

SOCIOLOGY (B.A.)

The Sociology program offers students knowledge and resources to search systematically for answers to questions about society. Sociology students develop a sociological imagination, which is the ability to grasp the close relationship between personal experiences and the larger social world. Our majors study social and cultural forces that shape individual and group behavior using a variety of scientific methods such as surveys, interviews, observation, and content analysis. By studying and critically assessing sociological theories, sociology students also describe, interpret, and explain how the world works.

Core courses provide excellent training in sociological concepts, theories, and methods. Electives focus on topics like the environment, popular culture, families, inequalities, race and ethnicity, crime and deviance, anthropology, and global society. Sociology majors may also engage in community research, service-learning projects, internships, and travel through coursework. Students with a bachelor's degree in sociology are well prepared for graduate and professional studies and careers using their interpersonal skills and specialized knowledge in the areas of education, social services, human rights, health and wellness, justice, advocacy, and research.

Integrative Studies Requirements

40 credits minimum

To receive a degree in Sociology, a student must earn a grade C or better in the following core courses: ISSOC-125 Introduction to Sociology, ISSOC-125 Introduction to Sociology, ISANTH-110 Cultural Anthropology or ISANTH-111 Archaeology & Biological Anth, ISANTH-111 Archaeology & Biological Anth, SOC-301 Sociological Research Meth, SOC-301 Sociological Research Meth, SOC-303 Soc Quant Analysis, SOC-303 Soc Quant Analysis, and SOC-305 Sociological Theory, SOC-305 Sociological Theory. Courses may be retaken once to meet this requirement. If, after taking the course a second time, a student has not achieved the required grade, the student should meet with the student's academic faculty advisor to discuss implications. If a student needs to take a course more than twice to progress in their major, the student must receive written permission from the department responsible for the major.

Code	Title	Credits	Completed
Major Requirements (40 Credits)			
<i>Core Courses (24 Credits)</i>			
ISSOC-125	Introduction to Sociology (must earn a C or better) *	4	_____
SOC-301	Sociological Research Meth (must earn a C or better) *	4	_____
SOC-303	Soc Quant Analysis (must earn a C or better) *	4	_____
SOC-305	Sociological Theory (must earn a C or better) *	4	_____
Select one of the following:		4	_____

ISANTH-110	Cultural Anthropology (must earn a C or better) *	_____
ISANTH-111	Archaeology & Biological Anth (must earn a C or better) *	_____
Select one of the following:		4
ANTH-430	Ethnographic Research Meth	_____
CJS-461	White-Collar Crime	_____
CJS-465	Terrorism	_____
CJS-471	Women and Crime	_____
CJS-473	Race & Crime in Media	_____
CJS-490	Advanced Topics in CJS	_____
SOC-455	Special Populations & the CJS	_____
SOC-475	Social Inequalities	_____
SOC-490	Adv Topics in Sociology	_____
<i>Elective Courses (16 Credits)</i>		16
Total Credits		40

*Courses for the specialization that also fulfill requirements for the sociology major are not counted twice for overall college credit.

Social Work Specialization

In Lieu of 16 credits in Sociology electives, Sociology majors may choose the Social Work specialization by completing the following two courses (8 credits) plus 12 electives credits in the following manner.

Code	Title	Credits	Completed
Social Work Specialization (20 Credits)			
<i>Social Work Core Courses (8 Credits)</i>			
SOC-234	Intro to Social Work	4	_____
ISSOC-310	Social Problems	4	_____
<i>Social Work Elective Courses (12 Credits)</i>		12	_____
SOC-320	Women, Gender & Society	_____	
SOC-345	Sociology of Families	_____	
ISSOC-357	Global Ethnic Relations	_____	
SOC-370	Homeless in NH & US	_____	

ISSOC-386	Race, State, & Justice	_____
SOC-475	Social Inequalities	_____
Total Credits		20

Certification as a Social Studies Teacher

Sociology is an approved major for students seeking a Secondary Social Studies Licensure. Students will need to take the following additional licensure requirements:

Major in Education

- Secondary Education

Code	Title	Credits	Completed
<i>Requirements for Certification (40 Credits)</i>			
IHHIST-161	American Encounters to 1877	4	_____
IHHIST-162	American Encounters From 1877	4	_____
IHHIST-111	Ancient & Medieval World	4	_____
IHHIST-112	The Modern World	4	_____
ISECON-104	Intro to Macroeconomics	4	_____
ISENST-203	Globalization Culture & Place	4	_____
ISPSYC-101	General Psychology	4	_____
Select one of the following:		4	_____
ISPOSC-210	United States Politics	4	_____
	or ISPOSC-220 International Relations		_____
ISPOSC-220	International Relations	4	_____
Total Credits		40	_____

Honors Program

Motivated sociology students may participate in an advanced program of research culminating in graduation with Honors in Sociology. Students electing to participate in this program complete all requirements for the Sociology major plus 8 credits of SOC-499 Senior Honor Thesis during the two semesters of the senior year.

Admission to the Honors Program is based on:

1. Self-nomination after completion of 80 credits with an overall and major GPA of 3.50 or above.
2. Support of an Honors Committee consisting of a faculty sponsor and two other faculty members, one of whom may be from a department other than Sociology. The Honors Committee will interview the student prior to enrollment in SOC-499 Senior Honor Thesis and notify successful applicants of their admission prior to enrollment.

3. Completion of, or enrollment in, at least five sociology courses, including SOC-301 Sociological Research Meth, SOC-303 Soc Quant Analysis, and SOC-305 Sociological Theory. Final admission requires successful completion of those Sociology courses enrolled in at the time of application for admission to the Honors Program.

At the end of the senior year, each participant:

1. Submits a final written report on the Honors work for approval by the student's Honors Committee.
2. Presents the results of their work and responds to questions about the project and its relationship to the larger body of sociological knowledge, in a colloquium open to the public.
3. The student's Honors Committee votes on whether or not to accept the Honors project.

Students successfully completing all facets of the Honors Program and having an overall and major GPA of 3.50 or above will graduate with Honors in Sociology.

Electives

Select courses to reach a total of 120 credits for the degree.

Degree Requirements

120 credits

40 credits at the upper-level

Upon completion of the Sociology B.A. degree, students will be able to:

- Think sociologically
- Read and understand literature on complex social issues.
- Apply a comparative and international perspective to the study of social phenomena.
- Collect and analyze sociological data using appropriate research methods.
- Write a substantial research paper analyzing an important sociological issue.
- Critically assess, discuss, and write essays drawing on theoretical perspectives.
- Use sociological knowledge and abilities to contribute to their community and society.