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. Our faculty teach and conduct research on social justice and systemic inequalities; health disparities in physical and mental well-being; 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.

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.

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Additional sociology coursework

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**Total Credits**: 35

1. 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.

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.

Course Details

All majors should review the department's guidelines (http://soccrim.clas.ufl.edu/undergraduate/sociology/academics/requirements/) for information about the major, the plan of study worksheet, an informational handout, descriptions of current and prospective courses, and other information.

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 our 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, 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 Undergraduate Research 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 (http://www.flvc.org/cpp/displayRecord.jsp?cip=451101&track=01) may be used for transfer students.

**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.

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**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 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

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Elective (3000 level or above, not in major) 3
Electives 6
**Credits** 15

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Electives 6
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Elective (3000 level or above, not in major) 3
Elective 3
**Credits** 16

Gen Ed Humanities 3
Electives 6
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Electives (3000 level or above, not in major) 6
**Credits** 16

Gen Ed Humanities 3
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**Credits** 14

**Total Credits** 120

1 In addition to SYG 2000 (Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences), the remaining six credits of GE-S can be satisfied by sociology or non-sociology Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences 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.

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

**Curriculum Map**

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**Assessment Types**
- Exit exam