

SOCIOLOGY, BA

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Program Description

The undergraduate major in Sociology is designed to provide students with both a broad introduction to the field and an opportunity for concentration within the specialty areas of the department. In addition to required courses in sociological theory and qualitative and quantitative research methods, the department offers a variety of substantive courses in inequality studies (e.g., gender, class, race / ethnicity, sexuality, and disability); health; education; immigration; family, aging and the life course; population studies; criminology and criminal justice; and social policy.

In addition to substantive specialization in Sociology, the major emphasizes skill development in the areas of analytic reasoning, analytic writing, computer literacy, elementary qualitative and quantitative research, information retrieval, and report presentation. Opportunities for internship experiences and/or assisting in faculty research projects are available. Eligible majors are encouraged to participate in the senior thesis research culminating in a symposium where they present the results and interpretation of their own research project. The department has a Sociology Club and offers an annual undergraduate paper award that is supported by a generous gift from a donor.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Make connections between social structure and individual experience
2. Distinguish various theoretical perspectives
3. Critically evaluate information
4. Think and write analytically
5. Be able to retrieve, collect, and analyze data
6. Be able to present information and write papers
7. Be able describe and explain social inequality

Major Requirements

Students are required to take 30 credits in Sociology, including

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Students are required to take 30 credits in Sociology, including		
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 318	Introduction to Research	3
SOC 319	Qualitative Methods in Sociology	3
or WGS 317	Qualitative Methods in Sociology	
SOC 406	Sociological Theory	3
Additional Six Courses		
The 30 credits include an additional six courses, five of which must be numbered above 299 (one of the additional courses may be taken at the 200 level). Eligible students may choose to complete a senior thesis (SOC 495) to fulfill one of the substantive courses.		18
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SOC 513	Statistics for Social Science	3
Before Enrolling in the Other Courses		
Students are advised to take		
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
Total Credits		36

Additional Information

The required research methods courses should be taken in the sophomore or junior year.

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

For all Arts and Sciences|Maxwell students, successful completion of a bachelor's degree in this major requires a minimum of 120 credits, 96 of which must be Arts and Sciences|Maxwell credits, completion of the Liberal Arts Core (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#text>) requirements, and the requirements for this major (30 credits) that are listed above.

Dual Enrollments:

Students dually enrolled in **Newhouse*** and Arts and Sciences|Maxwell will complete a minimum of 122 credits, with at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences|Maxwell coursework and an Arts and Sciences|Maxwell major.

*Students dually enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences|Maxwell as first year students must complete the Liberal Arts Core (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#text>). Students who transfer to the dual program after their first year as singly enrolled students in the Newhouse School will satisfy general requirements for the dual degree program by completing the Newhouse Core Requirements.

Undergraduate University Requirements

The following requirements and experiences apply to all Syracuse University Undergraduate matriculated degree programs.

- IDEA Course Requirement (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/idea-course-requirement/>)
- First Year Seminar (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/courses/fys/>)