



DEGREE PLANNING GUIDE FOR SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is the study of social life and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. It investigates the structure of groups, organizations and societies, their formation, development and interactions. Because all human behavior is social, the subject matter of sociology ranges from the intimate family to the hostile mob, from crime to religion, from the divisions of race, gender and social class to the shared beliefs of a common culture, from the sociology of work to the sociology of sport. In fact, few fields have such broad scope and relevance (American Sociology Association).

Although teaching remains the dominant activity among the more than eighteen thousand professional sociologists today, other forms of employment are growing in both numbers and significance. Not all of these jobs are reserved exclusively for sociologists; in some sectors, sociologists are joined by economists, social workers, psychologists, and others. The following list includes job titles of work sociologists actually do:

Research Director in a Telecommunications Firm Staff
Human Resources Management in a Computer Firm
Staff Member in a Federal Agency
Faculty Member of a Liberal Arts College
Law Enforcement Officer or Corrections Officer
Epidemiologist in Public Health

Member of a Research Institute
Staff Administrator in a Public Assistance Agency
Planning Staff in a State Dept. of Transportation
Sociologist in a Health Center
Interviewer/Statistician for Public Opinion Polls

YOUR GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Foundational Skills: 21 hours (7 courses) including math, computational skills, oral and written communication and foreign language

Cultural Foundations: 18 hours (6 courses) designed to provide you with an understanding of our heritage, an appreciation and recognition of other cultures, and an exposure to contemporary world issues. Some of these include Understanding and Appreciating the Arts, American Dilemmas, History & Evolution of Global Process, and Contemporary World Issues

Foundations for Values and Decisions: 18 hours (6 courses) that stress critical thinking, moral reasoning, problem solving, and the assumption of social responsibility.

WHAT IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND? No problem! In fact, it is not unusual. Part of what college is about is a process to identify your area of interest. As long as that decision is made in the first two years, it is not likely to impact your degree program very much, as a good deal of your initial course work is the area of general education, that body of courses common to all students. There are a few exceptions - major change in direction after two years (sociology to accounting, for example) would lengthen your program. If you are a full-time student and take five courses each semester, you will graduate in four years. It's unusual to do it much faster and not uncommon for it to take a little longer. It all depends on how many courses make sense for you.

PLANNING YOUR FIRST YEAR OF STUDY We want you to take an active role in planning your degree program. While there are a good deal of requirements in your program, there are still decisions you will need to make. Your advisor will help, but your involvement is critical.

SUGGESTED DEGREE PLAN FOR SOCIOLOGY (SOCI)

FIRST FALL

FSTY 1310 Freshman Studies
FSTY 1311 Rhet & Comp I
COMM 1317 Pres'l Speaking
Phil/Religious Studies course
SOCI 1301 Self and Society

15 hours

FIRST SPRING

CULF 1320 American Experience
Elective
ENGW 1302 Rhet & Comp II
MATH 1312 or higher
GLST 1322 Global Issues

15 hours

SECOND FALL

CULF 1318 Lit & Human Exp
CULF 1319 Und & App Arts
CULF 2321 Amer Dilemmas
Foreign Language
SOCI 2329 Social Statistics

15 hours

SECOND SPRING

Elective
Ethics
Foreign Language
SOCI 2345 Social Theory
Sociology Elective

15 hours

THIRD FALL

CULF 3330 Hist Glob Proc
Science in Depth
CRIM 3336 Criminology
SOCI 2325 Social Policy
Sociology Elective

15 hours

THIRD SPRING

CULF 3331 Contemp World Issues
SCIE 2320 Science in Perspective
PSYC 3319 Social Psychology
SOCI 3330 Social Research
Sociology Elective

15 hours

FOURTH FALL

CAPS 4360
Elective
Elective
Elective
Sociology Elective

15 hours

FOURTH SPRING

Elective
Elective
SOCI 4343 Race, Class & Gender
SOCI 4347 or 4350 Ind Dir Res or Internship
Sociology Elective
GDCT 4000.01

15 hours