REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

The requirements for a major in Sociology are a minimum of 30 semester hours (10 courses) of Sociology course-work. Of these 30 hours, 15 hours (five courses) are dictated by the program while the other 15 hours (five courses) are electives (student’s choice). These five elective courses must have the SY prefix and be 300 level or higher.

The five required SY courses are:

- SY 221............Introduction to Sociology or SY 222 Honors Intro to SY
- SY 301.............Sociological Methods*
- SY 313.............Social Psychology
- SY 427............Classical Social Theory or SY 428 Contemporary Social Theory
- SY 499............Senior Sociology Seminar

The major in Sociology also requires completion of the Sociology Major Field Test (MFT). This is given in SY 499 (Senior Sociology Seminar).

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The University requires certain courses of all its degree-seeking students; these courses are referred to as the Core or General Education requirements. These requirements for the various disciplines vary according to major.

The Sociology Major requires (Honors Courses may substitute where applicable):

- Area I Requirements (6 Hours):
  English - EH 101 and 102.
- Area II Requirements (12 Hours):
  English - EH 141, and two semesters as a sequence of literature (any two of: EH 201, 202, 203, 204, 219, 220, or 231 and 232 in a sequence).
  One semester of Fine Arts (Any one of Art 202, Drama - DR 242, Music – MU 233, or Foreign Language - FL 101).
- Area III Requirements (11 hours):
  A full sequence of natural science: Either Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Geology, or Physics. Biology - BY 101, 102, 103, 104; Chemistry - CY 105, 106, 107, 108; Geography - GY 250, 251, 252, 253, Geology - GL 241, 242, 243, 244; or Physics - PHS 201, 202, 203, 204.
Math – MS 108 or higher

- Area IV Requirements (12 hours)
  Sociology – SY 221
  Two sequenced semesters of History (either HY 101 and 102 or HY 201 and 202).
  One course from GY 120, PSY 201, or PSY 222.

- Area V Requirements (19 hours):
  Mathematics – MS 204
  Anthropology – AN 224
  Computer Science – CS 201
  Geography – GY 220
  Sociology – SY 223
  Political Science – PSC 100
  The remaining required hour can be from additional 100 to 200 level courses.

45 hours of coursework must be at the 300 or higher level

*It is advised that SY 301 (Sociological Methods) and MS 204 (Basic Statistics) be taken before the scheduling of sociology electives, as these courses will acquaint the student with skills and knowledge needed to understand the discipline.

Students must also choose an academic Minor, or a second Major. **Additional requirements** for the university can be found in the university catalogue.

**MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY (B.A. or B.S.).** The requirements for a major in Sociology are a total of 120 semester hours, which includes meeting all university and program general education requirements, including 30 semester hours of Sociology coursework, and either a second major or minor. Of the 30 hours required for the Sociology degree, 15 hours are dictated by the program, while the additional 15 hours are Sociology electives. The 15 hours of required Sociology courses include: SY 221 or 222, 301, 313, 427 or 428, and 499. The additional 15 hours will be selected from only Sociology courses and be at the 300 or higher level. Mathematic requirements include one course from MS 108 or higher, as well as an additional mathematics course of MS 204.

Introduction to Sociology (SY 221 or SY 222) is a prerequisite for all Sociology courses. Sociological Methods (SY 301), and Basic Statistics (MS 204) should be taken prior to Sociology 300+ electives. Students are urged to consult with their academic advisor who will be helpful in choosing electives. Students should balance breadth and depth as best suits their own needs and future plans.