**Sociology**



Sociology is also a valuable major for students planning to attend graduate or professional school. Sociology provides a rich foundation of knowledge regarding a variety of fields.

Undergraduate Sociology majors frequently go on to post-baccalaureate programs in law, business, administration, social work, public health, urban planning, public policy management and other various social science fields.

***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 education**

**urban community health & medicine**

**social movements deviance**

**crime and law religion**

**work and occupations sports and leisure gender and sex roles politics**

**racial & ethnic minorities**

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| 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. |

**Graduate, Professional, & Law School**

# Declaration of Major:

## Sociology 1101 is a pre-requisite to declaring the major.

**To officially declare Criminology & Criminal Justice Studies 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 3463 or H3463 Social Stratification: Race, Class & Gender SOC 3488 Introduction to Sociological Theory

SOC 3487 or H3487 Research Methods in Sociology SOC 3549 Statistics in Sociology\*

*\*SOC 3549 will also fulfill your GE Data Analysis requirement.*

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 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 4000S/E: Social Science Business Collaborative: A Service Learning Approach

SOC H4999.02/4999.02\*: Senior Honors/Non-Honors Thesis (4 hrs minimum; Graded S/U)

**Elective Courses:**

The eight remaining courses must be chosen from the list of Sociology courses on the next page.

## 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.

With the exception of SOC 3549, courses that are listed for the major program *cannot* also be used to meet General Education requirements (GE’s).

***Elective Course List:***

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

**Major Guidelines:**

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:

A Service Learning Approach

SOC 4606 Social Movements and Collective Behavior SOC 4607 Social Perspectives on New Media

SOC 4608 Gender, Race, &Class in Mass Communication SOC 4609 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 4000S/E Social Science Business Collaborative: A Service Learning Approach

SOC 5450 The Sociology of Global Health & Illness 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

*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.*

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**Worksheet & Sample Curriculum:**

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| **COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE** | **GRADE** | | **SMSTR/YR** |
| **Required Courses** | | | |
| SOC 3463/H3463 – Social Stratification: Race, Class & Gender | |  |  |
| SOC 3488 – Introduction to Sociological Theory | |  |  |
| SOC 3487/H3487-Research Methods in Sociology | |  |  |
| SOC 3549-Statistics in Sociology | |  |  |
| **Elective Courses (at least 4 courses at the 4000 – 5000 level)** | |  |  |
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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-advise! \*\*\***

