



## 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:

Epidemiologist in Public Health  
Faculty Member of a Liberal Arts College  
Human Resources Management in a Computer Firm  
Interviewer/Statistician for Public Opinion Polls  
Law Enforcement Officer or Corrections Officer  
Member of a Research Institute

Planning Staff in a State Dept. of Transportation  
Research Director in a Telecommunications Firm Staff  
Sociologist in a Health Center  
Staff Administrator in a Public Assistance Agency  
Staff Member in a Federal Agency

### YOUR MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

The Sociology major develops an ability to interpret social phenomena with perceptiveness and to appreciate the diversity and complexity of society. Through the 45 required hours, students develop analytical skills, broaden their understanding of the social world and discover the diverse methods of analyzing social experience. The major affords opportunities to develop a sense of awareness of and responsibility for the welfare of the community.

**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.

*Note:* You have some choices as to when you would like to take a particular course, particularly those under the General Education Requirement. Please consult the bulletin and your degree plan for prerequisite requirements.

**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 planning and proactive involvement is critical.

## SUGGESTED DEGREE PLAN FOR SOCIOLOGY (SOCI)

### FIRST FALL

FSTY 1310 Freshman Studies  
 FSTY 1311 Rhet & Comp I  
 Oral Communication  
 CULF 1319 Und & App Arts  
 SOCI 1301 Self and Society  
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 15 hours

### FIRST SPRING

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

### SECOND FALL

Modern Language  
 CULF 1318 Lit & Human Exp  
 Ethics  
 SOCI 2345 Social Theory  
 Elective  
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 15 hours

### SECOND SPRING

SOCI 2329 Social Statistics  
 Modern Language  
 CULF 2321 American Dilemmas  
 RELS/PHIL  
 Elective  
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 15 hours

### THIRD FALL

CULF 3330 Hist of Global Process  
 SOCI 2325 Social Policy  
 SOCI 3330 Social Research  
 Sociology Career Emph Upper Div  
 Sociology Career Emphasis  
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 15 hours

### THIRD SPRING

CULF 3331 Contemp World Issues  
 Science in Depth  
 PSYC 3319 Social Psychology  
 Sociology Career Emph Upper Div  
 Sociology Career Emphasis  
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 15 hours

### FOURTH FALL

SCIE 2320 Science in Perspective  
 CAPS 4360 Capstone  
 CRIM 3336 Criminology  
 Sociology Career Emph Upper Div  
 Elective  
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 15 hours

### FOURTH SPRING

SOCI 4343 Race, Class & Gender  
 SOCI 4347 or 4350 Ind Dir Res or Internship  
 Elective  
 Elective  
 Elective  
 \*GDCT 4000.01 Intent to graduate  
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 15 hours

*\*You must register for this course in the term you plan to graduate.  
 Failure to do so will result in you not being certified and not graduating.*