

Check List: B.A in Sociology Majors (46 required SOC credits)

Sociology Required Courses (25 credits):

- SOC 100 Principles of Sociology (3) **
- SOC 231 Introduction to Sociological Practice (3)
- SOC 351 Classical Social Theory (3)
- SOC 352 Contemporary Social Theory (3)
- SOC 361 Methods of Soc. Research I (3)
- SOC 362 Methods of Soc. Research II (3)
- SOC 364 Methods of Soc. Research II Lab (1)
- SOC 400 Senior Seminar (3)
- SOC XXX Additional SOC LAC course (LAB3)

Required Concentration (12 credits):

Take a **minimum of four** courses (12 credits) from **one** area of concentration you choose from the lists below. Variable title courses (SOC 295 and SOC 395) may also be used to fulfill concentration requirements with advisor approval.

Social Psychology, Family, & the Life

Course

- SOC 120 Intro to Family Studies (3)*
- SOC 215 Human Behavior and Environment (3)
- SOC 221 Sociology of Gender (3)*
- SOC 240 Gender, Race, Class, and Sexuality (3)*
- SOC 275 Society & Mental Health (3)
- SOC 278 Sociology of Emotions (3)
- SOC 305 Sociology of Disability (3)
- SOC 315 Gender & Aging (3)
- SOC 324 Issues in the Family (3)
- SOC 326 Sociology of Childhood and Adolescence (3)
- SOC 332 Social Psychology(3)
- SOC 340 Juvenile Delinquency (3)
- SOC 372 Bodies and Power (3)
- SOC 375 Sociology of Health & Illness (3)
- SOC 377 Self in Modern Society (3)
- SOC 414 Masculinities (3)
- SOC 432 Social Psychology and Group Dynamics (3)
- SOC 450 Family Theories (3)
- SOC 471 Sociology of Aging (3)

Inequality & Institutions

- SOC 170 Social Problems (3)*
- SOC 215 Human Behavior and Environment (3)
- SOC 221 Sociology of Gender (3)*
- SOC 222 Sociology of Popular Culture(3)
- SOC 237 Sociology of Race, Racism, and Power (3)*
- SOC 240 Gender, Race, Class, and Sexuality (3)*
- SOC 304 Sociology of Sex Trafficking & Sex Work (3)
- SOC 305Sociology of Disability (3)
- SOC 323 Gender in Popular Culture (3)
- SOC 324 Issues in the Family (3)
- SOC 325 Sociology of Work and Occupations (3)
- SOC 333 Social Class and Inequality (3)
- SOC 366 Sociology of Religion (3)
- SOC 375 Sociology of Health & Illness(3)
- SOC 378 Sociology of Education (3)
- SOC 388 Global Immigration (3)
- SOC 414 Masculinities (3)
- SOC 444 Sociology of Law (3)
- SOC 448 Issues in Social Policy (3)
- SOC 471 Sociology of Aging (3)
- SOC 474 Sociology of Sport (3)
- SOC 479 The Community (3)

Deviance & Social Control

- SOC 170 Social Problems (3) *
- SOC 222 Sociology of Popular Culture (3)
- SOC 240 Gender, Race, Class, and Sexuality (3)*
- SOC 247 Social Deviance (3)
- SOC 275 Society & Mental Health (3)
- SOC 304 Sociology of Sex Trafficking & Sex Work (3)
- SOC 305 Sociology of Disability (3)
- SOC 323 Gender in Popular Culture(3)
- SOC 325 Sociology of Work and Occupations (3)
- SOC 340 Juvenile Delinquency (3)
- SOC 346 Criminology (3)
- SOC 366 Sociology of Religion (3)
- SOC 372 Bodies and Power (3)
- SOC 378 Sociology of Education (3)
- SOC 388 Global Immigration (3)
- SOC 414 Masculinities (3)
- SOC 444 Sociology of Law (3)
- SOC 448 Issues in Social Policy (3)

*LAC Course

Sociology Electives (9 credits):

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Course Descriptions

SOC 100 Principles of Sociology (3) Overview of basic theories, methods, concepts and issues central to the discipline of sociology. Examine the relationship between social behavior and society. (LAB3), gtP)

SOC 120 Introduction to Family Studies (3) Survey the characteristics, issues and problems of the family as a social institution. Topics discussed include: marital satisfaction, conflict, mate selection, alternatives and social change. (LAB3, gtP)

SOC 170 Social Problems (3) Analysis of selected social problems, both domestic and global. Exploration of why social problems occur, how different value premises and theoretical perspectives lead to distinctive ways of addressing social problems. Issues such as poverty, crime, homelessness, intergroup conflicts are examples of the types of issues examined. (LAB3, gtP)

SOC 215 Human Behavior and Environment (3) Explore the interaction and reciprocal relationship between humans and the environment. Examine how humans modify the environment and how the environment influences behavioral response and societal decisions. Understand environmental problems and consider alternative behavior models and possible solutions.

SOC 221 Sociology of Gender (3) Examine gender stratification and social inequality. Topics include cultural definitions of masculinity and femininity, socialization and social change. (LAB3, MS gtP)

SOC 222 Sociology of Popular Culture (3) Examines sociological perspectives, theories, and research on popular culture in society. Focus on people, activities, organizations, and institutions involved in production of popular culture.

SOC 231 Introduction to Sociological Practice (3) Examine facets of sociology in action, including the sub-disciplines of applied sociology and clinical sociology. Focus is on applying sociology in order to make a better world.

SOC 235 Social Change in a Global Context (3) This course includes a survey of the major economic, political and social forces that have shaped the modern world. The course will provide an introduction to theories of social change as well as a discussion of contemporary issues in a globalizing context.

SOC 240 Gender, Race, Class, and Sexuality (3) This course examines multiple and shifting categories of gender, race, class, and sexuality in feminist perspective, investigating how they contribute to our understandings of systems of privilege and inequality. (LAB3, LAMS gtP)

SOC 237 Sociology of Minorities (3) Examine intergroup relations and the dynamics of power relating to ethnicity and other dimensions of social life that have produced tension and conflict among groups historically and in the present. (LAB3, LAMS gtP)

SOC 247 Social Deviance (3) Study social deviancy, particularly in terms of types, sources, functions, dysfunctions and social control mechanisms that operate relative to those departures from conformity.

SOC 275 Sociology of Mental Illness (3) Sociological perspectives on mental illness. Examine conceptual models of mental illness, social epidemiological help-seeking behavior, social impacts of treatment, mental health delivery systems and social policy issues.

SOC 278 Sociology of Emotions (3) Examines sociological perspectives, theories, and research on emotions. Focus on the social definitions and relationship between social structure; and emotional socialization, emotion rules, management, and performance rituals in everyday life.

SOC 304 Sociology of Sex Trafficking & Sex Work (3) Examination of sex trafficking & sex work as social issues. Students will apply both sociological theory and methods to analyze these issues in the context of global trends and policies.

SOC 305 Sociology of Disability (3) An introduction to the sociology of disability. Examines different models of disability; the “social construction” and reality of being disabled; and recent legislation regarding persons with disabilities.

SOC 315 Gender and Aging (3) This course examines the social construction of gender within the context of aging in America. We will examine social issues such as masculinity, femininity, class inequality, race/ethnicity and sexuality as they relate to aging, generational differences, and the life course.

SOC 323 Gender in Popular Culture (3) Students will engage in an analysis of how gender and sexuality operate in the media and pop culture and examine how these representations affect identity formation. Can also be taken as GNDR 320.

SOC 324 Issues in the Family (3) Prerequisite: SOC 120. Examine theoretical perspectives and research issues in the family. Analyze current issues in the family studies areas. Possible topics: singlehood, prenuptial contracts, dual career households, divorce, parenting, cohabitation, custody arrangements.

SOC 326 Sociology of Childhood and Adolescence (3) Prerequisite: SOC 100. Examine the societal definition of childhood and adolescence and how social institutions influence socialization.

SOC 332 Social Psychology (3) Prerequisite: SOC 100. Examine the relationships between individuals and social systems. Focus on language interaction, self-conceptualizing behaviors and change. Review dominant social psychological theories and issues.

SOC 333 Social Class and Inequality (3) Prerequisite: SOC 100. Presents a critical analysis of the realities of America's open-class system, making use of current theoretical perspectives and systematic research. Examines cross-cultural perspectives of stratification.

SOC 340 Juvenile Delinquency (3) Study the history of juvenile law, enforcement structures and explanations for the emergence of delinquency. Study the American juvenile legal system and its major problems.

SOC 347 Sociology of Corrections (3) Survey of the history and structure of punishment in Western societies. Review of the major philosophies and practices of modern corrections.

SOC 351 Classical Social Theory (3) Prerequisite: SOC 100. Study the major classical theorists who established the foundations of sociology during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Focus on the emergence of sociology.

SOC 352 Contemporary Social Theory (3) Prerequisite: SOC 351. Review the major modern theoretical paradigms and prominent contemporary theorists in sociology. Examine contemporary issues in sociology.

SOC 361 Methods of Sociological Research I (3) (3 lecture, 1 laboratory) Prerequisites: SOC 100. Juniors and above. Introduces the fundamental logic and methods of social research. Topics may include hypothesis formulation and testing, designing a research project, sampling, methods of data collection including surveys and field observation, analysis of data utilizing statistical procedures, introduction to a statistical computer package, data presentation, report writing, ethical issues. This is the first of a two course sequence.

SOC 362 Methods of Sociological Research II (3) (3 lecture, 1 laboratory) Prerequisite: SOC 361. Juniors and above. A continuation of SOC 361 which includes an extension of methods of collecting and analyzing data discussed in SOC 361. The knowledge and skills gained in this two course research sequence may be used to design, conduct and present the results of a research study.

SOC 364 Methods of Sociological Research II Lab (1) (1 laboratory) Co-requisite: SOC 362. Continued instruction of a statistical package for the social sciences. Students learn to analyze and interpret computer output for a variety of inferential statistical techniques.

SOC 366 Sociology of Religion (3) Prerequisites: SOC 100 or SOC 170. This course takes a theoretically informed, sociological approach to understanding how religions operate as a major social institution in society. Drawing on both macro and micro level theories and empirical evidence, this course evaluates the role of religion from antiquity to modern day

SOC 372 Bodies and Power (3) We examine the body as object and subject of shifting race, gender, class and sexual meanings and as the product of complex social processes, including culture, medicalization, objectification, commodification and globalization.

SOC 374 Sociology of Sport (3) This course introduces students to the sociological study of sport. This course focuses on sports as social and cultural phenomena.

SOC 375 Sociology of Health and Illness (3) Sociological perspectives on the mutual relationships between health care and society. Covers social factors in illness, illness behavior, sick role, health care providers and health care policies.

SOC 378 Sociology of Education (3) Systematically attempt to relate sociological concepts to the educational institution. Focus on an analysis of social processes and patterns involved in the educational system.

SOC 377 Self in Modern Society (3) Prerequisite: SOC 100. Examine interrelationship between self and society in the modern world. Focus on sociological theories and research that analyze social influences on the self and response of self to these influences.

SOC 388 Global Immigration (3) Enables students to critically and sociologically analyze trends, causes, and consequences of global immigration. Expands students' perspectives on citizenship, as well as immigrant and refugee experiences.

SOC 400 Senior Seminar (3) Prerequisite: SOC 231. Senior sociology majors or consent of instructor. Students examine a specific topic developed by the faculty member teaching the course. Students will apply research methods training and theoretical analysis to a research project culminating in a poster and oral presentation, as well as a written paper.

SOC 414 Masculinities (3) A sociological analysis not just of men, but of masculinities. We will address debates about meanings of masculinity, historical variations, and how these definitions involve both male and female bodies. Can also be taken as GNDR 414.

SOC 423 Violence and the Family (3) Prerequisite: SOC 100. Juniors or above. Examine major issues in family violence such as defining family violence, comparing types of explanations from different disciplines and translating social science perspectives to policy and social service delivery systems.

SOC 432 Social Psychology and Group Dynamics (3) Evaluate how group processes enhance, limit and define social interaction. Study the major theories of group dynamics. Analyze and discuss issues, trends, paradigms and applications.

SOC 448 Issues in Social Policy (3) Prerequisite: Juniors and above. Survey the history of social policy development and contemporary social change and social trends. Study research in social policy and analyze application and implementation.

SOC 444 Sociology of Law (3) Prerequisite: Juniors and above. Study of the social origins, functions and administration of law in society. Focus on the social organization of law, inequality in the legal system, and how civil and criminal law structure society.

SOC 450 Family Theories (3) Course examines theories of family development, interaction and change. Students apply theoretical frameworks to current research, and consider the explanatory value of theory for research methods and real-world application.