

Sociology, B.S.

Requirements

The Bachelor of Science with a major in sociology requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 45 s.h. of work for the major, with a minimum of 42 s.h. in sociology coursework. Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They also must complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core. Transfer students must earn at least 18 s.h. in sociology coursework at the University of Iowa; transfer courses must be approved by a sociology advisor.

The major offers two optional tracks for students with an interest in one of the following concentrations: family and health services, or human relations and business.

Requirements for the major are similar for the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science, except B.S. students take 9 s.h. of advanced statistics and three theory and methods courses, while B.A. students take 3-4 s.h. of statistics, a theory course, and a methods course.

Choice of a degree program should be dictated by a student's personal career goals. Though not required, students interested in pursuing a graduate program may find the additional math and methods courses helpful.

Students who earn the major in sociology can earn the major in criminology, law and justice. No more than 9 s.h. of major coursework can count toward each of the majors. Students who earn both majors may not complete a minor in either area.

Students who earn the major in sociology may earn a minor in criminology, law and justice. No more than 3 s.h. can count toward both the major and minor.

Students who earn the major in sociology may not earn the sociology minor.

In planning to complete the major, students must take courses in the proper sequence. Introduction to Sociology (SOC:1010) is a prerequisite for all required core theory and methods courses. These introductory courses lay the foundation for all other work in the major. The recommended sequence for the major's core requirements is SOC:1010, SOC:2130 Sociological Theory, and SOC:2170 Research Methods. See the Four-Year Graduation Plan under Academic Plans in this section of the Catalog.

The B.S. with a major in sociology requires the following work.

Code	Title	Hours
	Introductory Sociology Course	3-4
	Theory, Statistics, and Methods Courses	18
	Electives	21
	Capstone Course	3
	Graduation Portfolio	0
Total Hours		45-46

Introductory Sociology

Code	Title	Hours
This course:		
SOC:1010	Introduction to Sociology	3-4

Theory, Statistics, and Methods

Code	Title	Hours
Both of these (completed as soon as possible):		
SOC:2130	Sociological Theory	3
SOC:2170	Research Methods	3
One of these (completed as soon as possible):		
SOC:4800	Research Practicum in Sociology (may count toward the theory and methods requirement or the capstone requirement, but not both)	3
PHIL:2603	Introduction to Symbolic Logic	3
PHIL:3604	Introduction to Philosophy of Science	3
All of these:		
SOC:2160	Applied Statistics for Social Scientists	3
SOC:6170	Introduction to Sociological Data Analysis	3
SOC:6180	Linear Models in Sociological Research	3

Electives

Students complete 21 s.h. of elective coursework in sociology (prefix SOC). Four of the required electives must be advanced, chosen from sociology courses numbered 3000-4903, SOC:4920 Social Services Organization Internship, or SOC:4998 Honors Research. Two of the four advanced required electives must be taken after (and not concurrent with) the completion of SOC:2130 Sociological Theory and SOC:2170 Research Methods. Students can use two criminology, law and justice courses (prefix CRIM) toward the electives requirement. With permission, students may use graduate courses in sociology numbered 5000 or above to satisfy the electives requirement.

The following courses may not be used as electives.

Code	Title	Hours
SOC:1000	First-Year Seminar	1-2
SOC:4800	Research Practicum in Sociology	3
SOC:4910	Capstone Course in Sociology and Criminology	3
SOC:4930	Teaching Internship	3
SOC:4990	Directed Individual Study	arr.
SOC:4997	Honors Seminar	1

Capstone Course

All students complete a capstone course, which illustrates their accomplishments and includes assembling a portfolio. Students may take it as early as spring of their junior year, as long as they have completed SOC:2130 Sociological Theory, SOC:2170 Research Methods, and one of the approved statistics courses.

Code	Title	Hours
One of these:		
SOC:4800	Research Practicum in Sociology (may count toward the capstone requirement or the theory and methods requirement, but not both)	3
SOC:4910	Capstone Course in Sociology and Criminology	3
SOC:4920	Social Services Organization Internship	3

Graduation Portfolio

During their last semester, all students enroll in the following course, in which they submit the portfolio they assembled in the capstone course.

Code	Title	Hours
SOC:4909	Graduation Portfolio	0

Tracks

Family and Health Services Track

The family and health services track requires a minimum of 15 s.h. of credit, including 12 s.h. of coursework taken at the University of Iowa. It is open to sociology majors who are interested in understanding family structures and practices, differences between and within families, and those social institutions and forces that shape families or are shaped by them. Additionally, the track cultivates students' understanding of the social context of health, illness, and health care. It is especially well suited for students who are interested in pursuing careers in the fields of social service and health.

Students must satisfy all requirements for the sociology major. They may count courses taken for the track as sociology electives for the major.

The family and health services track requires the following coursework.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
6 s.h. from these:		
SOC:1310	Gender and Society	3
SOC:2710	The American Family	3
SOC:3510	Medical Sociology	3

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
9 s.h. from these:		
SOC:2064	African American Families: Urban and Suburban	3
SOC:2810	Social Inequality	3
SOC:3171	Drugs and Society	3
SOC:3220	Sociology of Mental Illness	3
SOC:3750	Born in the USA: Fertility and Reproduction	3
SOC:4230	Sociology of Self-Improvement	3
SOC:4820	Sociology of Sexuality	3

SOC:4902	Selected Topics in Family, Health, and Well-Being	3
CRIM:3420	Juvenile Delinquency	3
CRIM:4430	Interpersonal Violence in Society	3

Or select electives from the following graduate courses, with approval of instructor:

SOC:6220	Seminar: Selected Topics in Social Psychology (when topic is life course)	3
SOC:6310	Gender Stratification Seminar	3

Students also may choose the remaining required course as an elective

Human Relations and Business Track

The human relations and business track requires a minimum of 15 s.h. of credit, including 12 s.h. of coursework taken at the University of Iowa. It is open to sociology majors who are interested in understanding the macro- and micro-level processes that affect the ability to understand and manage organizations, as well as the groups and individuals that compose them. The track provides intensive training in both theoretical and empirical approaches to organizations, and combines micro-level insights into work groups with macro-level perspectives on the influence of organizations' environments. It is especially well suited for students who are interested in pursuing careers in various services-providing sectors such as business services, educational services, social assistance, or government.

Students must satisfy all requirements for the sociology major. They may count courses taken for the track as sociology electives for the major.

The human relations and business track requires the following coursework.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
6 s.h. from these:		
SOC:3610	Organizations and Modern Society	3
SOC:3880	The Sociology of Networks	3
SOC:4225	The Social Psychology of Leadership	3

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
9 s.h. from these:		
SOC:2810	Social Inequality	3
SOC:3110	Race, Organizations, and Workplace	3
SOC:3650	Education, Schools, and Society	3
SOC:4210	Social Psychology of Small Groups	3
SOC:4230	Sociology of Self-Improvement	3
SOC:4540	Political Sociology and Social Movements	3
SOC:4903	Selected Topics in Organizations, Networks, and Careers	3

CRIM:4440	Sociology of White-Collar Crime	3
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Or select electives from these graduate courses, with approval of instructor:

SOC:6610	Complex Organizations	3
SOC:7620	Social Networks: Theory and Sociological Applications	3
SOC:7820	Seminar: Selected Topics in Social Stratification (when topic is social capital)	3

Emphasis Areas

The following elective courses are grouped by emphasis for students who may want to cluster their electives according to one of the following areas of interest. The emphasis area courses are not tracks. See Courses in this section of the Catalog for a complete listing of sociology courses.

Social Psychology

Code	Title	Hours
SOC:1220	Principles of Social Psychology	3-4
SOC:3220	Sociology of Mental Illness	3
SOC:4210	Social Psychology of Small Groups	3
SOC:4225	The Social Psychology of Leadership	3
SOC:4230	Sociology of Self-Improvement	3

Social and Political Organization

Code	Title	Hours
SOC:2810	Social Inequality	3
SOC:2830	Race and Ethnicity	3
SOC:3610	Organizations and Modern Society	3
SOC:3650	Education, Schools, and Society	3
SOC:3880	The Sociology of Networks	3
SOC:4820	Sociology of Sexuality	3

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in teaching in elementary and/or secondary schools should seek admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) in the College of Education.

To qualify for licensure in secondary teaching, students in the TEP complete a degree in education as well as a related College of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree. See Teacher Education Program Application and Admission on the College of Education website for details on requirements and deadlines for applying to the College of Education and about TEP choices of majors leading to licensure.