Sociology, B.A.

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the University's Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

Sequencing of coursework is important in meeting the four-year plan.

Before the fifth semester begins: SOC:1010 Introduction to Sociology or equivalent, and one sociology elective.

Before the seventh semester begins: SOC:2130 Sociological Theory, a required statistics course, one more sociology elective, and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: SOC:2170 Research Methods and one more sociology elective.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, including a capstone course, SOC:4909 Graduation Portfolio, and the last two sociology electives; all remaining GE CLAS Core courses; and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course | Title | Hours | Notes
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First Year
Fall
SOC:1010 | Introduction to Sociology ^a | 3 | Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200 | Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature | 3 - 4 | Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course ^b | 4 - 5 | Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
Elective course ^c | 1 | Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
CSI:1600 | Success at Iowa | 2 |
Hours | 13-15 |
Spring
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200 | Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature | 3 - 4 |
Major: sociology elective/track course ^d | 3 |
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion ^e | 3 |
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^b | 4 - 5 |
Elective course ^c | 3 |
Hours | 16-18 |

Second Year
Fall
SOC:2130 | Sociological Theory | 3 |

GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab ^e | 4 |
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^b | 4 - 5 |
Major: sociology elective/track course ^d | 3 |
Elective course ^c | 2 - 3 |

Hours | 16-18 |

Spring
Major: introductory statistics course - STAT:1020 Elementary Statistics and Inference recommended ^a | 3 |
Major: sociology elective/track course ^d | 3 |
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course ^b | 4 - 5 |
Elective course ^c | 3 |
Elective course ^c | 3 |

Hours | 16-17 |

Third Year
Fall
SOC:2170 | Research Methods | 3 |
Major: upper-level sociology elective/track course ^f | 3 |
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture ^e | 3 |
Elective course ^c | 3 |
Elective course ^c | 3 |

Hours | 15 |

Spring
Major: capstone course | 3 |
Major: upper-level sociology elective/track course ^f | 3 |
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts ^e | 3 |
Elective course ^c | 3 |
Elective course ^c | 3 |

Hours | 15 |

Fourth Year
Fall
Major: upper-level sociology elective/track course ^f | 3 |
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab ^e | 3 |
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives ^e | 3 |
Elective course ^c | 3 |
Elective course ^c | 3 |

Hours | 15 |

Spring
Major: upper-level sociology elective/track course ^f | 3 |
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues ^e | 3 |
Elective course ^c | 3 |
Elective course ^c | 3 |
Elective course ^c | 3 |

Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) | 3 |

Hours | 15 |

Total Hours | 121-128 |
Students have the option to choose one of two tracks in the major: family and health services, or human relations and business.

GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.

Upper-level sociology courses (prefix SOC) are numbered 3000 or above. Two of the upper-level electives must be taken after (and not concurrent with) the completion of SOC:2130, an approved introductory statistics course, and SOC:2170.

Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Graduation Services.