

SOCIOLOGY UF ONLINE

Sociology is the study of social life, including the significance of social relationships and institutions, the impact of social change on individuals, groups, and the environment, and the causes and consequences of inequalities and disparities of all kinds. Sociology majors examine current research and public policy pertaining to healthcare, the environment, families, employment, housing, the community, education, politics, criminal justice, and the law. Upon graduation, sociology majors are skilled in evidence-based problem solving, collecting, analyzing, and presenting data, communicating, and collaborating in diverse groups, thinking critically, and writing effectively.

About this Program

- **College:** Liberal Arts and Sciences (<http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/>)
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Arts
- **Credits for Degree:** 120
- **Contact:** 1.855.99GATOR
- **More Info**

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

Department Information

The Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law has over 1,000 undergraduate majors and 100 graduate students. The department's faculty are internationally known for their research in the areas of families, gender, and sexualities; health, aging, and the life course; environmental and resource sociology; race and ethnicity; criminology and criminal justice; and psychology and law.

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Curriculum

- Combination Degrees
- Criminology
- Criminology UF Online
- Sociology
- Sociology Minor
- Sociology Minor UF Online
- Sociology of Social Justice and Policy Minor
- Sociology UF Online

The Sociology major offers broad theoretical perspectives and rigorous methodologies to study social life and to analyze the causes and consequences of human behavior. In particular, sociologists examine how race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, class, ability, geography, and other identities are used to create and maintain barriers to access, participation, opportunity, and outcome across all social institutions. The faculty teach and conduct research on social justice and systemic inequalities; health disparities in physical and mental well-being; aging and the life course; environmental justice and natural resource management; deviance, social control, and conflict management; gender, families, and sexualities; social and political movements; nationalism, migration, and ethnic conflict; and culture, technology, and media. Students examine the most pressing social problems in these areas, as well as how different social groups experience and perceive these issues.

Students are encouraged to listen to the interviews on the department's website from recent sociology graduates. Their testimonials describe the varied opportunities in the major and the different career and professional paths they and other sociology majors embark on post-graduation.

More Info (<https://soccrim.clas.ufl.edu/undergraduate/sociology/>)

requirements for the Major

Sociology majors are required to complete 32 credits of coursework in sociology and 3 credits of statistics for a total of 35 credits. All courses must be completed with minimum grades of C. At least 23 credits of sociology must be in courses numbered 3000 or higher. 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 and administered online.

Required Major Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology (Sociology majors are encouraged to take this as their first course)	3
SYA 4110	Development of Sociological Thought (must be taken after 90 credits) ¹	4
SYA 4300	Methods of Social Research (should be completed by the end of the sixth semester) ^{1,2}	4
<i>Sociology Major Electives</i> ³		
Sociology courses at the 3000-level or higher		15
Sociology courses at the 2000-level or higher		6
<i>Related Coursework</i>		
STA 2023	Introduction to Statistics 1 (must be taken no later than the end of the third semester)	3
Total Credits		35

¹ These courses are the basis for meeting the student learning outcomes in the major's academic learning compact, therefore it is expected that they be taken at UF.

² STA 2023 is a prerequisite for SYA 4300.

³ 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.

Course Details

All majors should review the department's guidelines for information about the major, the plan of study worksheet, descriptions of current and prospective courses, opportunities for internships or individual work, and other information.

More Info (<http://soccrim.clas.ufl.edu/undergraduate/sociology/academics/requirements/>)

Experiential Learning and Career Readiness

Sociology majors participate in community internships, collaborate on faculty projects, and conduct research independently on senior thesis projects. These experiential learning opportunities prepare graduates to embark upon a wide range of career paths including those in public health, government, research, teaching, and community affairs. Sociology graduates pursue careers in law, medicine, counseling or social work, and business. Others work as public policy analysts researching issues related to health and aging; social justice, environmental sustainability and resource management; urban and community development; crime and delinquency; families and communities; and racial, ethnic, and international relations. Many seek advanced degrees in sociology, psychology, counseling, law, and business.

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 credit. Please contact the undergraduate coordinator for more information and eligibility requirements.

Critical Tracking

Critical Tracking records each student's progress in courses that are required for progress toward 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 (<https://cpm.flvc.org/advance-search/>) 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

Semester 6

- Complete SYA 4300 or SYA 4110
- Complete 1 additional 2000 level or above sociology course (maximum of 2 sociology electives at the 2000 level)
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 7

- Complete 2 additional 3000/4000 level sociology courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 8

- Complete remaining of SYA 4110 or SYA 4300
- Complete all remaining 3000/4000 level sociology courses (7 total sociology elective courses/21 SY elective credits required)
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Model Semester Plan

Students are expected to complete the Writing, Civic Literacy, summer enrollment, and Quest requirements while in the process of taking the courses below. Students are also expected to complete the General Education International (GE-N) requirements concurrently with another General Education requirement (typically, GE-C, H, or S) as part of the CLAS Basic Distribution requirements. One of the two general education mathematics courses must be a pure math course.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences allows students additional flexibility in its Distribution Requirements. Students may count a maximum of 6 credits TOTAL from the CLAS Distribution course lists towards Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, or Biological and Physical Sciences, with no more than 3 credits of Humanities, 3 credits of Social and Behavioral Sciences, or 6 credits of Biological or Physical Sciences.

The full list of major-specific requirements for this major can be found on the Overview tab. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree requirements can be found on the college's degree requirements page (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/#degree requirementstext>).

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
Semester One		
SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology (Critical Tracking ; Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences)	3
State Core Gen Ed Composition (Writing Requirement)		3
State Core Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext)		3
CLAS Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement ¹		4-5
Credits		13-14
Semester Two		
Quest 1		3

State Core Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext)	3
Gen Ed Mathematics (pure math)	3
CLAS Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement ¹	3-5
Elective	3
Credits	15-17
Semester Three	
Quest 2	3
STA 2023 Introduction to Statistics 1 (Critical Tracking ; State Core Gen Ed Mathematics)	3
Sociology course (Critical Tracking ; 2000 level or above)	3
State Core Gen Ed Humanities (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext)	3
Elective (or CLAS Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement if 4-3-3 option) ¹	3
Credits	15
Semester Four	
Sociology course (Critical Tracking ; 3000/4000 level)	3
Gen Ed Humanities	3
Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences (area not taken in semester two)	3
Natural Science Laboratory ¹	1
Electives	6
Credits	16
Semester Five	
Gen Ed Physical Sciences	3
Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
Gen Ed Humanities	3
Gen Ed Composition; Writing Requirement	3
Elective (3000 level or above, not in major)	3
Credits	15
Semester Six	
SYA 4300 Methods of Social Research	4
Sociology course (Critical Tracking ; 2000 level or above)	3
Sociology course (Critical Tracking ; 3000/4000 level)	3
Gen Ed Biological Sciences	3
Elective (3000 level or above, not in major)	3
Credits	16
Semester Seven	
SYA 4110 Development of Sociological Thought (Critical Tracking)	4
Sociology course (Critical Tracking ; 3000/4000 level)	3
Electives (3000 level or above, not in major)	6
Credits	13
Semester Eight	
Two Sociology courses (Critical Tracking ; 3000/4000 level)	6
Electives (3000 level or above, not in major)	6
Elective	5
Credits	17
Total Credits	120

¹ <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/#degree requirementstext>

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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