

SOCIOLOGY BA

More Information

Advising Requirement

Advising is mandatory for this program. Consult your department advisor or program coordinator for information.

E-advising Tools

Students are encouraged to use the interactive e-advising tools that have been designed to help them graduate within four years. These tools can be accessed through the Student Center.

Sociology is the study of group life. As a social science, it combines scientific and humanistic perspectives in the study of topics such as gender, crime, family patterns, race and ethnicity, wealth and inequality, and the environment.

The Bachelor of Arts in Sociology is a liberal arts major for students planning careers in areas such as social research, social welfare, business, public administration, and education. It provides a useful background for those planning further education in the social sciences, social work, public administration, law, or business.

Grading Requirement

All courses taken to fulfill program course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as credit/no credit grading only.

Computer Skills

Students are expected to be able to use computers to generate documents, process basic data, and utilize the internet. SOSC 210 or another computer literacy course is recommended for students without these skills before entering upper-division Sociology courses.

Course Requirements for the Major: 40 units

Completion of the following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, is required of all candidates for this degree. Courses in this program may complete more than one graduation requirement.

Course	Title	Units
SOCI 300	Classical Social Theory	3
SOCI 301	Contemporary Social Theory	3
SOCI 305	Maneuvering the Job Market with a Sociology Degree	1
SOCI 310	Social Research Methods	3
SOCI 315	Statistical Analysis for the Social Sciences	3
Select one of the following:		3
SOCI 100	Introduction to Sociology	
SOCI 200	Social Problems	
Select one of the following:		3
SOCI 360	Self and Society	
SOCI 375	Global Problems	
Select one of the following:		3
SOCI/MCGS 330	Sociology of Gender	

SOCI 340	Sociology of Wealth, Class, and Inequality	
SOCI 350	The Sociology of Racial Inequality	
Select one of the following:		3
SOCI 411	Social Research Practicum	
SOCI 489A	Applied Sociology Internship	
SOCI 490	Grantwriting for Sociology	
Select one of the following:		3
SOCI 441W	Public Sociology (W)	
SOCI 441HW	Public Sociology – Honors (W)	
Select 12 units from the following: ¹		12
Any Sociology (SOCI) courses, with a minimum of six upper-division units (300- and 400-level courses) required		
Total Units		40

¹ All majors are encouraged to include SOCI 489 or SOCI 489A in their course selection. Up to six units of SOCI 489 or SOCI 489A may be used to meet major requirements.

Electives Requirement

To complete the total units required for the bachelor's degree, select additional elective courses from the total University offerings. You should consult with an advisor regarding the selection of courses which will provide breadth to your University experience and possibly apply to a supportive second major or minor.

Honors in the Major

Honors in the Major is a program of independent work in your major. It requires 6 units of honors course work completed over two semesters.

The Honors in the Major program allows you to work closely with a faculty mentor in your area of interest on an original performance or research project. This year-long collaboration allows you to work in your field at a professional level and culminates in a public presentation of your work. Students sometimes take their projects beyond the University for submission in professional journals, presentation at conferences, or academic competition. Such experience is valuable for graduate school and professional life. Your honors work will be recognized at your graduation, on your permanent transcripts, and on your diploma. It is often accompanied by letters of commendation from your mentor in the department or the department chair.

Some common features of Honors in the Major program are:

- You must take 6 units of Honors in the Major course work. All 6 units are honors classes (marked by a suffix of H), and at least 3 of these units are independent study (399H, 499H, 599H) as specified by your department. You must complete each class with a minimum grade of B.
- You must have completed 9 units of upper-division course work or 21 overall units in your major before you can be admitted to Honors in the Major. Check the requirements for your major carefully, as there may be specific courses that must be included in these units.
- Your cumulative #GPA should be at least 3.5 or within the top 5% of majors in your department.
- Your GPA in your major # should be at least 3.5 or within the top 5% of majors in your department.

- Most students apply for or are invited to participate in Honors in the Major during the second semester of their junior year. Then they complete the 6 units of course work over the two semesters of their senior year.
- Your honors work culminates with a public presentation of your honors project.

While Honors in the Major is part of the Honors Program, each department administers its own program. Please contact your major department or major advisor to apply.

Features of Honors in the Sociology Major are:

1. You must complete 9 units of upper-division course work or 21 overall units in your major before you can be admitted to Honors in the Major. You must have completed SOCI 100, SOCI 300, and SOCI 310 in order to qualify for Honors in the Sociology Major.
2. Your overall GPA must be 3.5 or above for the past two years and 3.5 or above in the major. You must also be recommended by a faculty member.
3. To complete Honors in the Major, you must take 6 units in your senior year: 3 units of SOCI 441HW in the first semester and 3 units of SOCI 499H in the following semester. You must complete these two courses with a minimum grade of B. You must also maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 in your senior year.
4. The independent study typically culminates with a public presentation of the results of your Honors project.
5. While you may begin taking major courses during your freshman year, most students do not apply for Honors in the Major until their junior year.

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/bachelors-degree-requirements/>) for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 39 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

General Education Requirements: 48 units

See General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/>) and the Class Schedule (<http://www.csuchico.edu/schedule/>) for the most current information on General Education Requirements and course offerings.

Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units

You must complete a minimum of two courses that focus primarily on cultural diversity. At least one course must be in U.S. Diversity (USD) and at least one in Global Cultures (GC). See Diversity Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/diversity-requirements/>) for a full list of courses. Most courses taken to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/>).

Upper-Division Writing Requirement

Writing Across the Curriculum (EM 17-009 (<http://www.csuchico.edu/prs/EMs/2017/17-009.shtml/>)) is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of four Writing (W) courses, two of which are designated by the major department. See Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning and Writing Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/>

[mathematicsquantitative-reasoning-writing-requirements/](https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/mathematicsquantitative-reasoning-writing-requirements/)) for more details on the four courses. The first of the major designated Writing (W) courses is listed below.

- Any upper-division Writing (W) course.

The second major-designated Writing course is the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GW) (EO 665 (<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/9585618/latest/>)). Students must earn a C- or higher to receive GW credit. The GE Written Communication (A2) (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/#A2>) requirement must be completed before a student is permitted to register for a GW course.