

# SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is the study of social life and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. Award-winning faculty teach diverse and multifaceted coursework in the broad categories of health, illness and aging; marriage, families and gender; criminology and deviance; inequality, poverty and stratification; social psychology; and race and ethnic studies. Students examine the most pressing social problems in these areas, as well as how different social groups experience and perceive these issues. The communication and analytical skills developed by sociology majors, complemented by their sensitivity to and appreciation for diversity in many aspects of social relationships, provide our students with essential conceptual tools for navigating today's global marketplace and information society.

## About this Program

- **College:** Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Arts
- **Credits for Degree:** 120
- **Additional Information**
- **Related Sociology Programs**

*To graduate with this major, students must complete all university, college, and major requirements.*

A liberal arts degree in sociology provides students with opportunities to develop skills deemed essential for many different types of careers. These skills include learning how to identify and solve problems, conduct research, relate to others, and write effectively. Graduates frequently are employed in business (e.g., advertising staff member, human resource manager), community and social services (e.g., environmental organizer, family planning worker), education (e.g., teacher, public health educator), government (e.g., human rights officer, urban planner), and research (e.g., social research assistant and market researcher). Sociology is also an excellent major for pre-law, pre-health, M.A., and Ph.D. studies.

## Coursework for the Major

Majors are required to complete 32 credits of coursework in sociology and 3 credits of statistics with minimum grades of C. At least 23 credits of sociology must be in courses numbered 3000 or higher and at least 18 credits must be completed at UF.

To graduate, students must also pass a department exam covering fundamental sociological concepts developed by the sociology faculty.

### Required Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
SYG 2000	Principles of Sociology (sociology majors are encouraged to take this as their first class)	3
SYA 4110	Development of Sociological Thought (must be taken after 90 credits)	4
SYA 4300	Methods of Social Research (should be completed by the end of the sixth semester.) <sup>1</sup>	4
Select 21 additional credits of sociology coursework		21
Total Credits		32

<sup>1</sup> STA 2023 is a prerequisite for SYA 4300.

Students select additional sociology courses to complete the 32-credit minimum by matching interests in different substantive areas.

Majors can only apply two other 2000-level courses besides SYG 2000, for a maximum of nine credits at the 2000 level. There are no prerequisites for 2000-level courses.

## Related Coursework

In addition to the 32 credits of sociology coursework, majors are required to complete STA 2023 Introduction to Statistics 1 with a minimum grade of C. STA 2023 must be taken no later than the end of the third semester.

## Course Details

All majors should review the department's guidelines or visit 3231 Turlington Hall for information about the major, the plan of study worksheet, an informational handout, descriptions of current and prospective courses and other information.

## Combined Degree Programs

The Department of Sociology and Criminology offers a combined B.A./M.A. degree to eligible undergraduate students. Please see the graduate coordinator for more information regarding this degree option. Sociology majors may also consider various combined degree programs with other departments and colleges. For example, a Master of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in management is offered through the Warrington College of Business to eligible students who have majored in sociology. Please see the undergraduate coordinator for more information about such degree options.

## Research

The department encourages students to engage in the research process, either by conducting their own projects in collaboration with a sociology faculty member or by working with sociology faculty on their current research. These opportunities may be pursued by conducting a senior honors thesis or registering for SYA 4911 Undergraduate Research credit. Please see the undergraduate coordinator for more information and eligibility requirements.

## Related Sociology Programs

- Combined Degree
- Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, UF Online
- Sociology minor
- Sociology minor, UF Online

### Critical Tracking

Critical Tracking records each student's progress in courses that are required for entry to each major. Please note the critical-tracking requirements below on a per-semester basis.

**For degree requirements outside of the major, refer to CLAS Degree Requirements: Structure of a CLAS Degree.**

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida Common Course Prerequisites may be used for transfer students.

## Semester 1

- 2.0 UF GPA required

## Semester 2

- Complete 1 sociology course
- 2.0 UF GPA required

## Semester 3

- Complete 1 additional sociology course (1 of the 2 courses must be SYG 2000)
- Complete STA 2023
- 2.75 GPA required for all 3 critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

## Semester 4

- 2.75 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

## Semester 5

- Complete 1 additional sociology course (1 of the 3 must be at the 3000/4000 level)
- 2.75 GPA required for all 5 critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

### Model Semester Plan

Students are expected to complete the writing requirement while in the process of taking the courses below. Students are also expected to complete the general education international (GE-N) and diversity (GE-D) requirements concurrently with another general education requirement (typically, GE-C, H, or S).

To remain on track, students must complete the appropriate critical-tracking courses, which appear in bold. These courses must be completed by the terms as listed above in the Critical Tracking criteria.

*This semester plan represents an example progression through the major. Actual courses and course order may be different depending on the student's academic record and scheduling availability of courses. Prerequisites still apply.*

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Semester One</b>		
SYG 2000	Principles of Sociology ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> ; State Core Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences) <sup>1</sup>	3
	State Core Gen Ed Composition; Writing Requirement	3
	Elective	3
	Foreign language	4-5
	Credits	13-14
<b>Semester Two</b>		
IUF 1000	What is the Good Life (Gen Ed Humanities)	3
	State Core Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences	3
	Elective (needed if placed out of language with SAT II)	3
	Foreign language or one elective	3-5
	State Core Gen Ed Mathematics; pure math	3
	Science laboratory (Gen Ed Physical or Biological Sciences)	1
	Credits	16-18
<b>Semester Three</b>		
STA 2023	Introduction to Statistics 1 ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> ; Gen Ed Mathematics)	3
	Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences (area <b>not</b> taken in semester two)	3

Elective or foreign language, if 4-3-3 option)	3
State Core Gen Ed Humanities	3
Sociology course ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> ; 2000 level or above; Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences)	3
Credits	15

<b>Semester Four</b>	
Gen Ed Biological Sciences	3
Electives	6
Sociology course ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> ; 3000/4000 level; Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences)	3
Gen Ed Humanities	3
Credits	15

<b>Semester Five</b>		
SYA 4300	Methods of Social Research	4
	Elective (3000 level or above, not in major)	3
	Electives	6
	Gen Ed Physical Sciences	3
	Credits	16

<b>Semester Six</b>		
	Gen Ed Composition; Writing Requirement	3
	Elective	3
	Elective (3000 level or above, not in major)	3
	Sociology courses (3000/4000 level)	6
	Credits	15

<b>Semester Seven</b>		
SYA 4110	Development of Sociological Thought	4
	Electives (3000 level or above, not in major)	6
	Sociology course (2000 level or above)	3
	Sociology course (3000/4000 level)	3
	Credits	16

<b>Semester Eight</b>		
	Electives	5
	Electives (3000 level or above, not in major)	6
	Sociology course (3000/4000 level)	3
	Credits	14
	Total Credits	120

<sup>1</sup> In addition to SYG 2000 (GE-S), the remaining six credits of GE-S can be satisfied by sociology or non-sociology GE-S courses.

### Academic Learning Compact

The Bachelor of Arts in sociology provides students with knowledge of the basic concepts in the field, sociological perspectives on social structure, process and institutions and sociological perspectives on the relationship between individuals and society. Emphasis is on the ability to understand, analyze and interpret the sociological literature and on effectively communicating sociological concepts and research in the accepted style of presentation.

## Before Graduating Students Must

- Pass a department exam developed by the sociology faculty that covers fundamental sociological concepts.
- Complete requirements for the baccalaureate degree, as determined by faculty.

## Students in the Major Will Learn to Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

### Content

1. Identify, explain and apply basic concepts in sociology.

**Critical Thinking**

2. Analyze, critique and interpret the sociological literature.
3. Define, classify and compare sociological perspectives on social structure, processes and institutions.
4. Define, classify and compare sociological perspectives on the relationship between individuals and society.

**Communication**

5. Effectively communicate in speech and in writing sociological concepts and research.

**Curriculum Map**

*I = Introduced; R = Reinforced; A = Assessed*

Courses	SLO 1	SLO 2	SLO 3	SLO 4	SLO 5
SYA 4110	I, R, A	I, R, A	I, R, A	I, R, A	I, R, A
SYA 4300				I, R, A	I, R, A
SYG 2000	I	I	I		

**Assessment Types**

- Exit exam
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