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 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:

- 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: Understanding The World Around You!
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

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).

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 4000S/E: Social Science Business Collaborative: A Service Learning Approach (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 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 4505  Capital Punishment in the U.S.
SOC 2210  Sociological Aspects of Deviance  SOC 4508  Violence
SOC 2290  Sociology of Death & Dying  SOC 4509  Sociology of Law
SOC 2300  Sociology of Culture and Popular Culture  SOC 4511  Juvenile Delinquency
SOC 2309  Introduction to Law and Society  SOC S4591^  Building Community Capacity:
SOC 2310  Sociology of Gangs  SOC 4606  Social Movements and Collective Behavior
SOC 2320  Sociology of Education  SOC 4607  Social Perspectives on New Media
SOC 2330  Marriage and Society  SOC 4608  Gender, Race, & Class in Mass Communication
SOC 2340  Sex & Love in Modern Society  SOC 4609  Neighborhoods and Crime
SOC 2345/H  The Social Structure of American Society  SOC 4610  Sociology of Deviant Behavior
SOC H2367.01^  The Political Elite and Interest Groups  SOC 4623  Advanced Sociology of Education
SOC H2367.02^  Urban Social Problems  SOC 4635  Men and Women in Society
SOC H2367.03^  Work & Family in the US  SOC 4650  Seminar in Social Networks
SOC 2370  Social Psychology in Sociological Perspective  SOC 4655  Sociology of Sport
SOC 2391  Social Organization of Communities  SOC 4666  Power in Society
SOC 3200  Sociology of Immigration  SOC 4671  Theory, Substance, and Techniques of Demography I
SOC 3302  Technology and Global Society  SOC 4672  Theory, Substance, and Techniques of Demography II
SOC 3306  Sociology of Poverty  SOC 4680S/E  Social Science Business Collaborative: A Service Learning Approach
SOC 3315  Sociology of Terrorism  SOC 4690  The Sociology of Global Health & Illness
SOC 3380  Race and Ethnic Relations in America  SOC 5393  Social Change in Central & Eastern Europe
SOC 3407  Social Change  SOC 5538  Global Inequality and Poverty
SOC 3410/H  Criminology  SOC 5601  Comparative Family Organization
SOC 3430  Sociology of the Family  SOC 5605  Sociology of Sexuality
SOC 3434  The Child and Society  SOC 5616  Challenges to Childhood: An International Perspective
SOC 3435  Sociology of Gender  SOC 5617  Health Disparities in Social Context
SOC 3460  Environmental Justice  SOC 5629  Marriage and Its Alternatives
SOC 3464  Work, Employment and Society  SOC 5680  Sociology of Religion
SOC 3467  Sociology of Religion  SOC 5682  World Problems in Global Context
SOC 3597.01  World Problems in Global Context  SOC 5683  World Population Problems
SOC 3597.02  World Population Problems  SOC 5684  Medical Sociology
SOC 3630  Social Psychology in Sociological Perspective

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

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/Non-Pass.

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

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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-advice! ***