Sociology BS

Sociology will enable you to see the world in a new light; it is the scientific study of human social relationships, interactions, and institutions. Whether they be friendships, families, church groups, socioeconomic classes, complex organizations, or nations, much of our lives are socially constructed. And in a society where individualism is celebrated, it is easy to forget that the way we behave and feel is socially produced. This is the basic premise of sociology. After your core courses, a BS in Sociology will focus on quantitative research tools like surveys, statistics, and data analysis to answer that critical question “What is this all about?”

General Education Requirements

Majors must satisfy the university and college general education requirements. Foreign language proficiency is not required, although students are encouraged to take foreign language courses.

All required courses for the major must be completed with a grade of C- or better. Courses counting toward the major requirements may not be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.

The minimum number of Sociology hours required for the B.S. degree is 33.

Core Courses: 18 hours
Elective Courses: 15 hours

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Electives (15 hours)

Students must complete at least 15 elective hours of Sociology Courses including 9 hours of SOC at the 3000-level or above. GERON, GS, MVS or courses relevant to sociology that are offered by other departments may be included as electives when approved in advance by the faculty.

Optional Tracks

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Health and Aging Track (aligned with the Gerontology Minor)

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Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

Identify and apply sociological theories to understand social phenomena by:

- Recognizing the differences between “folk” explanations of social phenomena and sociological theories of those phenomena
- Distinguishing modes of sociological inquiry from other disciplinary modes of inquiry
- Applying key concepts and key themes in sociological theory to analyze social phenomena
- Discerning the role of social structures in creating and reproducing social inequality and examining how social structures change
- Distinguishing among micro, meso, and macro levels of observation, inquiry, and analysis

Apply scientific principles to understand the social world by:

- Effectively utilizing evidence-based knowledge and sociological theories and concepts to generate research questions and/or hypotheses
- Identifying the strengths and weaknesses of scientific methodology and methods for analyzing social phenomena in different contexts
- Explaining disciplinary standards for the qualitative and quantitative analysis of data

Critically evaluate explanations of human behavior and social phenomena by:

- Identifying and appraising major theoretical perspectives, including their assumptions, key concepts, and main
arguments in terms of historical context and interpretive and explanatory capacities
• Employing the sociological imagination to analyze social problems in context and evaluate solutions to social problems

Use sociological knowledge to inform social change by:
• Engaging with the world around them, including everyday life, work, policy debates, stakeholders, and the public
• Constructing and proposing real world solutions to social issues;
• Expressing sociological ideas in a clear and coherent manner in written and oral communication
• Demonstrating informal, technological, qualitative, and quantitative literacy

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