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.

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.

Sociology: Understanding The World Around You!
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 3798.04: Population Health in Sub-Saharan Africa (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)

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).
**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**

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! ***