Sociology (BA/BS)

Sociology is the systematic study of human groups and societies -- how they develop, how they are structured, and how they function. Like human society itself, the field of sociology is extremely broad. Sociologists study the social world, from small groups of friends and families, to formal organizations, such as universities and corporations, to entire nations. We look at social relationships and interactions, at power and conflict, at structures that hold societies together, and at how societies change.

Hands-on learning and applied sociology are key aspects of our program. Options available to students include, but are not limited to participating in the Inside/Out Program partnered with a class at Oregon State Penitentiary, the Sociology Honors program where students produce their own research and write a thesis, presenting original research at the Undergraduate Research Symposium, a wide variety of community outreach and research internships, peer advising and mentoring, and more.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Develop a sociological imagination allowing them to analyze and evaluate fundamental features of society, including social conflict, inequalities, institutions, group relations, the experiences of individuals, and human interactions with the earth's natural environment.
- Recognize and understand major theoretical traditions and be able to use sociological theories to critically analyze systems of social power, institutions, human difference, or behavior.
- Be proficient in basic research methods including interviews, direct observation, content analysis, and surveys. They will know how to collect and analyze data, and how to identify appropriate methods for answering different sociological questions.
- Develop literacy with statistical methods for describing numerical data and for drawing inferences from samples to populations. They will be able to understand statistical models and evaluate quantitative research results.
- Be able to apply their theoretical and empirical knowledge to complex social problems, and to assess the quality of evidence for competing claims regarding social issues.

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.

Courses numbered 401–406 may be taken pass/no pass (P/N); P grades must be earned to apply them to the major. No more than 8 credits from these courses may be applied to the major.

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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.

Sociology Major 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 STAT 243Z, MATH 425, or PSY 302 can be taken as substitutes for SOC 312. If STAT 243Z 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.

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		
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	4
or SOC 207	Social Inequality	
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]	
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**