

# SOCIOLOGY MAJOR (BA)

Department website (<https://www.uwp.edu/learn/programs/sociologymajor.cfm>)

College: College of Social Sciences & Professional Studies

- Conceptual Competencies:
- Discerning and identifying different theoretical perspectives.\n
- Assessing and applying theoretical frameworks to social realities.
- Understanding societies and cultures in their own terms, fostering a global perspective.
- Linking the discipline(s) to others.
- Pragmatic Competencies:
- Identifying social problems and framing them conceptually.
- Analyzing the impact of macro-structural factors on personal experience.\n\n
- Identifying and breaking down ethnocentrism in research and practice.\n
- Establishing links between analysis and public policy on both local and global levels.\n
- Methodological Competencies:\n
- Generating, manipulating and analyzing social science data.\n
- Recording and interpreting qualitative evidence of socio-cultural life.\n
- Critically evaluating research findings.\n\n
- Independently framing and executing research projects.
- Civic Competencies\n
- Promoting civility and civil discourse.\n
- Imparting a sense of agency to communities, locally and beyond, by becoming skilled in applying research to community and organizational problems and applying sociological and anthropological perspectives to community and organization problems.\n
- Understanding group and organizational process in order to enable active citizenship and effective teamwork.\n

## Requirements for the Sociology Major

Under consultation with a faculty member, an advanced student may opt to “design” his/her own course as an independent study in sociology. The student must work with a faculty member whose expertise is in the selected topic. Together, they negotiate the focus and content of the course. The following core courses, to be completed by the end of the junior year or prior to the completion of 90 credit hours of study, are required of all students majoring in sociology.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses</b>		
SOCA 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCA 248	Report Writing for the Social Sciences	3
SOCA 250	Statistics for the Social Sciences	4
SOCA 295	Social Science Research Methods	3
SOCA 301	Sociological Theory	3
SOCA 495	Senior Seminar	3
Select one of the following:		
SOCA 300	Topics in Data Collection and Analysis	3

SOCA 303	Program Evaluation	
SOCA 307	Survey Methods	
<b>Core Courses Subtotal</b>		<b>22</b>
<b>Elective Courses</b>		
Select fifteen credits of the following: <sup>1</sup>		<b>15</b>
<i>Criminology and Deviance</i>		
SOCA 216	Social Issues in Substance Use and Abuse	
SOCA 233	Criminology (Same As CRMJ 233)	
SOCA 234	Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Justice	
SOCA 235	Police and Society	
SOCA 320	Sociological Social Psychology	
SOCA 331	Deviant Behavior	
SOCA 332	Sociology of Mental Illness	
SOCA 359	Law and Society	
SOCA 363	Corrections (Same As CRMJ 363)	
SOCA 365	Race, Crime, Law (Same As CRMJ 365)	
SOCA 368	Victimology (Same As CRMJ 368)	
<i>Family and Human Services</i> <sup>2</sup>		
SOCA 207	Marriage and Family	
SOCA 213	Gender and Society	
SOCA 216	Social Issues in Substance Use and Abuse	
SOCA 319	Death and Dying	
SOCA 320	Sociological Social Psychology	
SOCA 326	Social Gerontology	
SOCA 332	Sociology of Mental Illness	
SOCA 336	Childhood and Society	
SOCA 354	Class, Status and Power	
SOCA 367	LGBTQ Studies	
SOCA 372	Technology and Society	
SOCA 375	Education and Society	
SOCA 376	Public Health	
SOCA 380	Social Welfare as a Social Institution	
<i>Race and Ethnic Relations</i>		
SOCA 206	Race and Ethnic Relations in the U.S.	
SOCA 227	North American Indians	
SOCA 323	Institutional Racism in America	
SOCA 324	African-American Studies	
SOCA 328	Asians in American Society	
SOCA 329	Social Institutions in Contemporary China	
SOCA 343	Latinas/os in U.S.	
SOCA 354	Class, Status and Power	
SOCA 360	Critical Ethnic Studies	
<i>Urban Institutions and the Occupational World</i>		
SOCA 213	Gender and Society	
SOCA 319	Death and Dying	
SOCA 321	Religion and Society	
SOCA 322	Sociology of Language and Knowledge	
SOCA 323	Institutional Racism in America	
SOCA 354	Class, Status and Power	
SOCA 355	Urbanism and Urbanization	
SOCA 356	Political Sociology	
SOCA 358	Introduction to Population Studies	

SOCA 362	Migration and Immigration
SOCA 372	Technology and Society
SOCA 373	Formal Organization
SOCA 374	Women and Work
SOCA 375	Education and Society
SOCA 376	Public Health
SOCA 379	Society and Environment
SOCA 380	Social Welfare as a Social Institution
SOCA 455	International Development and Change
<i>Evaluation and Practice</i>	
SOCA 304	Skill Development in Leadership
SOCA 306	Research in Community Needs
SOCA 406	Advanced Program Evaluation
SOCA 455	International Development and Change
SOCA 492	Internship in Sociology
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>37</b>

- <sup>1</sup> 12 of the 15 credits must be upper level (300-400 level) courses, and at least one 3-credit class must fulfill the diversity requirement. Complete one course from at least four of the specialization areas listed (12 credits). Complete one additional course (3 credits). Each class can only count for one area.
- <sup>2</sup> Students may fulfill a specialization in family and human services by completing one course under the heading of race and ethnic relations.

## General University Degree Requirements (Bachelor's Degree)

In addition to individual program requirements, students must also fulfill the following requirements:

Requirement	Credits
Skills	7-8
General Education	36
Foreign Language**	6-8
Ethnic Diversity	3
Total	52-55

\*\* Transfer students in sustainable management, and health information management and technology collaborative, online degree-completion programs, the business management online degree-completion program, and the flexible option degree-completion program will be exempt from the university's foreign language requirement. See appropriate academic section for further information.

Skills Requirement (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#skills>)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Reading and Writing</b>		
ENGL 101	Composition and Reading	3
<b>Computational Skills</b>		
Select one of the following:		4-5
MATH 102	Quantitative Reasoning	
MATH 103	Elementary Statistics	
MATH 104	College Mathematics with Applications	

MATH 111	College Algebra I
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>7-8</b>

General Education (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#general>)

- General Education Course List (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/programs/general-education-program/#coursestext>)

Foreign Language (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#language>)

Ethnic Diversity (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#ethnic>)

Degree Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Minimum Total Credits	120
Upper Level Credits (300 level or above)	36
Residency	30

Cumulative Degree GPA: 2.0 minimum

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
ENGL 100	Fundamentals of English	3
MATH 104	College Mathematics with Applications	4
SOCA 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
General Education (HU)		3
Introductory Language		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
ENGL 101	Composition and Reading	3
SOCA 206	Race and Ethnic Relations in the U.S.	3
or SOCA 227	or North American Indians	
or SOCA 324	or African-American Studies	
or SOCA 328	or Asians in American Society	
or SOCA 343	or Latinas/os in U.S.	
or SOCA 360	or Critical Ethnic Studies	
or SOCA 365	or Race, Crime, Law	
General Education (NS)		3
General Education (SS)		3
Introductory Language		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>33</b>

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
SOCA 250	Statistics for the Social Sciences	4
300/400 Level SOCA Elective		3
General Education (HU)		3
General Education (SS)		3
General Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
SOCA 248	Report Writing for the Social Sciences	3
300/400 Level SOCA Elective		3
General Education (SS)		3
General Education (HU)		3
General Education (NS)		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>31</b>

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
SOCA 295	Social Science Research Methods	3
SOCA 301	Sociological Theory	3
300/400 Level General Elective		3
General Education (HU)		3
General Education (NS)		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
SOCA 300 or SOCA 303 or SOCA 307	Topics in Data Collection and Analysis or Program Evaluation or Survey Methods	1-3
300/400 Level SOCA Elective		3
300/400 Level General Elective		3
General Education (NS)		3
General Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13-15</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>28-30</b>
<b>Year 4</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
300/400 Level General Elective		3
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<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
SOCA 495	Senior Seminar	3
300/400 Level SOCA Elective		3
300/400 Level General Elective		3
General Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>27</b>

Note: SOCA electives must be completed in at least 4 of the specialization areas.