

BA with a Major in Sociology

Program Codes:

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The Department of Sociology offers programs leading to the Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Sociology. Students may follow a general sociology curriculum as outlined below, or concentrate their studies in: 1) [Data and Analytics](#); 2) [Health and Medicine](#); 3) [Professions, Occupations, and Work](#); or 4) [Sociology for Social Work](#). A minor in Sociology is also offered. Students interested in pursuing the major with a concentration or the minor should see the individual catalog page for that program.

Degree Requirements

To earn a Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree from UIC, students must complete university, college, and department degree requirements. The Department of Sociology degree requirements are outlined below. Students should consult the [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#) section for additional degree requirements and college academic policies.

Code	Title	Hours
Summary of Requirements		
	Major Requirements	35
	General Education and Electives to reach minimum Total Hours	85
	Total Hours	120

General Education

See General Education and Writing-in-the-Discipline in the [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#) section for information on meeting these requirements.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
	Select one of the following:	3
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology ^{a,b}	
SOC 105	Social Problems ^{a,b}	
SOC 201	Introductory Sociological Statistics ^c	4
SOC 290	Sociology Major Orientation and Success	2
SOC 300	Introduction to Sociological Research Methods	4
SOC 385	Introduction to Sociological Theory ^d	3
SOC 490	Igniting Sociological Futures: Senior Capstone Experience ^e	4
Electives		
	Complete 5 additional courses (15 semester hours) at the 200 level or above, with at least 6 of those hours at the 400 level.	15

Students who wish to use their electives to pursue a concentration in Data and Analytics; Health and Medicine; Professions, Occupations, and Work; or Sociology for Social Work should consult the individual catalog pages for each concentration.

Total Hours **35**

- a *This course is approved for the Understanding the Individual and Society General Education category.*
 b *This course is approved for the Understanding U.S. Society General Education category.*
 c *SOC 201 also fulfills the LAS Quantitative Reasoning requirement*
 d *SOC 385 fulfills the Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement.*
 e *SOC 490 is a senior capstone experience. It should be taken during the last semester of enrollment.*
 f *Independent study courses (SOC 296, SOC 298, SOC 496, SOC 499) can be taken for up to 8 hours of credit, but only 3 hours of SOC 296 and SOC 298 and 3 hours of SOC 409, SOC 496 and SOC 499 can count toward the required elective credit at the 200 and 400 level respectively.*

Recommended Plan of Study

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall Semester		
ENGL 160	Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts	3
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3-5
General Education Requirement course		3
Hours		13-15
Spring Semester		
ENGL 161	Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research	3
Foreign Language		4
SOC 100 or SOC 105	Introduction to Sociology or Social Problems	3
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3-5
Hours		16-18
Second Year		
Fall Semester		
SOC 2xx Elective		3
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3-5
Hours		13-15
Spring Semester		
SOC 201	Introductory Sociological Statistics ^a	4
SOC 290	Sociology Major Orientation and Success ^b	2
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3
Hours		16
Third Year		
Fall Semester		
SOC 2xx Elective		3
SOC 300	Introduction to Sociological Research Methods ^c	4
General Education Requirement course/Elective		3
Electives		4-6
Hours		14-16

Spring Semester

SOC 385	Introduction to Sociological Theory ^d	3
SOC 2xx Elective		3
SOC 4xx Elective		3
Electives		6
Hours		15

Fourth Year**Fall Semester**

SOC 4xx Elective ^e		3
Electives ^e		12
Hours		15

Spring Semester

SOC 490	Igniting Sociological Futures: Senior Capstone Experience ^f	4
Electives		11-12
Hours		15-16
Total Hours		120

- a SOC 201 (with a grade of C or better) satisfies the Quantitative Reasoning requirement. Must first satisfy the math prerequisite.
- b It is strongly recommended to take SOC 290 as soon as the major is declared.
- c Must take SOC 201 before SOC 300.
- d SOC 385 meets both the theory requirement and the Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement. May also be available in the fall semester.
- e Students are encouraged to complete a research or internship experience.
- f Students must take SOC 300 and SOC 385 before SOC 490. It is strongly recommended to take SOC 290 before SOC 490. SOC 490 should be taken in student's last year.