

SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

Departmental Requirements for Major in Sociology

Seven (7) core Sociology courses:

ANTH 161 Cultural Anthropology

SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology

SOCI 234 Investigating Social Forces in American Society

SOCI 301 Sociological Theory

SOCI 302 Sociological Methods I - Research Design

SOCI 303 Sociological Methods II - Data Collection & Analysis

SOCI 480 Sociology Senior Thesis Seminar or

SOCI 495 Internship in Sociology/Anthropology

Recommended Course:

MATH 117 Introduction to Statistics (Gen. Ed. Goal 2)

CONCENTRATIONS IN SOCIOLOGY

Students majoring in Sociology must select one of the concentrations offered, which have requirements in addition to the six Sociology core courses. The General Sociology concentration offers the student an opportunity to explore the wide range of sub-disciplines within the field. Other concentrations combine selected courses within Sociology with related courses from other specified departments to give greater depth and focus to the undergraduate degree program. A cohesive sequence of courses in important subfields enables students to strengthen their knowledge for either immediate employment opportunities upon graduation or for advanced post-graduate training.

Students majoring in Sociology choose from one of the six concentrations listed below:

General Sociology (USOG)

Anthropology (USOA)

Business and Society (USOB)

Deviance and Social Control (USOD)

Human Services (USOS)

Social Justice (USOJ)

GENERAL SOCIOLOGY (USOG)

The General Sociology concentration is designed for students who wish to gain a broad overview of the discipline. In addition to the core requirements for the major, students select the following courses: six sociology/anthropology electives; a minimum of two (2) must be at the 300-level or higher.

ANTHROPOLOGY (USOA)

The Anthropology concentration focuses on the understanding of culture, the various adaptive styles human beings have devised, and the ways in which they have become diversified. It is designed to prepare students for careers involving interaction and cooperation with people from diverse cultural, religious, and ethnic groups. Some examples are government; international development; foundation administration; business enterprises, especially those with overseas interests; non-profit organizations, especially non-governmental organizations (NGO's) with global interests; human ecology; and environmental consulting. In addition, this concentration prepares students for graduate study in anthropology, sociology, and international relations. In addition to completing the core requirements for the major, students select the following courses:

Six (6) anthropology/sociology courses, at least two (2) must be at the 300-level or higher:

Concentration core (1):

ANTH 172 Interpreting the Past: Archaeological Perspectives

Choose at least two (2) of the remaining five (5) concentration anthropology/sociology courses from the following list:

ANTH 207 Global Issues in Anthropology

ANTH 243 Native American Cultures

ANTH 253 Gender Across Cultures

ANTH 258 Critical Approaches to Men and Masculinities

ANTH 290 Non-Western Cultural Studies Tour

ANTH 313 South American Archaeology

ANTH 360 Language and Culture

ANTH 370 Psychological Anthropology

ANTH 207 Global Issues in Anthropology

Note: Substitutions may be made with permission of the Chair of Sociology Department.

BUSINESS AND SOCIETY (USOB)

This concentration is for students interested in professional and business careers. The focus is on various models of work systems in American enterprise, social regulation of business, the character of the global economy, and markets as systems of social exchange relating to families, work organizations, and the state. Fieldwork is encouraged for students through our field experience course.

In addition to completing the core requirements for the major, students select the following courses:

Six (6) sociology courses, at least two (2) must be at the 300-level or higher:

Concentration core (two (2) courses):

SOCI 340 Sociology of Work

SOCI 342 People and Organizations

Choose at least two (2) of the remaining four (4) concentration sociology courses from the following list:

SOCI 218 Women in Society

SOCI 230 Law and Society

SOCI 282 Society, Technology, and the Future

SOCI 308 Political Sociology

SOCI 315 Social Class

Note: Substitutions may be made with permission of the Chair of Sociology Department.

DEVIANCE AND SOCIAL CONTROL (USOD)

A focus on deviance and social control implies taking a careful look at how forms of social and personal behavior which violate mainstream norms arise, and at how mainstreamers and mainstream social institutions regard and respond to such behavior. We will be looking at behavioral styles called “crime”, “delinquency”, “immorality”, “non-conformity”, and so forth. How do such modes of behavior arise and how do they become labeled as deviant styles by the society and its mainstream enforcers? How do deviants assess their own behavior and how is it viewed by others? How does it affect their relationships with others? What do “insider- outsider” relations consist of? What does the society as a whole define as order? How do various social institutions and groupings (the legal and medical establishments, the upholders of public morality, etc.) respond to what they view to be disorder? How does society punish transgressors and enforce rules and impose sanctions? This concentration is particularly suitable for those interested in the practice of law and law enforcement, politics, public administration, mental health, and social work.

In addition to completing the core requirements for the major, students select the following courses:

Six (6) sociology courses, at least two (2) must be at the 300-level or higher:

Concentration core (three (3) courses):

SOCI 121 Criminology

SOCI 230 Law and Society

SOCI 329 Social Deviance

Choose at least two (2) of the remaining three (3) concentration sociology courses from the following list:

SOCI 212 Sociology of the Family

SOCI 267 Sociology of Subcultures

SOCI 312 Sociology of Childhood and Adolescence

SOCI 325 Health and Illness

SOCI 333 Society and the Mentally Ill

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HUMAN SERVICES (USOS)

This concentration is designed for students interested in careers in human services, such as non-profit agency administration, social work, counseling, community organizing, health care policy analysis, and health care administration. Additionally, this concentration offers preparation for graduate study in social work, health care administration, law, sociology, psychology, education, and human resource management. The Human Service concentration provides an in-depth examination of the impact of social forces on human behavior.

In addition to completing the core requirements for the major, students select the following courses:

Six (6) sociology courses, at least two (2) must be at the 300-level or higher:

Concentration core (two (2) courses):

SOCI 245 Race and Ethnic Relations

SOCI 315 Social Class

Choose at least three (3) of the remaining four (4) concentration sociology courses from the following list:

SOCI 212 Sociology of the Family

SOCI 248 Social Structure and the Self

SOCI 280 Aging in Society

SOCI 312 Sociology of Childhood and Adolescence

SOCI 325 Health and Illness

SOCI 333 Society and the Mentally Ill

SOCI 366 Death and Dying

Note: Substitutions may be made with permission of the Chair of Sociology Department.

SOCIAL JUSTICE (USOJ)

A focus on the study of social inequalities and the struggle to achieve a more equitable society and world. The concentration examines class, race, ethnic, national, and gender divisions and their connections to major social and political problems. It also considers possible solutions and

related strategies of social change. This concentration is suitable for students interested in political activism, government service, social work, teaching, law, and graduate work in the social sciences.

Six (6) sociology courses, at least two (2) must be at the 300-level or higher:

Concentration core (two (2) courses):

SOCI 263 Social Inequality

SOCI 308 Political Sociology

Choose at least three (3) of the remaining four (4) concentration sociology courses from the following list:

ANTH 207 Global Issues in Anthropology

ANTH 253 Gender Across Cultures

ANTH 258 Critical Approaches to Men and Masculinities

SOCI 218 Women in Society

SOCI 245 Race and Ethnic Relations

SOCI 315 Social Class

Note: Substitutions may be made with permission of the Chair of Sociology Department.