Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Sociology

Sociology is the systematic study of human social life, groups, and societies. Sociology can reveal how society works, what motivates individuals to behave in certain ways, how particular rules and norms get established, why people obey those rules and norms, how seemingly invisible social forces might govern our behavior, and how the outcome of our lives are frequently determined by forces largely outside of our control. It can even help us understand why we might sometimes act in ways that are contrary to our deeply held beliefs.

General Sociology

Work in sociology begins with Introduction to Sociology (SOC 204) or Social Inequality (SOC 207), both of which provide an introduction to the discipline. They emphasize how sociology can be applied to contemporary social issues. Students specializing in general sociology move on to courses that provide a more in-depth study of social institutions. Courses on social stratification, social psychology, social change, and sociological theory help to tie these diverse areas together by providing perspectives that are useful in the study of any institutional area. Finally, courses in methodology and statistics provide a tool kit of analytical and research skills that are useful both in sociology courses and in whatever activities the student pursues after graduation.

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
SOC 204	Introduction to Sociology (May be replaced by SOC 207 Social Inequality)	4
SOC 310	Social Theory	4
SOC 311	Research Methods	4
SOC 312	Statistical Analysis in Sociology [1]	4
Upper-Division Courses		
400-level lecture courses (407, 410–499) [2]		12
300- or 400-level courses		8
Additional Courses		
Sociology courses (any level)		12
Total Credits		**48**

1 MATH 243 , MATH 425, or PSY 302 can be taken as substitutes for SOC 312. If MATH 243 is substituted for SOC 312 then an additional upper division 4 credit SOC course must be taken.

2 These credits must be earned at the University of Oregon.

Bachelor of Science Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
SOC 204	Introduction to Sociology (May be replaced by SOC 207 Social Inequality)	4
SOC 310	Social Theory	4
SOC 311	Research Methods	4
SOC 312	Statistical Analysis in Sociology	4
Upper-Division Courses		
400-level lecture courses (407, 410–499) [1]		12
300- or 400-level courses		8
Additional Courses		
Sociology courses (any level)		12
Total Credits		**48**

1 MATH 243 , MATH 425, or PSY 302 can be taken as substitutes for SOC 312. If MATH 243 is substituted for SOC 312 then an additional upper division 4 credit SOC course must be taken.

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Curriculum

Undergraduate courses in sociology are offered at four levels.

- Topical courses at the 100 level provide an introduction to a specific facet of sociology.
- Courses at the 200 level provide a broad introduction to the field. Basic courses are Introduction to Sociology (SOC 204 (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/archive/2021-2022/search/?P=SOC%20204)) and Social Inequality (SOC 207 (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/archive/2021-2022/search/?P=SOC%20207)). Completion of one 200-level course is a major requirement. One must also be taken to advance to some 300-level courses.
- Courses at the 300 level extend the student's knowledge of subjects covered in the 200-level courses and provide an introduction to social research methods and social theory.
- Courses at the 400 level are advanced and specialized. Most build on background obtained in the 100-, 200- and 300-level courses. As prerequisites for enrollment in some 400-level courses, students must successfully complete one or more of the core courses: Social Theory (SOC 310 (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/archive/2021-2022/search/?P=SOC%20310)), Research Methods (SOC 311 (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/archive/2021-2022/search/?P=SOC%20311)), Statistical Analysis in Sociology (SOC 312 (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/archive/2021-2022/search/?P=SOC%20312)). Upper-division (300- and 400-level) classes are usually smaller in size than the lower-division classes and provide more opportunity for faculty-student interaction.

Courses used to satisfy major requirements must be taken for letter grades and passed with grades of C– or better; at least a 2.00 grade point average (GPA) must be achieved in these courses. Four credits from a course not numbered 401–409 may be taken pass/no pass (P/N); P grades must be earned to apply them to the major.

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Concentration in Critical Thinking with Data

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
SOC 204	Introduction to Sociology (May be replaced by SOC 207 Social Inequality)	4
SOC 310	Social Theory	4
SOC 311	Research Methods	4
SOC 412	Sociological Research Methods	4

Upper-Division Courses		
SOC 413	Sociological Research Methods	4
SOC 416	Issues in Environmental Sociology [Topic]	4
or SOC 442	Issues in Urban Sociology: [Topic]	
or SOC 450	Sociology of Developing Areas	
or SOC 456	Feminist Theory	
or SOC 457	Sex and Society	
or SOC 475	Marxist Sociological Theory	
or SOC 484	Issues in Deviance, Control, and Crime: [Topic]	
SOC 425	Issues in Sociology of Family: [Topic]	4
or SOC 445	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity: [Topic]	
or SOC 446	Issues in Sociology of Work: [Topic]	
or SOC 447	Issues in Sociology of Organizations: [Topic]	
or SOC 451	Social Stratification	
or SOC 452	Issues of Migration: [Topic]	
or SOC 465	Political Sociology	
or SOC 467	Economic Sociology	
or SOC 491	Sociology of Education	
300- or 400-level courses		12
Additional Courses		
Sociology courses (any level)		8
Total Credits		**48**

Concentration in Culture, Identities, and Institutions

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
SOC 204	Introduction to Sociology (May be replaced by SOC 207 Social Inequality)	4
SOC 310	Social Theory	4
SOC 311	Research Methods	4
SOC 312	Statistical Analysis in Sociology	4
Upper-Division Courses		
SOC 328	Self and Society	4
SOC 317	Sociology of the Mass Media	4
or SOC 330	Sociology of the Family	
or SOC 346	Work and Occupations	
or SOC 370	Urban Sociology	
or SOC 385	Medical Sociology	
SOC 355	Sociology of Gender	4
or SOC 345	Race and Ethnicity	
400 Level Sociology Coursework:		**12**
SOC 458	Issues in Cultural Sociology: [Topic] (Cultural Sociology)	
SOC 445	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity: [Topic]	
SOC 455	Issues in Sociology of Gender: [Topic]	
SOC 457	Sex and Society	
SOC 452	Issues of Migration: [Topic]	
SOC 451	Social Stratification	
SOC 425	Issues in Sociology of Family: [Topic]	
SOC 446	Issues in Sociology of Work: [Topic]	
SOC 447	Issues in Sociology of Organizations: [Topic]	
SOC 465	Political Sociology	
SOC 467	Economic Sociology	
SOC 491	Sociology of Education	
Additional Courses		
Sociology courses (any level)		8
Total Credits		**48**

Concentration in Environment, Health, and Community

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
SOC 204	Introduction to Sociology (May be replaced by SOC 207 Social Inequality)	4
SOC 310	Social Theory	4
SOC 311	Research Methods	4
SOC 312	Statistical Analysis in Sociology	4
Upper-Division Courses		
SOC 304	Community, Environment, and Society	4
Choose Two Courses From The Following:		**8**
SOC 346	Work and Occupations	
SOC 370	Urban Sociology	
SOC 385	Medical Sociology	
400 Level Sociology Courses		**12**
SOC 416	Issues in Environmental Sociology [Topic] (SOC485 Health & Society Approved Fall 2020)	
SOC 442	Issues in Urban Sociology: [Topic]	
SOC 446	Issues in Sociology of Work: [Topic]	
Additional Courses		
Sociology courses (any level)		8
Total Credits		**48**

Concentration in Inequalities, Crime, and Social Justice

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
SOC 204	Introduction to Sociology (May be replaced by SOC 207 Social Inequality)	4
SOC 310	Social Theory	4
SOC 311	Research Methods	4
SOC 312	Statistical Analysis in Sociology	4
Upper-Division Courses		
SOC 301	American Society	4
or SOC 304	Community, Environment, and Society	
or SOC 313	Social Issues and Movements	
or SOC 355	Sociology of Gender	
or SOC 370	Urban Sociology	
SOC 345	Race and Ethnicity	4
SOC 380	Introduction: Deviance, Control, and Crime	4
400 Level Sociology Courses		**8**
Choose Two Courses from the Following:		

SOC 442	Issues in Urban Sociology: [Topic]	
SOC 445	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity: [Topic]	
SOC 451	Social Stratification	
SOC 465	Political Sociology	
SOC 475	Marxist Sociological Theory	
SOC 484	Issues in Deviance, Control, and Crime: [Topic]	4
Additional Courses		
Sociology courses (any level)		8
Total Credits		**48**