

Sociology

Department of Sociology & Anthropology

The Bachelor of Science in Sociology program provides students the opportunity to combine a liberal arts education with a unique focus on the empirical study of human societies including social dynamics, institutions, and inequality. Students are permitted a large number of elective courses.

A Bachelor's degree in Sociology prepares students for employment in a number of arenas, including governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, for-profit businesses, agricultural organizations, and academic institutions. The fields of law enforcement, probation and corrections, labor relations, business management, personnel administration, market analysis, and various types of industrial research employ students who major in sociology. Many graduates enter social services. Sociology also provides excellent preparation for graduate school and other educational and career opportunities.

The Department offers a Bachelor of Science degree with two options: (a) General Sociology, or (b) Criminology. Both options require 42 credits in Sociology courses.

General Sociology Option

This option is for the student who desires a broad and general foundation in Sociology with the ability to fully customize their major and substantive focus. For this option, the student is required to take SOCI 101IS, STAT 216Q, SOCI 318R, SOCI 455, and SOCI 499. The remaining 30 credits in Sociology will be comprised of ten courses of the student's choosing, of which eight must be at the 300-level or above. Students that choose the General Sociology Option often take a set of courses that lead to a specific area of emphasis, such as Social Inequality, Family Relations and Children, Business and Management, Marketing and Public Relations, Social Services, Health and Medicine, and Pre-Law.

We strongly recommend that prior to enrolling in any upper division courses in Sociology, students complete their core in Writing, Quantitative Reasoning, Diversity, and Inquiry-Social Sciences with a grade of "C-" or better. We also recommend students complete their Quantitative Reasoning core by the end of their sophomore year and SOCI 318R in their junior year.

Criminology Option

This option is for the student who desires a strong foundation in Sociology with a specific focus on laws, the legal system, the social structure of criminal behavior, and society's efforts to understand and control crime. This option allows students to pursue a sociology degree that integrates core coursework in sociology with sociology courses that focus on law, crime, and the criminal justice system. To achieve this integration, the student is required to take SOCI 101IS, STAT 216Q, SOCI 318R, SOCI 311, and SOCI 499. The remaining 30 credits in Sociology will be comprised of 15 credits in Criminology and Context courses and 15 credits in Criminology and Sociology elective courses.

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Prerequisite Requirements

Any student who enrolls in a course offered by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology without the required prerequisite(s) will be required to withdraw from the course.

Curricula in Sociology

- General Sociology Option
- Criminology Option
- Sociology Minor (Non-Teaching) (<http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/sociology/sociology-minor-nonteaching>)

General Sociology and Criminology Options

	Credits
Freshman Year	
WRIT 101W - College Writing I	3
STAT 216Q - Introduction to Statistics	3
University Core and Electives	15
SOCI 101IS - Introduction to Sociology	3
University Seminar Core	3
Diversity Core	3
Year Total:	30
Sophomore Year	
SOCI Electives	6
University Core and Electives	24
Year Total:	30
Junior Year	
Choose one of the following:	3
SOCI 455 - Classical Sociological Theory (General Sociology Option)	3
SOCI 311 - Criminology (Criminology Option)	3
SOCI 318R - Sociological Research Methods	3
SOCI Electives	9
University Core and Electives	15
Year Total:	30
Senior Year	
SOCI 499 - Senior Thesis Capstone	3
Sociology Electives	15
University Core and Electives	12
Year Total:	30
Total Program Credits:	120

Required Courses: Students must complete SOCI 101IS, STAT 216Q, SOCI 318R and SOCI 499 in sequence. Please note, SOCI 101IS is required for completion of the major but does not fulfill University IS Core Requirements for Sociology Majors. In addition, students must complete SOCI 455 (General Sociology Option) or SOCI 311 (Criminology Option) before they enroll in SOCI 499.

Sociology Electives for General Sociology option: Students must take 30 additional credits from any courses designated as SOCI. All but 6 credits must be in upper-division courses and no more than 6 credits of SOCI 492, SOCI 498, and SOCI 490R combined can count toward the fulfillment of elective credits. Students may request, in writing, to count up to 6 credits of upper division ANTY courses as SOCI electives.

Sociology Electives for Criminology option: Students must take 15 additional credits from the following courses: SOCI 150D or SOCI 201D, SOCI 221IS, SOCI 313, SOCI 325, SOCI 326, SOCI 327, SOCI 335, SOCI 344, SOCI 357, SOCI 358, SOCI 359,

SOCI 362, SOCI 414, SOCI 423, SOCI 425, SOCI 435, SOCI 436, SOCI 437. Additional 15 upper-division credits must be taken from any courses designated as SOCI. All but 6 of the 30 elective credits must be in upper-division courses and no more than 6 credits of SOCI 492, SOCI 498, and SOCI 490R combined can count toward the fulfillment of these 9 elective credits.

In choosing specific SOCI classes and topics, it is recommended that students should frequently consult with their advisors and instructors to determine the best set of classes to fulfill the elective requirements. For students in both the General Sociology and Criminology options, it will be helpful to discuss your substantive and occupational interests with your advisor to better design and align your major coursework with these interests. We offer many SOCI classes that can be combined to create a focused and comprehensive plan of study, which will better prepare you to enter post-baccalaureate positions. Additionally, the department recommends that students consider adding a second major or a minor to their degree plans to further assist in preparing them for labor market or graduate education options. The choice of this major or minor should also be made in consultation with advisors and other faculty members.

The maximum number of Sociology transfer credits accepted is 18.

SOCI 318R, SOCI 455 or SOCI 311, and SOCI 499 must be taken at MSU-Bozeman. Transfer students who have taken these prior to transferring can petition to have these courses accepted. For graduation in the Sociology option, students must have a grade of "C-" or higher in all required and elective Sociology courses.

A minimum of 120 credits is required for graduation; 42 of these credits must be in courses numbered 300 and above.

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Times was used instead of Adobe Garamond Pro.

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