

# Sociology, B.S.

## 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, SOC:2130 Sociological Theory, and one sociology elective.

**Before the seventh semester begins:** two required statistics courses, SOC:2170 Research Methods, one more sociology elective, and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

**Before the eighth semester begins:** the remaining statistics course 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>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
SOC:1010	Introduction to Sociology <sup>a</sup>	3
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion <sup>b</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup>		4 - 5
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15-17</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric	3 - 4
Major: sociology elective/track course <sup>d</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture <sup>b</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup>		4 - 5
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16-18</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
SOC:2130	Sociological Theory	3

Major: sociology elective/track course <sup>d</sup>	3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning <sup>b</sup>	3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup>	4 - 5
Elective course <sup>e</sup>	3

**Hours 16-17**

<b>Spring</b>		
SOC:2160	Applied Statistics for Social Scientists	3
Major: sociology elective/track course <sup>d</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab <sup>b</sup>		4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup>		4 - 5
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		2 - 3

**Hours 16-18**

<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
SOC:2170	Research Methods	3
Major: upper-level sociology elective/track course <sup>f</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts <sup>b</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab <sup>b</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3

**Hours 15**

<b>Spring</b>		
Major: capstone course		3
Major: upper-level sociology elective/track course <sup>f</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues <sup>b</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3

**Hours 15**

<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
SOC:6170	Introduction to Sociological Data Analysis	3
Major: upper-level sociology elective/track course <sup>f</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives <sup>b</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3

**Hours 15**

<b>Spring</b>		
PHIL:2603 or PHIL:3604 or SOC:4800	Introduction to Symbolic Logic or Introduction to Philosophy of Science or Research Practicum in Sociology	3
SOC:4909	Graduation Portfolio	0
SOC:6180	Linear Models in Sociological Research	3
Major: upper-level sociology elective/track course <sup>f</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) <sup>g</sup>		

**Hours 15**

**Total Hours 123-130**

- a Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
- b 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.
- 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 have the option to choose one of two tracks in the major: family and health services, or human relations and business.
- e 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.
- f 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 and SOC:2170.
- g 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.