

# Sociology

***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:

<b>family</b>	<b>education</b>
<b>urban community</b>	<b>health &amp; medicine</b>
<b>social movements</b>	<b>deviance</b>
<b>crime and law</b>	<b>religion</b>
<b>work and occupations</b>	<b>sports and leisure</b>
<b>gender and sex roles</b>	<b>politics</b>
<b>racial &amp; ethnic minorities</b>	

## Graduate, Professional & Law School

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.

## Careers

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: Understanding The World Around You!



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

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## 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 4463	Food and Inequality in the U.S.
SOC 2210	Sociological Aspects of Deviance	SOC 4505	Capital Punishment in the U.S.
SOC 2290	Sociology of Death & Dying	SOC 4506	Drugs and Society
SOC 2300	Sociology of Culture and Popular Cultur	SOC 4508	Violence
SOC 2309	Introduction to Law and Society	SOC 4509	Sociology of Law
SOC 2310	Sociology of Gangs	SOC 4511	Juvenile Delinquency
SOC 2320	Sociology of Education	SOC 4591s^	Building Community Capacity: A Service Learning Approach
SOC 2330	Marriage and Society	SOC 4606	Social Movements and Collective Behavior
SOC 2340	Sex & Love in Modern Society	SOC 4607	Social Perspectives on New Media
SOC 2345	The Social Structure of American Societ	SOC 4608	Gender,Race,&Class in Mass Communication
SOC H2367.01^	The Political Elite and Interest Groups	SOC 4609	Neighborhoods and Crime
SOC 2367.02^	Urban Social Problems	SOC 4610	Sociology of Deviant Behavior
SOC H2367.03^	Work & Family in the US	SOC 4635	Men and Women in Society
SOC 2370	Social Psychology in Sociological Perspective	SOC 4650	Seminar in Social Networks
SOC 2391S	Social Organization of Communities	SOC 4655	Sociology of Sport
SOC 3200	Sociology of Immigration	SOC 4666	Power in Society
SOC 3302	Technology and Global Society	SOC 4671	Theory, Substance, and Techniques of Demography I
SOC 3306	Sociology of Poverty	SOC 4672	Theory, Substance, and Techniques of Demography II
SOC 3315	Sociology of Terrorism	SOC 4000S/E	Social Science Business Collaborative: A Service Learning Approach
SOC 3380	Race and Ethnic Relations in America	SOC 5450	The Sociology of Global Health & Illness
SOC 3407	Social Change	SOC 5503	Social Change in Central & Eastern Europe (course offered as a part of summer education abroad in Poland)
SOC 3410/H	Criminology	SOC 5605	Sociology of Sexuality
SOC 3430	Sociology of the Family	SOC 5629	Health Disparities in Social Context
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		

*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:

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE	GRADE	SMSTR/YR
<b>Required Courses</b>		
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		
<b>Elective Courses (at least 4 courses at the 4000 – 5000 level)</b>		
<b>Experiential Learning Requirement</b>		

**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! \*\*\***



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