

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 are encouraged to follow a general sociology curriculum or to specialize in race and ethnicity, gender and sexuality, organizations and the economy, global and transnational sociology, political sociology and social movements, and children and youth. 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
	Three additional 200-level courses ^d	9
SOC 300	Introduction to Sociological Research Methods	4
SOC 385	Introduction to Sociological Theory ^e	3
SOC 490	Senior Research Experience ^f	4
	Two additional 400-level courses ^d	6
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 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 496 and SOC 499 can count toward the required elective credit at the 200- and 400-level respectively.

^e SOC 385 fulfills the *Writing-in-the-Discipline* requirement.

^f SOC 490 can be repeated with departmental approval and, when taken a second time, will count as one of the two 400-level electives required for the major.

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	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 ^b	4
	General Education Requirement course/Elective	3
	Electives	4-6
Hours		14-16
Spring Semester		
	SOC 2xx Elective	3

SOC 385	Introduction to Sociological Theory ^c	3
Electives		9
Hours		15
Fourth Year		
Fall Semester		
SOC 490	Senior Research Experience ^d	4
SOC 4xx Elective		3
Electives		9
Hours		16
Spring Semester		
SOC 4xx Elective		3
Electives		11-12
Hours		14-15
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 Must take SOC 201 before SOC 300.
- c SOC 385 meets both the theory requirement and the Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement. May also be available in the fall semester.
- d Must take SOC 300 before SOC 490. Should be taken in student's last year.