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
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Academic Career

Any Semester

GE CLAS Core: Sustainability

First Year

Fall

SOC:1010 | Introduction to Sociology | 3
ENGL:1200 | The Interpretation of Literature or RHET:1030 | 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level | Proficiency or elective course | 4 - 5
CSI:1600 | Success at Iowa | 2
Elective course | 3

Hours | 15-17

Spring

Major: sociology elective/track course
ENGL:1200 | The Interpretation of Literature or RHET:1030 | 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level | Proficiency or elective course | 4 - 5
Elective course | 2

Hours | 15-17

Second Year

Fall

SOC:2130 | Sociological Theory | 3
Major: sociology elective/track course | 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab | 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level | Proficiency or elective course | 4 - 5
Elective course | 2

Hours | 16-17

Spring

Major: introductory statistics course - STAT:1020 Elementary Statistics and Inference recommended | 3
Major: sociology elective/track course | 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level | Proficiency or elective course | 4 - 5
Elective course | 3
Elective course | 1

Hours | 14-15

Third Year

Fall

SOC:2170 | Research Methods | 3
Major: upper-level sociology elective/track course | 3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture | 3
Elective course | 3
Elective course | 3

Hours | 15

Spring

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

Hours | 15

Fourth Year

Fall

Major: upper-level sociology elective/track course | 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab | 3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives | 3
Elective course | 3
Elective course | 3

Hours | 15

Spring

SOC:4909 | Graduation Portfolio | 0
Major: upper-level sociology elective/track course | 3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues | 3
Elective course | 3
Elective course | 3
Elective course | 3

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

Hours | 15

Total Hours | 120-126

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* 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 Culture.
b Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
c 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.
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 Graduation Services.