In general, Sociology is a liberal arts/social science major that provides students with the scientific tools and social perspective necessary to better understand social issues and complex societal problems.

Sociology is the study of group life. Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organizations and societies. The goal is to understand the characteristics, causes and consequences of human behavior and social relationships in various kinds of group settings. Because human behavior is diverse, the field of Sociology covers a wide range of subjects. Sociologists may specialize in the following areas:

- family
- urban community
- social movements
- crime and law
- work and occupations
- gender and sex roles
- racial & ethnic minorities
- education
- health & medicine
- deviance
- religion
- sports and leisure
- politics

There are few jobs that have the title “Sociologist” for those who hold Bachelors degrees. However, Sociology is a relevant discipline that helps to prepare students for a variety of careers and for graduate or professional education. Major sectors of employment for graduates of our program include:

- Community/Non-profit (fundraising, social service organizations, or child welfare agencies)
- Health and social services (family planning, substance abuse, rehabilitation counseling, group work with youth or the elderly, recreation, or administration)
- Criminal justice and corrections (law enforcement, probation, parole)
- Business community (advertising, marketing, consumer research, insurance, real estate, and personnel work or training)
- Federal, state, or local government (transportation, housing, agriculture and labor)

Sociology majors compete with other liberal arts graduates for these types of positions. However, a strong program of study and careful selection of courses coupled with practical experience will produce a competitive advantage in the marketplace.

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Declaration of Major:

Sociology 1101 is a pre-requisite to declaring the major.
To officially declare Sociology as your major, you must meet with an advisor in the Sociology Department.

Structure of the Major: 13 Courses / 39 Credit hours

Required Courses:

- SOC 2463 or H2463 Social Stratification: Race, Class & Gender
- SOC 3488 Introduction to Sociological Theory
- SOC 3487 or H3487 Research Methods in Sociology (fulfills Advanced Writing embedded literacy)
- SOC 3549 Statistics in Sociology (fulfills Data Analysis embedded literacy)

The required courses provide the building blocks for the Sociology discipline. In these courses you will:
- understand and practice research methods (3487),
- analyze statistical data (3549),
- be exposed to the issues of social inequality (3463), and
- apply sociological theory to contemporary society (3488).

Experiential Learning Requirement:

Enrollment in any of the options requires permission of the department. Meet with an advisor to plan this portion of your major.

Choose one from the following:

- SOC 2211S: Corrections: An Inside-Out Course
- SOC 3191: Internship Program in Sociology and Criminology (3 hrs minimum; Graded S/U)
- SOC 3798.03: Genocide and Its Aftermath in Rwanda (3 hrs; summer term education abroad)
- SOC 4998: Undergraduate Research in Sociology (3 hrs minimum; Graded S/U)
- SOC H4999.02/4999.02*: Senior Honors/Non-Honors Thesis (4 hrs minimum; Graded S/U)

* Embedded Literacies:

There is an expectation that students will have experiences throughout their education in the major that develop their competencies in three key areas—data analysis, advanced writing, and technology.

Data Analysis: fulfilled with SOC 3549 Statistics in Sociology
Advanced Writing: fulfilled with SOC 3487 Research Methods in Sociology
Technology: fulfilled with SOC 3302 Technology and Global Society (can be selected as an elective course in the major)
Elective Courses:
The eight remaining courses must be chosen from the list of Sociology courses below. **At least four of the eight must be chosen from the 4000-5000 level.**

Course choices should be made in consultation with a departmental academic advisor.

Courses that are listed for the major program cannot also be used to meet General Education requirements (GE's).

SOC 2202 Social Problems and Public Policy  
SOC 2210 Sociological Aspects of Deviance  
SOC 2290 Sociology of Death & Dying  
SOC 2300 Sociology of Culture and Popular Culture  
SOC 2309 Introduction to Law and Society  
SOC 2310 Sociology of Gangs  
SOC 2320 Sociology of Education  
SOC 2330 Marriage and Society  
SOC 2340 Sex & Love in Modern Society  
SOC 2345 The Social Structure of American Society  
SOC H2367.01^ The Political Elite and Interest Groups  
SOC 2367.02^ Urban Social Problems  
SOC H2367.03^ Work & Family in the US  
SOC 2370 Social Psychology in Sociological Perspective  
SOC 2391S Social Organization of Communities  
SOC 3200 Sociology of Immigration  
* SOC 3302 Technology and Global Society  
SOC 3306 Sociology of Poverty  
SOC 3315 Sociology of Terrorism  
SOC 3380 Race and Ethnic Relations in America  
SOC 3407 Social Change  
SOC 3410/H Criminology  
SOC 3430 Sociology of the Family  
SOC 3434 The Child and Society  
SOC 3435 Sociology of Gender  
SOC 3460 Environmental Justice  
SOC 3464 Work, Employment and Society  
SOC 3467 Sociology of Religion  
SOC 3597.01 World Problems in Global Context  
SOC 3597.02 World Population Problems  
SOC 3630 Medical Sociology  
SOC 4463 Food and Inequality in the U.S.  
SOC 4505 Capital Punishment in the U.S.  
SOC 4506 Drugs and Society  
SOC 4508 Violence  
SOC 4509 Sociology of Law  
SOC 4511 Juvenile Delinquency  
SOC 4591s^ Building Community Capacity:  
SOC 4606 Social Movements and Collective Behavior  
SOC 4607 Social Perspectives on New Media  
SOC 4608 Gender, Race & Class in Mass Communication Neighborhoods and Crime  
SOC 4610 Sociology of Deviant Behavior  
SOC 4635 Men and Women in Society  
SOC 4650 Seminar in Social Networks  
SOC 4655 Sociology of Sport  
SOC 4666 Power in Society  
SOC 4671 Theory, Substance, and Techniques of Demography I  
SOC 4672 Theory, Substance, and Techniques of Demography II  
SOC 4680 Social Science Business Collaborative:  
SOC 4681 Sociology of Global Health & Illness  
SOC 5450 The Sociology of Global Health & Illness  
SOC 5463 Advanced Social Stratification  
SOC 5503 Social Change in Central & Eastern Europe (course offered as a part of summer education abroad in Poland)  
SOC 5605 Sociology of Sexuality  
SOC 5629 Health Disparities in Social Context  
SOC 5650 Presenting and Communicating Quantitative Data

* fulfills Embedded Literacy for Technology

Major Guidelines:
A grade of C- or above is required for all major courses (including the major pre-requisite SOC 1101)

A Cumulative Major GPA of 2.00 is required.

Major courses cannot be taken Pass/Fail.

Transfer students must complete at least half of their major course work at Ohio State.
### Worksheet & Sample Curriculum:

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**Experiential Learning Requirement**

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If you are interested in completing a Double Major in Sociology and Criminology or a Major and Minor combination in the two disciplines, please consult with a Sociology Advisor.

*** Do not attempt to self-advice! ***