

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Department of Sociology

Sociology Major (Small Plan), BA

For Majors Beginning Fall 2025

Sociology is the study of social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organizations, and societies and how people interact within these contexts. Since all human behavior is social, the subject matter of sociology ranges from the intimate family to the hostile mob; from organized crime to religious traditions; from the divisions of race, gender and social class to the shared beliefs of a common culture (American Sociological Association: <https://www.asanet.org/about/what-is-sociology/>).

The small plan Sociology major is designed to compliment another major or minor to specifically meet student career goals, which are interdisciplinary in nature. The small plan major combines well with Law & Justice, Psychology, Anthropology, Communications, Business and with several minors, including Ethnic Studies, Latino & Latin American Studies, Africana and Black Studies, and American Indian Studies.

Course of Study**Sociology: (33 credits)****Required :**

- SOC 107 Principles of Sociology (5)
- SOC 200 Introduction to the Major (3)
- SOC 350 Sociological Theory (5)
- SOC 363 Foundations of Social Research Methods (4)
- SOC 364 Statistics and Society (4)
- SOC 463 Applied Qualitative Research Skills (5)
- SOC 464 Applied Quantitative Research Skills (5)
- SOC 489 Senior Seminar (2)

Deviance, Law and Social Control: (5 credits)**Select one:**

- SOC 343 Child Abuse (5)
- SOC 344 Juvenile Delinquency (5)
- SOC 345 Deviance (5)
- SOC 346 Criminology (5)
- SOC 348 Women and Crime (5)
- SOC 349 Law and Society (5)
- SOC 352 Punishment and Corrections (5)
- SOC 447 White-Collar and Organization Crime (5)

Inequality and Social Control: (5 credits)**Select one:**

- SOC 325 Aging (5)
- SOC 326 Social Demography
- SOC 354 Minority Experience (5) **OR**
- ETS 354 Minority Experience (5)
- SOC 356 Sociology of Gender (5)
- SOC 358 Sociology of Sexualities (5)
- SOC 359 U.S Feminist Movements (5)
- SOC 362 Social Movements (5)
- SOC 365 Minoritized Groups (5)
- SOC 366 Sociology of American Indians (5)
- SOC 370 Social Change (5)
- SOC 371 Globalization (5)
- SOC 375 Conflict and Peace (5)
- SOC 383 Rethinking Leadership (5)
- SOC 386 Seminar on Racism (5)
- SOC 415 Urban Sociology (5)
- SOC 442 Social Welfare Policy (5)
- SOC 445 Current Topics on Social Inequality (5)
- SOC 446 Sociology of Immigration (5)

Social Structures and Institutions: (5 credits)**Select one:**

- SOC 307 Individual and Society (5)
- SOC 320 Death and Dying (5)
- SOC 327 Health and Society (5)
- SOC 331 Sociology of Sport (5)
- SOC 338 Political Sociology (5)
- SOC 351 Sociology of Work (5)
- SOC 357 Sociology of Families (5)
- SOC 367 Religion & Spirituality in Society (5)
- SOC 376 Sociology of the Military and Veterans in the U.S. Society (5)
- SOC 380 Environmental Sociology (5)
- SOC 425 Sociology of Education (5)
- SOC 459 Organizations (5)

Upper Level Elective: (5 credits)

Any upper division 300 or 400 level Sociology course.

Total Credits: 53

Please note: Students who complete the small plan major must also have a minor or second major in another discipline. Students admitted to the sociology major may have a social services minor but cannot have a sociology minor; additionally, students cannot double major in sociology and social services.

Course Codes: SOCISMBA, SOCISMBAO
Online option: SOCISMBAO, SOCISMBAOP