

SOCIOLOGY, BA

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext>) section of the Guide.

General Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breadth–Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits • Breadth–Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits • Breadth–Social Studies: 3 credits • Communication Part A & Part B * • Ethnic Studies * • Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *
-------------------	--

* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum.

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework.

Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the fourth unit of a language other than English; OR • Complete the third unit of a language and the second unit of an additional language other than English.
-----------------	--

L&S Breadth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and • 12 credits of Social Science; and • 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course.
------------------------	--

Liberal Arts and Science Coursework	Complete at least 108 credits.
Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work	Complete at least 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level.
Major	Declare and complete at least one major.
Total Credits	Complete at least 120 credits.
UW–Madison Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 credits in residence, overall; and • 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.
Quality of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,000 in all coursework at UW–Madison • 2,000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW–Madison

NON–L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non–L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

A minimum of 30 credits in SOC courses is required for the basic major. Students are strongly encouraged to complete the Foundation courses as early as possible; these courses are prerequisites for most upper-level SOC courses.

FOUNDATION (CORE)

Code	Title	Credits
Introduction to SOC (1 course)		
		3–4
SOC/C&E SOC 210	Survey of Sociology	
SOC/C&E SOC 211	The Sociological Enterprise	
SOC 181	Honors Introductory Seminar-The Sociological Enterprise	
Research Methods¹		
SOC/C&E SOC 357	Methods of Sociological Inquiry (Research Methods)	3–4
Statistics²		
SOC/C&E SOC 360	Statistics for Sociologists I	3–4
or ECON 310	Statistics: Measurement in Economics	
or MATH/STAT 310	Introduction to Probability and Mathematical Statistics II	
or PSYCH 210	Basic Statistics for Psychology	
or STAT 301	Introduction to Statistical Methods	

or STAT 371	Introductory Applied Statistics for the Life Sciences	
-------------	---	--

Classical Theory

SOC/C&E SOC 475	Classical Sociological Theory	3
-----------------	-------------------------------	---

Total Credits **12-15**

¹ Students may take methods and statistics in the same semester. If students take methods and statistics in different semesters, we recommend taking methods before statistics as an entry point to the methods and materials of the field.

² Statistics courses taken outside of the SOC subject do not count for 30-credits required in the major, nor are they upper level in the major.

DISTRIBUTION

4 courses from at least 2 of these areas:

Methods/Statistics

Code	Title	Credits
SOC 351	Introduction to Survey Methods for Social Research	3
SOC/C&E SOC 361	Statistics for Sociologists II	4
SOC 362	Statistics for Sociologists III	4
SOC/C&E SOC 365	Data Management for Social Science Research	3-4
SOC 375	Introduction to Mathematical Sociology	3
SOC 376	Mathematical Models of Social Systems	3
SOC 461	Study Abroad in Additional Methods and Statistics	1-6
SOC/C&E SOC 618	Social Network Analysis	3
SOC 631	Applied Qualitative Methods for Social Science	3-4

Theory

Code	Title	Credits
SOC 462	Study Abroad in Additional Theory	1-6
SOC 476	Contemporary Sociological Theory	3
SOC/ILS/ JEWISH 423	Modern Jewish Thought	3

Deviant Behavior

Code	Title	Credits
SOC 421	Processes of Deviant Behavior	3-4
SOC/ SOC WORK 422	Social Issues in Aging	3
SOC 441	Criminology	3-4
SOC 446	Juvenile Delinquency	3-4
SOC 463	Study Abroad in Deviant Behavior	1-6
SOC/GEN&WS/ LEGAL ST 425	Crime, Gender and Justice	3
SOC/CHICLA/ LEGAL ST 443	Immigration, Crime, and Enforcement	3-4
SOC/CHICLA/ LEGAL ST 440	Ethnicity, Race, and Justice	3-4

SOC/GEN&WS/ LEGAL ST 406	Law, Sexuality, & Society	3-4
-----------------------------	---------------------------	-----

Social Psychology

Code	Title	Credits
SOC 444	Social Psychology: A Sociological Perspective	3-4
SOC/PSYCH 453	Human Sexuality	4
SOC 464	Study Abroad in Social Psychology	1-6
SOC/C&E SOC 532	Health Care Issues for Individuals, Families and Society	3
SOC/C&E SOC 533	Public Health in Rural & Urban Communities	3
SOC 535	Talk and Social Interaction	3
SOC 543	Collective Behavior	3
SOC/C&E SOC 573	Community Organization and Change	3
SOC 575	Sociological Perspectives on the Life Course and Aging	3
SOC/AMER IND/ C&E SOC 578	Poverty and Place	3

Social Organization

Code	Title	Credits
SOC 465	Study Abroad in Social Organization	1-6
SOC/CHICLA 470	Sociodemographic Analysis of Mexican Migration	3
SOC/C&E SOC/ URB R PL 617	Community Development	3
SOC 624	Political Sociology	3
SOC 626	Social Movements	3
SOC/C&E SOC 630	Sociology of Developing Societies/ Third World	3
SOC 632	Sociology of Organizations	3-4
SOC 633	Social Stratification	3
SOC 640	Sociology of the Family	3
SOC/LAW/ LEGAL ST 641	Sociology of Law	3-4
SOC/C&E SOC/ URB R PL 645	Modern American Communities	3
SOC 647	Sociology of Sport	3
SOC/ED POL 648	Sociology of Education	3
SOC/C&E SOC 650	Sociology of Agriculture	3
SOC/C&E SOC 652	Sociology of Economic Institutions	3
SOC/HISTORY 670	Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy in America Since 1890	3-4
SOC 678	Sociology of Persecution	3
SOC/ASIAN 336	Social Change in Contemporary South Korea	3

Demography and Ecology

Code	Title	Credits
SOC 460	Study Abroad in Demography and Ecology	1-6

SOC 575	Sociological Perspectives on the Life Course and Aging	3
SOC 674	Demographic Techniques I	3

Community and Environmental Sociology

Code	Title	Credits
SOC/C&E SOC 533	Public Health in Rural & Urban Communities	3
SOC/C&E SOC/ ENVIR ST 540	Sociology of International Development, Environment, and Sustainability	3
SOC/C&E SOC 541	Environmental Stewardship and Social Justice	3
SOC/C&E SOC 573	Community Organization and Change	3
SOC 575	Sociological Perspectives on the Life Course and Aging	3
SOC/AMER IND/ C&E SOC 578	Poverty and Place	3
SOC/C&E SOC/ URB R PL 617	Community Development	3
SOC/C&E SOC 650	Sociology of Agriculture	3

ELECTIVES

Additional SOC courses to achieve the required 30 credits for the major.⁴

⁴ A maximum one introductory course (SOC 181, SOC/C&E SOC 210, SOC/C&E SOC 211) may count toward the 30 required for the major.

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all SOC courses and courses that count toward the major
- 2.000 GPA on 15 upper-level major credits, taken in Residence⁵
- 15 credits in SOC, taken on the UW–Madison campus

⁵ SOC courses numbered 300–699 are upper level, except for: C&E SOC/SOC 357, C&E SOC/SOC 360, PSYCH/SOC 453, and SOC 497.

SOCIOLOGY: CONCENTRATION IN ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH OPTION

View as listView as grid

• **SOCIOLOGY: CONCENTRATION IN ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH (HTTPS://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE/LETTERS-SCIENCE/SOCIOLOGY/SOCIOLOGY-BA/SOCIOLOGY-CONCENTRATION-ANALYSIS-RESEARCH-BA/)**

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Sociology Major in consultation with the Sociology undergraduate advisor.

HONORS IN THE SOCIOLOGY MAJOR: REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major in Sociology, students must satisfy the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 University GPA
- Earn a 3.300 GPA for all SOC courses, and all courses accepted in the major
- Complete 21 credits, taken for Honors, with individual grades of B or better, to include:

Code	Title	Credits
SOC/C&E SOC 357	Methods of Sociological Inquiry	4
SOC/C&E SOC 475	Classical Sociological Theory	3
SOC 681	Senior Honors Thesis	3
SOC 682	Senior Honors Thesis	3

The remaining Honors credits, to reach the 21 credit minimum, must be in courses numbered 300 or above.

Students may declare the Concentration in Analysis and Research ("CAR"). Speak to the major advisor about this option.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree To receive a bachelor's degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.