

Sociology — General

Program Description:

This major prepares you to enter a variety of fields with a bachelor degree. It also provides an excellent foundation from which to continue educational preparation for a number of professions.

Many entry-level positions in private and public sector careers require the understanding of organizations and human relations provided by the Sociology major. The sociology program emphasizes research skills, knowledge about diversity, critical thinking and writing skills, all of which will enhance your value to employers. With assistance from your advisor and your career goals in mind, you will select one or two minors. This combination of broad knowledge about social organizations from the Sociology major together with a set of specific job skills and knowledge from the minor(s) will give you a competitive edge in securing employment and in making career changes as opportunities present themselves and the labor market demands change.

If you are preparing for graduate studies or professional school, you will find that the Sociology major, together with one or two carefully selected minor(s), provides competitive preparation for a number of areas of advanced study, such as social work, business, international relations, survey researcher, public relations, urban planning and more. If you are planning to undertake graduate studies in Sociology, you are encouraged to take both a major and a minor in Sociology. Or, if you are planning to apply to professional schools, such as law or medicine, you will find that the Sociology program, more than any other major, allows you extensive

time within the four-year program to take courses strategically selected to best prepare you for the desired professional program.

Career Descriptions:

Public Relations Worker—assists an institution or corporation in presenting itself before the public, often working with the media.

Human Services Worker—assists individuals and families to help them access needed resources, improve functioning and enhance quality of life.

Human Resources Manager—administers and helps develop policies for hiring, training, promotion and personnel management of employees in private firms or public agencies.

Politician—develops or administers laws and policies through an elected or appointed position

Elementary/Secondary Teacher—teaches elementary, middle or high school students; becomes educational administrator.

College Professor—teaches undergraduate and graduate courses, conducts research, and provides consulting services to the community and industry. An advanced degree, a master's or Ph.D. is required for this work.

Survey Researcher—conducts sociological studies for government agencies, businesses or political groups. An advanced degree, usually the Ph.D., is required.

Urban Planner—works with city government to develop policies and design programs. Academic work beyond the bachelor's degree is required for this work.

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science
Elementary Education
Secondary Education

Career Choices:

Public Relations Worker
Human Services Worker
Human Resources Manager
Politician
Elementary/Secondary Teacher
College Professor
Survey Researcher
Urban Planner

Student Profile:

Are you...
curious about people and how social systems work?
a critical thinker?
wanting to make things happen in organizations?

**Because curriculums in the human services area vary with each student, please see your advisor to set up a schedule that meets your needs for the double major in sociology and human services.*

Sociology – General

Sociology – General Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science

Required Sociology Credits (36 hours)
The sociology major consists of 27 credit hours of core courses and nine credit hours of sociology electives.

Core (27 hours)	
Major courses required in sociology are:	
SOCY101	Introduction to Sociology 3
SOCY238	Social Psychology 4
SOCY202	Social Research Methods 3
SOCY302	Statistics for Social Science 4
SOCY303	Contemporary Sociological Theory 3
SOCY304	Development of Sociological Theory 3
SOCY399	Sociology Junior Seminar 1
SOCY401	Sociological Research I 3
SOCY402	Sociology Research II 3

Elective Sociology Credits (9 hours)
Students must select an additional nine hours of sociology courses. No more than three hours may be SOCY/SOWK courses. At least three hours must be at the 300/400 level.

Minor or other Cognate (20 hours)
Choose one of the following alternatives. At least six credit hours must be at the 300/400 level.

Minor: Students may complete an approved minor. This minor could be in sociology, giving you a double concentration which provides a solid background for graduate work in sociology. Otherwise, the minor may be any approved minor at the University.

or

An approved concentration: You may develop an approved concentration in one or more disciplines in consultation with your advisor.

Sociology – General Elementary Education Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science

In addition to the required Sociology and Core credits, complete the planned program for elementary teachers.

Teacher Education Courses (25 credits)	
EDUC150	Reflections on Learning and Teaching 3
EDUC250	Student Diversity and Schools 3
EDUC301	Learning Theory and Teaching Practice 4
EDUC330	Reading in the Elementary Classroom 3
EDUC410	Corrective Reading in the Classroom 3
EDUC411	Elementary Language Arts and Methods Across the Curriculum 3
EDUC420	Math Methods for Elementary Teachers 2
EDUC421	Science Methods for Elementary Teachers 2
EDUC422	Social Studies Methods for Elementary Teachers 2

You earn a bachelor's degree, and then participate in a fifth-year teaching internship with accompanying graduate course work in order to become certified to teach.

General Education: All bachelor's degree students must complete the general education requirements.

Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts Requirements: *The student selects one of the following alternatives.*

Bachelor of Science
No additional courses

or

Bachelor of Arts
The student must complete one year of a foreign language (8 credits)

Students must take sufficient electives to total 124 semester credits.

Sociology – General Secondary Education Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science

In addition to the required Sociology and Core credits, complete a minor approved for teacher education. Then complete the planned program for secondary teachers.

Teacher Education Courses (22 credits)	
EDUC150	Reflections on Learning and Teaching 3
EDUC250	Student Diversity and Schools 3
EDUC301	Learning Theory and Teaching Practice 4
EDUC430	General Methods for Secondary Teachers 3
EDUC431	The Secondary Learner 3
EDUC440	Reading in the Content Area 3
EDUC444	Social Studies Methods for Secondary Teachers 3
or	
EDUC454	Directed Study in Social Studies Methods 1-3

You earn a bachelor's degree, and then participate in a fifth-year teaching internship with accompanying graduate course work in order to become certified to teach.

General Education: All bachelor's degree students must complete the general education requirements.

Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts Requirements: *The student selects one of the following alternatives.*

Bachelor of Science
No additional courses

or

Bachelor of Arts
The student must complete one year of a foreign language (8 credits)

Students must take sufficient electives to total 124 semester credits.

Bachelor of Arts Degree:

One year (8 credits) of a modern language other than English. If taken at LSSU, this would be:

CHIN151-152, FREN151-152 or 251-252, GRMN141-142 or 241-242, NATV141-142 or 201-202, or SPAN161-162.

One-half year of two different languages will not meet this requirement.

Bachelor of Science Degree:

At least eight (8) semester credits *in addition* to courses used for general education requirements from categories of social science, natural science or mathematics.

These bachelor of science degree requirements can be used for majors or minors, but not general education.