

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

Elective course ^d	3
Hours	16-18

Second Year

Fall

SOC:2130	Sociological Theory	3
Major: sociology elective/track course ^{e, f}		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab ^g		4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course ^c		4 - 5
Elective course ^d		2
Hours	16-17	

Spring

Major: research course (STAT:1020 Elementary Statistics and Inference recommended) ^{b, h}		3
Major: sociology elective/track course ^{e, f}		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course ^c		4 - 5
Elective course ^d		3
Elective course ^d		2
Hours	15-16	

Third Year

Fall

SOC:2170	Research Methods	3
Major: advanced sociology elective/track course ^{e, f}		3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Society ^g		3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning ^{g, i}		3
Elective course ^d		3
Hours	15	

Spring

SOC:4910 or SOC:4920 or SOC:4800	Capstone Course in Sociology and Criminology ^j or Social Services Organization Internship or Research Practicum in Sociology	3
Major: advanced sociology elective/track course ^{e, f}		3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts ^g		3
Elective course ^d		3
Elective course ^d		3
Hours	15	

Fourth Year

Fall

Major: advanced sociology elective/track course ^{e, f}		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab ^g		3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives ^g		3
Elective course ^d		3
Elective course ^d		3
Hours	15	

Spring

SOC:4909	Graduation Portfolio	0
Major: advanced sociology elective/track course ^{e, f}		3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues ^g		3
Elective course ^d		3
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Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline
(typically in February for spring, September for fall)

Hours	15
Total Hours	121-127

- a 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 or 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 complete 21 s.h. of elective coursework in sociology (prefix SOC), excluding SOC:1000, SOC:4800, SOC:4910, SOC:4930, SOC:4990, and SOC:4997. Four of the required electives must be advanced, chosen from sociology courses numbered 3000-4903, SOC:4920, or SOC:4998. Two of the four advanced electives must be taken after (and not concurrent with) the completion of SOC:2130, SOC:2170, and an additional research course from the approved list.
- f Students may opt to complete one of two tracks in the major: family and health services, or human relations and business. See the General Catalog for lists of approved track courses.
- g 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.
- h See the General Catalog for list of approved courses.
- i Students who have previously completed STAT:1020 or STAT:1030 or STAT:2010 have already satisfied the GE CLAS Core Quantitative or Formal Reasoning requirement.
- j Capstone course may be taken as early as spring of the junior year, as long as students have completed SOC:2130, SOC:2170, and an additional research course from the approved list.
- k Please see Academic Calendar, on 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.