

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

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A major in sociology is for advanced graduate/professional study of sociology, law, counseling, social work, criminal justice, urban development, education, and other fields requiring work beyond the bachelor's level. A major in sociology also prepares students for employment in:

- government agencies
- businesses
- hospitals
- education
- urban affairs
- personnel

To earn the BA degree, the student must satisfy all the degree requirements in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and take 31 semester hours of courses from the sociology curriculum. Required courses are:

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
FIRST YEAR REQUIREMENT -STUDENT SUCCESS		
YSU 1500	Success Seminar	1-2
or SS 1500	Strong Start Success Seminar	
or HONR 1500	Intro to Honors	
General Education Requirements		
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3-4
or ENGL 1549	Writing 1 with Support	
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	3
Mathematics Requirement		3
Arts and Humanities		6
Natural Sciences (one course must include a lab)		7
Social Science		6
Social and Personal Awareness		6
Foreign Language Requirement		
FNLG 1505	Elementary Foreign Language	4
FNLG 1506	Intermediate Foreign Language	4
Major Requirements		
SOC 1500	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 3701	Social Statistics	4
SOC 3749	Sociological Theory	3
SOC 4850	Research Methods	3
SOC 4859		1
SOC 4860	Senior Thesis 2	3
Sociology Electives		
Select one Sociology course from each Sociology domain		18
Domain 1: Social Inequality <small>SOC 2640, 2690, 3700, 3743, 3798 (Topic: Race, Gender, Social Class, and Crime), or 3798 (Topic: Culture and People of China)</small>		
Domain 2: Social Institutions <small>SOC 3705, 3707, 3708, 3740, 3741, or 3745</small>		
Domain 3: Gender and the Family <small>SOC 2640, 3705, 3746, 3798 (Topic: Gender and Work), or 3798 (Topic: Sociology of Sexuality)</small>		
Domain 4: Deviance and Criminology <small>SOC 2601, 2630, 3731, 3733, 3735, 3736, or 3798 (Topic: Race, Gender, Social Class, and Crime)</small>		
Domain 5: Aging <small>SOC 3703, 3755, 3757, 3758, 3759, 3760, 3761, or 4801</small>		
Domain 6: Research and Internships <small>SOC 3720, 4800, 4810, or 4821</small>		

Minor	18
Electives <small>Must complete a minimum number of electives to meet the 120sh total graduation requirement</small>	13
Total Semester Hours	120-122

Students are responsible for satisfying all prerequisites and maintaining a "C" or better in all major and minor requirements and cannot take courses on a "CR/NC" basis.

Students wishing to minor in sociology must complete 18 s.h. by selecting courses from appropriate categories. Students are responsible for satisfying all prerequisites and maintaining a "C" or better in all minor requirements and cannot take courses on a "CR/NC" basis.

*Please see your advisor in order to ensure that you are on track to graduate.

*For General Education electives, be sure that you take two courses from each knowledge domain, including a science lab:

For more information, consult General Education Courses by Knowledge Domain (<http://cms.ysu.edu/general-education/general-education-courses-knowledge-domain/>).

Year 1		S.H.
Fall		
YSU 1500	Success Seminar	1
ENGL 1550	Writing 1 ¹	3
MATH 2623	Quantitative Reasoning ¹	3
FNLG 1550	Elementary Foreign Language ¹	4
SOC 1500	Introduction to Sociology	3
Semester Hours		14
Spring		
ENGL 1551	Writing 2 ¹	3
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	3
General Education course		3
FNLG 2600	Intermediate Foreign Language ¹	4
SOC 26XX Elective		3
Semester Hours		16
Year 2		
Fall		
SOC 37XX Sociology elective		3
SOC 37xx Sociology elective		3
General Education course		3
General Education course		3
General Education NS with lab		4
Semester Hours		16
Spring		
SOC 37XX Sociology elective		3
Course in Minor		3
General Education course		3
General Education course		3
General Education course		3
Semester Hours		15
Year 3		
Fall		
SOC 3749	Sociological Theory	3
SOC 37XX Sociology elective		3
Course in Minor		3
37xx Course in Minor		3

37XX Upper division Elective		3
Semester Hours		15
Spring		
SOC 3701	Social Statistics	4
SOC 37XX	Sociology elective	3
37xx	Course in Minor	3
37xx	Course in Minor	3
Semester Hours		13
Year 4		
Fall		
SOC 4850	Research Methods	3
SOC 4859		1
SOC 4800	Undergraduate Research	1
37xx	Course in Minor	3
37xx	Upper division Elective	3
	Elective course	3
Semester Hours		14
Spring		
SOC 4860	Senior Thesis 2	3
	Elective course	3
	Elective course	3
	Elective course	3
	Elective course	3
Semester Hours		15
Total Semester Hours		118

¹ Placement test in English, math, and foreign languages required before registration for classes.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The department's learning outcomes for sociology majors are as follows:

- Students can demonstrate understanding of the discipline of sociology and its role in contributing to our understanding of social reality.
- Students can critically evaluate various theoretical perspectives in sociology.
- Students can demonstrate comprehension of the scientific process and evaluate various qualitative and quantitative methods.
- Students can synthesize theory and methods by designing, implementing, and completing an empirical research project.
- Students can evaluate research in at least one substantive area within sociology in depth.