

# Bachelor of Science in Sociology: Social Inequality Concentration

## Program Overview

Sociology is the study of social life. At the interpersonal level, sociology studies the causes and consequences of such things as identity, romantic love and deviance. At the societal level, it examines and explains such things as poverty, crime and racism. At the global level, it studies such things as immigration, modernization and war. The sociology major and minor are designed to prepare students to enter career fields such as public policy, human services, research analysis and community organizing, among others. The sociology major and minor can also serve as an academic foundation for advanced study in law, justice studies, social work, sociology, gerontology, criminology, or public policy.

## Degree Requirements

To earn this degree, students must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher in the Major as well as an overall GPA of 2.0, complete a minimum of 120 credit hours, and fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below.

\*This is a sample plan; specific courses may vary from year to year. Academic advisors will work with each student to develop their individual schedule.

Major-Specific Required Courses		CREDITS
✓		
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 222	Social Research Methods	3
SOC 240	Sociological Theory	3
SOC 275	Practicum in Sociology	3
SOC 322	Qualitative Research Methods	3
SOC 324	Quantitative Research Methods	3
SOC 440	Senior Seminar	3
Choose 2 of the following:		CREDITS
POSC 121	American National Politics	3
POSC 122	State and Local Politics	3
POSC 140	International Politics	3
POSC 233	Comparative Politics	3
9 Credit hours choose from: COMM 327; EDUC 216; GNST 125, 201; HIST 327; INTD 324; PEAC 112; SOC 228, 328, 345, 355; SOWK 355		CREDITS
Elective*		3
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6 Credit of electives chosen w/advisor & chair		CREDITS
Elective*		3
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**Total Program Credits: 120+**

MAJOR	*Options
CORE	^CORE equivalent
ELECTIVE/MINOR	
EXPERIENTIAL	

CORE		CREDITS
✓	Foundation	
LA-FWS	First-Year Writing Seminar	3
LA-FCS	First-Year Communication Seminar	3
LA-FQR	Quantitative Reasoning	3-4
LA-FSS	First Year Success Seminar	1
LA-FCG	Cultural and Global Understanding	3-5
	Exploration	
LA-EAH	Arts and Humanities	3
LA-ENS	Natural Sciences	3-6
LA-ESS	Social Sciences	3-4
	Transformation	
LA-TFR	Faith, Reason, and Ethics	3
LA-TBI	Big Issues - 2 courses	6-7
LA-TCE	Creative Expression	1-3
	Additional credits to bring total to 120+ credits	CREDITS
✓	Electives	
	Experiential Learning	

Example Course Sequence:

The following is a sample of a semester-by-semester approach to completing this program in 4 years.

YEAR 1			
FIRST SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	PREREQUISITES
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3	
POSC 140*	International Politics	3	
LA-FWS	First-Year Writing Seminar	3	
LA-FCS	First-Year Communication Seminar	3	
LA-FSS	First Year Success Seminar	1	
JAN TERM			
COURSE		CREDITS	
SECOND SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	
SOC 222	Social Research Methods	3	SOC 101
Elective*		3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
LA-EAH	Arts and Humanities	3	
LA-ENS	Natural Sciences	3	
		28	

YEAR 2			
THIRD SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	PREREQUISITES
SOC 240	Sociological Theory	3	SOC 101
Elective*		3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
JAN TERM			
COURSE		CREDITS	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
FOURTH SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	
SOC 275	Practicum in Sociology	3	
Elective*		3	
LA-TCE	Creative Expression	3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
		30	

4-Year Sample Schedule Cont.

YEAR 3			
FIFTH SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	PREREQUISITES
SOC 322	Qualitative Research Methods	3	SOC 101; SOC/SOWK 222
Elective*		3	
LA-TFR	Faith, Reason, and Ethics	3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
JAN TERM			
COURSE		CREDITS	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
SIXTH SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	
SOC 324 <sup>^</sup>	Quantitative Research Methods	3	
Elective*		3	
LA-TBI	Big Issues - 2 courses	3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
EXPERIENTIAL		3	
		33	

YEAR 4			
SEVENTH SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	PREREQUISITES
SOC 440	Senior Seminar	3	FYWS or ENG 111; SOC 101, 222, 240
LA-TBI	Big Issues - 2 courses	3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
EXPERIENTIAL		3	
JAN TERM			
COURSE		CREDITS	
EXPERIENTIAL		3	
EIGHTH SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
EXPERIENTIAL		3	
		30	
	TOTAL CREDITS	121	