

SOCIOLOGY - 5-YEAR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE AND MASTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

The Department of Sociology and the Bush School of Government and Public Service offer a 5-year (3+2) combined degree program that allows Sociology majors to enter the Bush School at the start of their senior year (typically year four) at Texas A&M University. This enables students to receive their Sociology undergraduate degree (BS) and a Master of Public Service and Administration (MPSA) graduate degree in five years.

To be considered for the 5-year combined degree program, Sociology students must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and have completed 102 of the 120 hours of course work required to receive a bachelor's degree. These courses must include all of the specific prerequisites for a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology, as well as the courses required by the College of Liberal Arts and by Texas A&M University for an undergraduate degree. Interested students are encouraged to contact an academic advisor for more information.

A Bachelor of Science 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. Some courses include hands-on service-learning opportunities in which students connect service and/or research in the community with course material. For sociology majors seeking to enter applied fields, we have a highly praised internship program that offers practical experience in community nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and businesses. To further complement our courses, students accepted into our honors program have opportunities to work one-on-one with professors engaged in sociological research.

The Master of Public Service and Administration (MPSA) program develops principled leaders for the public and nonprofit sectors, providing students the tools and knowledge they will need in order to perform effectively and ethically in a time when public servants face new and increased challenges. The MPSA program is fully accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration. The curriculum provides students with general knowledge and analytical skills in management, leadership, policy analysis, and research methods.

MPSA students have ample opportunities to engage in public service and to develop leadership skills both inside and outside the classroom through interaction with high-level public leaders, real-world consulting projects, student organizations, and the School's Public Service Leadership Program. MPSA graduates leave the Bush School ready to make a difference, whether they choose to work in government, non-profit organizations, or the private sector.

Program Requirements

First Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric ¹	3
SOCI 205	Introduction to Sociology ¹	3

Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics)	3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Spring

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 Business Writing	
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics)	3
Sociology elective ^{1,2}	3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Second Year

Fall

SOCI 220 Methods of Social Research ¹	3
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/)	3
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences) ³	3
Sociology elective ^{1,2}	3

Semester Credit Hours 18

Spring

SOCI 230 Classical Sociological Theory ¹	3
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)	3
Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3

Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/)	3
General elective ⁴	3
Semester Credit Hours	18

Third Year**Fall**

SOCI 420	Advanced Methods of Social Research ¹	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
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Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences) ³		3
General elective ⁴		3
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Semester Credit Hours		18

Spring

SOCI 430	Contemporary Sociological Theory ¹	3
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)		3
Language, philosophy and culture or creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)		3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
Sociology elective ^{1,2}		3
General elective ⁴		3
Semester Credit Hours		18

Fourth Year**Fall**

BUSH 631	Quantitative Methods in Public Management I ⁵	3
PSAA 601	Foundations of Public Service ⁵	3
PSAA 621	Economic Analysis ⁵	3
PSAA 643	Foundations of the Nonprofit Sector	3
Semester Credit Hours		12

Spring

PSAA 611	Public Policy Formation ⁵	3
Select one of the following: ^{5,6}		3
BUSH 632	Quantitative Methods in Public Management II	
BUSH 635	Quantitative Methods in Public Management II: Policy Analysis Emphasis	
PSAA 630	Program Evaluation in Public and Nonprofit Organizations	
BUSH elective ⁵		3
BUSH elective ⁶		3
Semester Credit Hours		12

Fifth Year**Fall**

PSAA 675	Public Service and Administration Capstone Seminar	3
BUSH elective ⁶		3
BUSH elective ⁶		3
BUSH elective ⁶		3
Semester Credit Hours		12

Spring

PSAA 676	Public Service and Administration Capstone Seminar II	3
BUSH elective ⁶		3
BUSH elective ⁶		3
BUSH elective ⁶		3
Semester Credit Hours		12
Total Semester Credit Hours		150

¹ A grade of C or better is required.

² Select from SOCI 100-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/soci/>), SOCI 608.

³ SOCI courses do not count toward fulfilling this requirement.

⁴ Any 100-499 course. No more than 6 semester credit hours for SOCI 484 may be applied to the Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.

⁵ Course applies toward both degrees.

⁶ See Bush School advisor for course selection information.

Graduation requirements include 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (<http://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 credit hours in SOCI 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 Liberal Arts 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 intensive requirement (W). See the section on general requirements for baccalaureate degree for more information.

The program includes a total of 168 hours which up to 18 hours may be applied toward both the Bachelor of Science in Sociology and the Master of Public Service Administration.

See the MPSA program in the Graduate and Professional Catalog for the MPSA requirements.

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.

Teacher Certification

Non-Sociology Majors To Teach Sociology

Students desiring certification to teach sociology in Texas secondary schools must complete a social studies composite with a sociology emphasis and required education courses:

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
	Sociology (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/soci/)	33
	Political Science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols/)	9
	Economics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/econ/)	6
	Geography (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/geog/)	10
	History (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/hist/)	18
Total Semester Credit Hours		76

Sociology Majors To Teach Sociology

Sociology majors desiring certification must include the following among their sociology courses and required education courses:

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
	Select one of the following:	3
	SOCI 317/ Racial and Ethnic Relations AFST 317	
	SOCI 323/ Sociology of African Americans AFST 323	
	SOCI 403 Sociology of Latinos	
	Select one of the following:	3
	SOCI 316/ Sociology of Gender WGST 316	
	SOCI 424/ Women and Work in Society WGST 424	
	SOCI 411 Social Psychology	
Total Semester Credit Hours		6

Education Courses

More complete information on requests for teacher certification may be found in the College of Education and Human Development section under secondary certification.

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
INST 210	Understanding Special Populations	3
COMM 203	Public Speaking	3
TEFB 322	Teaching and Schooling in Modern Society	3
TEFB 324	Teaching Skills II	3

TEFB 401	Language Arts in the Middle and Senior School	3
TEFB 404	Social Studies in the Middle and Senior High School	3
TEFB 406	Science in the Middle and Secondary School	3
TEFB 407	Mathematics in the Middle and Senior School	3
TEFB 426	Supervised Clinical Teaching	6
Total Semester Credit Hours		30

Students should consult an undergraduate Sociology advisor as early as possible to review the requirements of the social studies composite.