



Sociology - Human Services Track, BA

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Program Description: For the Sociology – Human Services track, all students complete a set of foundational courses that introduce them to sociological theory, the foundations and practice of clinical sociology, as well as the skills and techniques of research. They also take at least five classes in a substantive area of their choice to give them content related to their area of interest in which they might seek future employment. Students also complete a 12-credit internship as part of the requirements for the Human Services track. The Sociology internship program is unique in that students get to select their internship placement based on their interests and career goals. 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 human or 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. Service-learning projects, like the “Stuff the Van” food drive for Hunger Awareness Week that you see pictured above, help students integrate meaningful community service with academic instruction and personal reflection.



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Four-year Course Sequencing

The below four-year plan outlines the courses required in 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
Total Fall		15	Total Spring		16

Sophomore Year: Fall			Sophomore Year: Spring		
Course	Course Description	Credits	Course	Course Description	Credits
ENGL/FNLG 121	Humanities Literature	3	ENGL 202	Composition II	3
FNLG 102	Choose from SPAN/FRNC/GRMN	4	FNLG 201/CS	Choose from SPAN/FRNC/GRMN or approved Cult Studies course	3-4
Social Science	PSYC 101 recommended	3	Nat Science	NS with lab	4
Nat Science	NS lab or non-lab	3-4	SOC elective	Choose a 200- or 300-level course	3-4
SOC elective	Choose a 200- or 300-level course	3	Free elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3
Total Fall		16-17	Total Spring		16-18

Junior Year: Fall			Junior Year: Spring		
Course	Course Description	Credits	Course	Course Description	Credits
SOC 320	Sociology Theory	3	SOC 392	Clinical Sociological Practice	3
SOC 391	Foundations of Sociological Practice	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
Free elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3	Free elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3
Total Fall		15	Total Spring		15

Senior Year: Fall			Senior Year: Spring		
Course	Course Description	Credits	Course	Course Description	Credits
SOC 460	Social Research Methods 1	3	SOC 461	Social Research Methods II	3
Free elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3	SOC 493	Internship in Sociology	12
Free elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3			
Free elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3			
Total Fall		12	Total Spring		15

Students may elect to complete SOC 493 Internship in Sociology in the summer before or after their senior year.



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Summary of Requirements

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Summary of Requirements: The Sociology - Human Services track requires five core courses, the completion of one substantive area consisting of five courses (one required course and four electives), and a 12-credit internship. The Sociology – Human Services track requirements total 42 credits. The Department of Sociology requires students to complete up to the 102-level of a foreign language and either the 201-level or an approved cultural studies course. Intermediate-level foreign language (102/201) or the cultural studies course may be included in Liberal Studies electives. The IUP Liberal Studies program includes 46-49 credits, and there are 29-32 credits of free electives available 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 (46-49 credits)

Course	Credits	Grade
Learning Skills: English Composition (6 credits)		
ENGL 101 Composition	3	
ENGL 202 Composition II	3	

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 of Sociology	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)		
Foreign Language (102)	4	
Foreign Language (201) or approved Cultural Studies course	3-4	

Placement exams are available to replace the above language courses, but if placement is successful six credits of liberal studies electives are required. FNLG 101 required as prerequisite for FNLG 102 if no previous foreign language study, will count toward free electives.

Human Services Track Requirements (42 credits)

Course	Credits	Grade
SOC 151 Principles or 161 Foundations	*	
SOC 320 Sociological Theory	3	
SOC 391 Foundations of Sociological Practice	3	
SOC 392 Clinical Sociological Practice	3	
SOC 460 Social Research Methods I	3	
SOC 461 Social Research Methods II	3	
SOC 493 Internship in Sociology	12	

Controlled Electives (One substantive area):	15	
Medical Sociology: SOC 442; and four courses from: ANTH 222, 444; BIOL 155, 240; ECON 335; FDNT 212: PSYC 225, 378; SOC 231, 336, 357, 387, 448, 452		
Gerontology: SOC 357, and four courses from: ANTH 444; ECON 335; PSYC 312, 378; SOC 231, 251, 336, 352, 387, 442, 448		
Juvenile Delinquency: SOC 333, and four courses from: CRIM 102, 225, 235, 394; GEOG 230, 231; HIST 374; SOC 231, 269, 335, 336, 345, 361, 362, 387, 428, 448		
Interpersonal and Family Sociology: SOC 336 or 345, and four courses from: CDFR 218, 224; PSYC 225, 235, 311; SOC 251, 269, 333, 335, 336, 345, 361, 362, 363, 387, 427, 428, 448, 452		
Labor and Industry Relations: SOC 340 or 348, and four courses from: ECON 330; ELR 480; PSYC 390; RGPL 350; SOC 231, 340, 348, 361, 387, 448, 458		
Community Development: SOC 231 or 448, and four courses from: ANTH 271, 272, 314; FDNT 402; GEOG 232, 331; PLSC 251; RGPL 350; SOC 231, 269, 271, 272, 314, 333, 336, 363, 387, 448		

Free Electives	22-32	
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- SOC 151 or 161 credits counted towards Liberal Studies requirements, not toward the major.
- [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