
Natural Sciences with a lab	4	
Natural Sciences with/without a lab	3-4	

Social Sciences (9 credits)		
SOC 151 Principles or 161 Foundations	3	
ANTH 110 (recommended) (meets GMA)	3	
PSYC 101 (recommended)	3	

Health and Wellness (3 credits)		
Select one course from the list	3	

Liberal Studies Electives (6-8 credits) – No SOC prefix courses		
Select two from the list	6	
Global/Multicultural (if not completed above)		

Elementary-level II and/or Intermediate-level foreign language may be included in Liberal Studies electives (7-8 credits).

### General Track Requirements (33 credits)

Course	Credits	Grade
SOC 151 Principles or 161 Foundations	*	
SOC 315 Social Research Methods	3	
SOC 320 Sociological Theory	3	
SOC 325 Making Sense of Social Data	3	
One course from SOC 251, 357, 361, 362, 363, or 452	3	
Sociology Free Elective	9	
<b>Controlled Electives:</b> Choose six courses from the following SOC electives:		
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SOC 231, 251, 269, 314, 333, 335, 336, 337, 340, 345, 348, 352, 357, 361, 362, 363, 387, 421, 427, 428, 442, 448, 452, 458, 493		

<b>Free Electives</b>	<b>31-44 credits</b>
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<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>120 credits</b>
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### Notes of Importance:

- SOC 151 or 161 credits counted towards Liberal Studies requirements, not towards the major.
- Student may apply SOC 281/481 Special Topics courses to Sociology Electives with departmental permission.
- Students must complete SOC 151/161 and 9 add'l credits in SOC before taking SOC 320.
- Global/Multicultural (GMA), 3 credits required, but if complete ANTH 110 in the Social Sciences category, this is satisfied
- This program is approved for Writing Across the Curriculum
- Review Degree Works for your progress toward the degree