

PREREQUISITE COURSE

Prospective majors must complete one prerequisite course with a C- grade or better in order to declare the Sociology major. First and second year students should enroll in either SOC 100 or SOC 102. Third and fourth year students should enroll in either SOC 300 or SOC 302. Students may also transfer in an approved Introduction to Sociology course from another institution. Prerequisite course credits DO NOT count toward the 33 required major credits. Students should only take ONE prerequisite course; no credit will be granted for a second prerequisite course taken.

OVERALL REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete at least 33 credit hours of SOC coursework. These 33 credits consist of three required courses, fourteen 300-level or higher elective credits, and the remaining elective credits at the 200-level or higher. SOC 300 & 302 are not elective options.

THREE REQUIRED COURSES

- **SOC 210 or STATS 250 or STATS 280 – Statistics.** Both fulfill the LSA Quantitative Reasoning (QR) requirement. Both offered each fall, winter, and usually one spring or summer term.
- **SOC 305 – Sociological Theory.** Offered each fall and winter full term. Must be taken on the U-M Ann Arbor campus.
- **SOC 310 – Sociological Research Methods.** Fulfills the LSA Quantitative Reasoning (QR) & the Upper Level Writing Requirement (ULWR). Offered each fall and winter term. Must be taken on the U-M Ann Arbor campus.

ELECTIVE CREDITS

- Minimum of 14 elective credits elected at the 300-level or above (excluding SOC 300 and SOC 302)
- The remaining credits are SOC courses at the 200-level or above
- Students who wish to focus elective coursework on a particular area are encouraged to explore optional sub-majors in Law, Justice, and & Change, Sociology of Health & Medicine, or Sociology & Social Work (see below).

COURSE PLANNING

SOC 305 & 310 facilitate the understanding of sociological themes and concepts explored in upper-division courses. Students are strongly encouraged to complete the statistics course in the sophomore year, the research methods course before the end of the junior year, and complete all three of the required courses before the final academic term of the senior year. Students intending to write an honors thesis in sociology must take statistics before the first term of the junior year and the methods course no later than the second term of the junior year. The department suggests NOT taking SOC 305 & SOC 310 in the same term, due to the workload in 310.

POLICY GUIDELINES

Minimum Grades and GPA

Students must earn at least a C- in the prerequisites for the major and in all courses they plan to include in the plan for the major. Courses elected as pass/fail may not be included in the plan for the major. Grades below C- will still be included in the major GPA, but will not count toward the 33 credits required for the major. To graduate, Sociology majors must have a major GPA of at least 2.0. The major GPA includes the prerequisite, all required, and all elective courses (including STATS 250, cross-listed courses, and any SOC courses taken at the Dearborn or Flint campuses).

Credit Requirements and Limitations

- SOC 305 and SOC 310 must be taken in-residence on the U-M Ann Arbor campus.
- Up to 15 of the 33 credits required for the major may be transfer credits from other institutions.
- A maximum of 6 credits in the major may come from SOC 394, SOC 395, and SOC 396.
- The department will allow up to two courses with significant sociological content from other LSA departments or transfer institutions to be included in the plan for the major.

OPTIONAL SUB-MAJORS

- Students have the option of adding one sub-major to their Sociology major. Students may only declare one sub-major.
- Students must declare the sub-major and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours from the list of approved courses
- A minimum of 8 credits must be elected in the sub-major at 300-level or above (excluding prerequisite).

LAW, JUSTICE, AND SOCIAL CHANGE (LJSC)

- Students with a sub-major in Law, Justice and Social Change are not permitted to also elect a minor in Crime & Justice or History of Law and Policy.

SOC 204: Sociology of International Migration and Refugees

SOC 208: Terrorism, Torture, & Violence

SOC 214: Nonprofits

SOC 225: Project Community - Criminal Legal sections

SOC 250: Politics, Power, and Social Change

SOC 261: Policing, Power, and Protest in the U.S.

SOC 270: Gender and the Law

SOC 304: American Immigration

SOC 325: Project Community Advanced Practicum - Criminal Legal sections

SOC 331: The Politics of Data

SOC 335: Urban Inequality in America

SOC 354: Law and Society

SOC 368: Criminology

SOC 378: Sociology of World Politics

SOC 384: Technology and Social Change

SOC 408: Restorative Justice, Decarceration, Abolition

SOC 422: Sociology of Latin America

SOC 451: Women, Inequality and Work

SOC 461: Social Movements

SOC 465: Sociology of Deviance: From Sin to Sickness

SOC 468: Crime & Justice: Inside Out Prison Exchange

SOC 476: Sociology of Bioethics

SOC 477: Death and Dying

SOC 480: Environmental Justice

Approved topics in SOC 295, 394, 395, 396, or 495

SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH & MEDICINE (SHM)

SOC 225: Project Community - Public Health sections

SOC 330: Population Problems

SOC 325: Project Community Advanced Practicum - Public Health sections

SOC 345: Sociology of Sexualities

SOC 346: Sociology of the Body

SOC 347: Drugs and Society

SOC 430: World Population Dynamics

SOC 445: Diagnosis, Sex, & Society

SOC 465: Sociology of Deviance: From Sin to Sickness

SOC 473: Reproductive Health and Justice

SOC 474: Social Inequalities in Health

SOC 475: Health, Medicine, & Society

SOC 476: Sociology of Bioethics

SOC 477: Death & Dying

Approved topics in SOC 295, 394, 395, 396, or 495

SOCIOLOGY & SOCIAL WORK (SSW)

- Additional Required Courses: SW 305/SOC 326 Community Action and Social Change *and* SOC 225 Project Community.
- Students with this sub-major are not permitted to elect a minor in CASC or double major in Social Theory and Practice.
- Students with this sub-major have the option of applying for admission to U-M's MSW program in junior year to start taking MSW courses during senior year.

SOC 204: Sociology of International Migration and Refugees

SOC 221: Social Inequality

SOC 223: Sexual Citizenship

SOC 233: Social Problems

SOC 250: Politics, Power, and Social Change

SOC 303: Race and Ethnic Relations

SOC 304: American Immigration

SOC 325: Project Community Advanced Practicum

SOC 335: Urban Inequality

SOC 344: Sociology of Families

SOC 345: Sociology of Sexualities

SOC 354: Law and Society

SOC 368: Criminology

SOC 404: Latinas/os in the U.S.: Social Problems & Social Issues

SOC 422: Sociology of Latin America

SOC 426: Gender and Family in East Asia

SOC 447: Sociology of Gender

SOC 455: Sociology of Religion

SOC 458: Sociology of Education

SOC 461: Social Movements

SOC 468: Inside-Out Prison Exchange

Approved topics in SOC 295, 394, 395, 396, or 495