

# 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, inequality, and crime and victimization. The curriculum is designed for students to explore interests in sociology and criminology, with an emphasis on elective courses and few prerequisites. A Bachelor's degree in Sociology prepares students for employment in a number of areas, including governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, for-profit businesses, law enforcement, corrections, and academic institutions. 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, along with 3 credits in statistics. In choosing specific sociology classes and topics, students consult with their advisor 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 sociology 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.

### General Sociology Option

This option is for the student who desires a broad foundation in Sociology with the ability to fully customize their major and substantive focus. For this option, the student is required to take [SOVI 101IS](#) or [SOVI 110IS](#), [STAT 216Q](#) or [SOVI 202](#), [SOVI 318R](#), [SOVI 455](#), and [SOVI 499](#) (15 credits total). 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, Social Services, Health and Medicine, and Pre-Law.

### 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 and victimization. This option allows students to pursue a sociology degree that integrates core coursework in sociology with courses that focus on law, crime, and the criminal justice system. To achieve this integration, the student is required to take [SOVI 101IS](#) or [SOVI 110IS](#), [STAT 216Q](#) or [SOVI 202](#), [SOVI 318R](#), [SOVI 311](#), and [SOVI 499](#) (15 credits total). The remaining 30 credits in Sociology will be comprised of 15 credits in Directed Criminology Elective courses and 15 credits in Sociology elective courses.

We strongly recommend that prior to enrolling in any upper division courses in Sociology, students complete their Core requirement 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 [SOVI 318R](#) in their junior year

## 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, unless they receive permission from the instructor to remain enrolled. Most elective courses in Sociology require [SOVI 101IS](#) or [SOVI 110IS](#) as a prerequisite.

## Curricula in Sociology

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

## Transfer Students:

The maximum number of Sociology transfer credits accepted is 18.

[SOVI 318R](#), [SOVI 455](#) or [SOVI 311](#), and [SOVI 499](#) must be taken within the MUS system, or at a transfer institution if the department deems the course to be a direct replacement. 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.

## Criminology Option

Freshman Year	Credits	
	Fall	Spring
Choose one of the following:	3	
<a href="#">SOVI 101IS</a> - Introduction to Sociology <sup>1</sup>	3	
<a href="#">SOVI 110IS</a> - Honors Sociological Inquiry <sup>1</sup>	3	
W CORE - College Writing I	3	
Q CORE - Quantitative Reasoning	3	
IS CORE - (Social Science Inquiry): Outside of the Sociology Department	3	
US CORE - University Seminar	3	
CS CORE - Contemporary Issues in Science	3	
IN CORE - Natural Science Inquiry	3	
IH CORE - Humanities Inquiry	3	
D CORE - (Diversity): Outside of the Sociology Department	3	
IA CORE - Arts Inquiry	3	
Year Total:	15	15
Sophomore Year	Credits	
	Fall	Spring
Choose one of the following: <sup>2</sup>	3	
<a href="#">STAT 216Q</a> - Introduction to Statistics	3	
<a href="#">SOVI 202</a> - Social Statistics	3	
SOCI Electives <sup>3</sup>	3	
Free Electives and/or Remaining CORE	9	
SOCI Electives <sup>3</sup>	6	
Free Electives and/or Remaining CORE	9	
Year Total:	15	15
Junior Year	Credits	
	Fall	Spring
<a href="#">SOVI 318R</a> - Sociological Research Methods	3	
SOCI Electives <sup>3</sup>	6	

Free Electives and/or Remaining CORE	6	
SOCI 311 - Criminology		3
SOCI Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
Free Electives and/or Remaining CORE		9
Year Total:	15	15
<b>Senior Year</b>	<b>Credits</b>	
	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
Free Electives and/or Remaining CORE	9	
SOCI Electives <sup>3</sup>	6	
SOCI 499 - Senior Thesis Capstone <sup>4</sup>		3
SOCI Electives <sup>3</sup>		6
Free Electives and/or Remaining CORE		6
Year Total:	15	15
<b>Total Program Credits:</b>		<b>120</b>

### Criminology designated Sociology electives:

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SOCI 150D	Social Difference	3
SOCI 201D	Social Problems	3
SOCI 221IS	Criminal Justice System	3
SOCI 313	Principles of Criminal Law and Procedure	3
SOCI 325	Social Stratification	3
SOCI 326	Sociology of Gender	3
SOCI 327	Sociology of Deviance	3
SOCI 335	Juvenile Justice System	3
SOCI 344	Sociology of Race & Ethnicity	3
SOCI 357	Occupational/Corporate Crime	3
SOCI 358	Crime and Inequality	3
SOCI 359	Crime, Justice and Media	3
SOCI 362	Sociology of Law Enforcement	3
SOCI 363	Crime Prevention	3
SOCI 375	Law & Globalization	3
SOCI 414	Family Violence	3
SOCI 415	Sociology of Trauma	3
SOCI 420	Violence in America	3
SOCI 423	Sociology of Corrections	3
SOCI 425	Victims and Society	3
SOCI 435	Law and Society	3
SOCI 436	Law and Inequality	3
SOCI 437	Communities & Crime	3
SOCI 498	Internship	2-12

### General Sociology Electives

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SOCI 150D	Social Difference	3
SOCI 201D	Social Problems	3
SOCI 221IS	Criminal Justice System	3
SOCI 235	Aging and Society	3
SOCI 290R	Undergraduate Research	1-6
SOCI 303	Society and the Individual	3
SOCI 307	Soc of Childhood & Adolescence	3
SOCI 308	Becoming an Adult in America	3
SOCI 313	Principles of Criminal Law and Procedure	3
SOCI 320	Sociology of Religion	3

SOCI 325	Social Stratification	3
SOCI 326	Sociology of Gender	3
SOCI 327	Sociology of Deviance	3
SOCI 332	Sociology of the Family	3
SOCI 333	Sociology of Education	3
SOCI 335	Juvenile Justice System	3
SOCI 340	Social Movements	3
SOCI 344	Sociology of Race & Ethnicity	3
SOCI 345	Sociology of Organizations	3
SOCI 346	Rural Sociology	3
SOCI 347	Urban Sociology	3
SOCI 355	Population and Society	3
SOCI 357	Occupational/Corporate Crime	3
SOCI 358	Crime and Inequality	3
SOCI 359	Crime, Justice and Media	3
SOCI 362	Sociology of Law Enforcement	3
SOCI 363	Crime Prevention	3
SOCI 370	Sociology of Globalization	3
SOCI 374	Sociology of Culture	3
SOCI 375	Law & Globalization	3
SOCI 380	Sociology of Health & Medicine	3
SOCI 401	Animals and Society	3
SOCI 414	Family Violence	3
SOCI 415	Sociology of Trauma	3
SOCI 420	Violence in America	3
SOCI 423	Sociology of Corrections	3
SOCI 425	Victims and Society	3
SOCI 434	Sociology of Human Sexuality	3
SOCI 435	Law and Society	3
SOCI 436	Law and Inequality	3
SOCI 437	Communities & Crime	3
SOCI 448	Society and Sport	3
SOCI 455	Classical Sociological Theory	3
SOCI 470	Environmental Sociology	3
SOCI 485	Political Sociology	3
SOCI 490R	Undergraduate Research	1-6
SOCI 491	Special Topics	1-4
SOCI 492	Independent Study	1-3
SOCI 494	Seminar	1-3
SOCI 498	Internship	2-12

<sup>1</sup> Please note, SOCI 101IS or SOCI 110IS is required for completion of the major but does not fulfill University IS Core Requirements for Sociology Majors.

<sup>2</sup> Please note that fulfilling the Q CORE is a prerequisite for SOCI 202. For students who take STAT 216, it will count as both the Q CORE and the statistics requirement for the major.

<sup>3</sup> Sociology Electives for Criminology option: Students must take 15 elective credits of Criminology designated SOCI courses and 15 credits of 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 490R, SOCI 492, and SOCI 498 combined can count toward the fulfillment of the major elective credits.

<sup>4</sup> Students must complete SOCI 455 (General Sociology option) or SOCI 311 (Criminology option) and SOCI 318R before registering for SOCI 499