

BA with a Major in Sociology, Concentration in Professions, Occupations, and Work

The Department of Sociology offers programs leading to the Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Sociology. Students may follow a general sociology curriculum 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.

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
Concentration Requirements ^f		
Complete two additional SOC courses (6 hours)		6
Select 3 of the following courses:		9
SOC 244	Sociology of Work	
SOC 298	Internship in Sociological Applications ^{fg}	

SOC 409	Senior Research Practicum ^{fg}
SOC 426	Topics in Race, Ethnicity, and Gender ^g
SOC 440	Topics in Organizations and Institutions ^g
SOC 444	Race and Gender in Organizations
SOC 447	Organizations
SOC 496	Independent Study or Research ^{fg}
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 The 15 hours required for the concentration must be at the 200 level or above, with at least 6 of those hours at the 400 level. 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.
- g Students may use SOC 298, SOC 409, SOC 426, SOC 440, and/or SOC 496 toward a concentration if the Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS) deems the content, project, experience, etc. topically relevant. DUS approval is required.

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	
Concentration course	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
Concentration course	3
Concentration course	3
Electives	6
Hours	15
Fourth Year	
Fall Semester	
Concentration course ^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.