

# Sociology, BA

## 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
<b>Academic Career</b>		
<b>Any Semester</b>		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability <sup>a</sup>		
	<b>Hours</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
SOC:1010	Introduction to Sociology <sup>b</sup>	3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric: Writing and Communication or The Interpretation of Literature	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup>		4 - 5
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	1
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		3
	<b>Hours</b>	<b>14-16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Major: sociology elective/track course <sup>e</sup>		3
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric: Writing and Communication	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Understanding Cultural Perspectives <sup>f</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup>		4 - 5

Elective course <sup>d</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>16-18</b>

### Second Year

#### Fall

SOC:2130	Sociological Theory	3
Major: sociology elective/track course <sup>e</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab <sup>f</sup>		4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup>		4 - 5
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		2

**Hours 16-17**

#### Spring

Major: introductory statistics course - STAT:1020 Elementary Statistics and Inference recommended <sup>b</sup>		3
Major: sociology elective/track course <sup>e</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup>		4 - 5
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		2

**Hours 15-16**

### Third Year

#### Fall

SOC:2170	Research Methods	3
Major: upper-level sociology elective/track course <sup>g</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Society <sup>f</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		3

**Hours 15**

#### Spring

Major: capstone course <sup>h</sup>		3
Major: upper-level sociology elective/track course <sup>g</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts <sup>f</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		3

**Hours 15**

### Fourth Year

#### Fall

Major: upper-level sociology elective/track course <sup>g</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab <sup>f</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives <sup>f</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		3

**Hours 15**

#### Spring

SOC:4909	Graduation Portfolio	0
Major: upper-level sociology elective/track course <sup>g</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues <sup>f</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		3

Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)<sup>i</sup>

**Hours 15**

**Total Hours 121-127**

<sup>a</sup> Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these

General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Society.

- b Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
- c Students who have completed four levels of a single language or two levels of two different languages in high school or college have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Students who have completed three levels of a single language may complete a fourth-level course in the same language or may choose an approved World Language and Cultural Exploration course. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course. Contact your academic advisor or CLAS Undergraduate Programs Office with questions concerning the World Languages requirement.
- d 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.
- e Students have the option to choose one of two tracks in the major: family and health services, or human relations and business.
- f 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.
- g 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, SOC:2170, and an approved introductory statistics course.
- h May be taken as early as spring of the junior year, as long as students have completed SOC:2130, SOC:2170, and one of the approved statistics courses.
- i 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 Degree Services.