

SOCIOLOGY - BA

A Bachelor of Arts in Sociology provides a solid foundation in the knowledge and skills needed to address real-world social issues and problems, while allowing students to explore a wide range of social topics and issues.

Program Requirements

First Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric ¹	3
American history (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Foreign language ²		4
Mathematics (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics)		3
Sociology elective (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/soci/) ¹		3
Semester Credit Hours		16

Spring

American history (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Foreign language ²		4
Government/Political science (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)		3
Mathematics (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics)		3
Sociology elective (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/soci/) ¹		3
Semester Credit Hours		16

Second Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
SOCI 220	Methods of Social Research	3
Foreign language ²		3
Government/Political science (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)		3
Literature directed elective (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/)		3
Sociology elective (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/soci/) ¹		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Spring

SOCI 230	Classical Sociological Theory ¹	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 203	Public Speaking	
COMM 205	Communication for Technical Professions	
COMM 243	Argumentation and Debate	

ENGL 203	Writing about Literature	
ENGL 210	Technical and Professional Writing	
Foreign language ²		3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
General elective ³		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Third Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
SOCI 420	Advanced Methods of Social Research ¹	3
Language, philosophy and culture (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)		3
Social and behavioral sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences) ⁴		3
Literature directed elective (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/)		3
General elective ³		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Spring

SOCI 430	Contemporary Sociological Theory ¹	3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
Social and behavioral sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences) ⁴		3
Sociology elective (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/soci/) ¹		3
General elective ³		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Fourth Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
Creative arts (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)		3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
Sociology elective (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/soci/) ¹		3
Sociology elective (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/soci/) ¹		3
General elective ³		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Spring

Language, philosophy and culture or creative arts (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)		3
Sociology elective (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/soci/) ¹		3
General elective ³		3
General elective ³		3

General elective ³	1
Semester Credit Hours	13
Total Semester Credit Hours	120

¹ A grade of C or better is required.

² Complete 14 hours of a foreign language (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/>) through the intermediate level. If you choose to enroll in a language you have studied previously without receiving college credit, you must first take a placement test. See academic advisor.

³ Any 100-499 level course may be taken. No more than 6 semester credit hours for SOCI 484 may be applied to the Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.

⁴ SOCI courses do not count toward fulfilling this requirement.

Graduation requirements include 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) courses. A course satisfying a Core category, a college/department requirement, or a free elective can be used to satisfy this requirement. The required 6 hours may be met by courses satisfying other areas of a degree program. See your academic advisor for further information.

No more than 33 hours in sociology may be applied to the major.

Other courses may qualify. Consult the approved list of courses available in the Undergraduate Student Services Office in the College of Arts and Sciences or from departmental advisors. No more than one course may be counted in more than one category.

Please note that university requirements specify that all students must take at least two courses in their major that are designated as fulfilling a writing requirement (W). See the section on general requirements for baccalaureate degrees for more information.

Minor Field of Study

Sociology majors are not required to select a minor field of study. If chosen, the minor must consist of 15-18 hours, with no more than 9 hours taken at a 100- or 200-level. No more than six hours from the minor may be used to fulfill other requirements. A grade of C or higher is required if a course is to be counted in the minor field.