***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.***

There are few jobs that have the title “Sociologist” for those who hold Bachelor’s 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:

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| Community/Non-profit (fund-raising, 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.

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**

**other areas of human behavior**

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.



### Declaration of Major:

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

**To officially declare Sociology as your major, you must attend a Major Orientation. Information about Orientation sessions is available at** [**http://intra.sociology.ohio-state.edu/ug/declare.php**](http://intra.sociology.ohio-state.edu/ug/declare.php)

#### Structure of the Major: 13 Courses / 39 Credit hours

**Required Courses:**

SOC 3487 or H3487 Research Methods in Sociology

SOC 3549 Statistics in Sociology\*

SOC 3463 or H3463 Social Stratification: Race, Class & Gender

SOC 3488 Introduction to Sociological Theory

*\*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).

**Integrated Elective:**

Choose one of the following:

SOC 3191: Internship Program in Sociology and Criminology (3 hrs minimum; Graded S/U)

SOC 4998: Undergraduate Research in Sociology (3 hrs minimum; Graded S/U)

SOC H4000: Proseminar in Sociology and Criminology

(Can either count as an upper level OR Integrated Elective for the major)

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

**Enrollment in either option requires permission of the department. Meet with an advisor to plan this portion of your major.**

**Elective Courses:**

The eight remaining courses must be chosen from the list of Criminology 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).

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***Elective Course List:***

SOC 4509 Sociology of Law

SOC 4511 Juvenile Delinquency

SOC 4591^ Building Community Capacity: A Service

Learning Approach

SOC 4606 Social Movements and Collective Behavior

SOC 4607 Soc Perspectives on New Media

SOC 4608 Gender, Race, and Class Mass Communications

SOC 4609 Neighborhoods and Crime

SOC 4610 Sociology of Deviant Behavior

SOC 4623 Advanced Sociology of Education

SOC 4635 Men and Women in Society

SOC 4655 Sociology of Sport

SOC 4666 Political Sociology

SOC 4670.01 Topics in Sociology: Topic varies

SOC 4671 Theory, Substance, and Techniques of

Demography I

SOC 4672 Theory, Substance, and Techniques of

Demography II

SOC H4000 Proseminar in Sociology and

Criminology

SOC 5194.XX Group Studies: Topic Varies

SOC 5450 The Sociology of Global Health & Illness

SOC 5503 Social Change in Central & Eastern Europe

SOC 5563 Global Inequality and Poverty

SOC 5601 Comparative Family Organization

SOC 5605 Sociology of Sexuality

SOC 5616 Challenges to Childhood: An International

Perspective

SOC 5629 Health Disparities in Social Context

SOC 5680 Marriage and Its Alternatives

SOC 2194 Group Studies: Topic varies

SOC 2202 Social Problems and Public Policy

SOC 2210 Sociological Aspects of Deviance

SOC 2290 Sociology of Death & Dying

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/H2345 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 2391 Social Organization of Communities

SOC 2640 Sociology of Everyday Life

SOC 3302 Technology and Global Society

SOC 3306 Sociology of Poverty

SOC 3315 Sociology of Terrorism

SOC 3380 Race in Society

SOC 3407 Social Change

SOC 3410/H3410 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 4505 Capital Punishment in the U.S.

SOC 4508 Violence

^ 2367.XX, 3597.XX and 4591 courses are NOT allowed to double count on the major and the GEC, **unless** you are pursuing a double major

##### **Major Guidelines:**

*A grade of C- or above is required for all major courses.*

*A Cumulative Major GPA of 2.00 is required.*

*Major courses cannot be taken Pass/Non-Pass.*

*Transfer students must complete at least half of their major course work at Ohio State.*

**Worksheet & Sample Curriculum:**

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

**\*\*\* Do not attempt to self-advise! \*\*\***