

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 the second prerequisite course taken.

OVERALL REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete at least 33 credit hours of SOC coursework with at least C- grades in every course they intend to include in the major. 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 and 302 are NOT elective options.

THREE REQUIRED COURSES

- **SOC 210 or STATS 250 – Statistics**
Both fulfill the LSA Quantitative Reasoning (QR) requirement. SOC 210 and STATS 250 are typically offered each fall, winter, and at least one spring or summer semester.
- **SOC 310 – Sociological Research Methods**
Fulfills the LSA Quantitative Reasoning (QR) requirement. Also fulfills the Upper Level Writing Requirement (ULWR) when elected in the fall or winter term. SOC 310 is offered each fall and winter semester. Must be taken on the U-M Ann Arbor campus.
- **SOC 305 – Sociological Theory**
Typically offered each fall and winter full term and at least one spring or summer semester. 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 page 2).

COURSE PLANNING

No particular order of coursework is required. The department recommends statistics in the sophomore year or early in the junior year and SOC 310 & SOC 305 in the junior year (preferably not in the same term due to the workload in 310).

POLICY GUIDELINES

Minimum Grades and GPA

Students must earn at least C- grades in major coursework, including the prerequisite. Grades below C- will still be included in the major GPA, but will not count toward the 33 credits required for the major. In order 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 limit of 8 credits from courses earning experiential or independent study style credits (as determined by the College of LSA) may be counted toward the major. This includes but is not limited to SOC 225, 321, 324, 325, 391, 394, 395, 396, 468, and 488.

Only 4 credits from SOC 225 Project Community may be included in the major.

OPTIONAL SUB-MAJORS

Students have the option of adding a sub-major (concentration) to their Sociology major. Students may only declare one sub-major. Options below:

LAW, JUSTICE, AND SOCIAL CHANGE (LJSC)

- You 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 LJSC sub-major at 300-level or above (excluding prerequisite)

SOC 204: International Migration and the Politics of Membership in a Globalizing World
SOC 208: Terrorism, Torture, & Violence
SOC 225: Project Community - Criminal Justice section
SOC 270: Gender and the Law
SOC 304: American Immigration
SOC 325: Project Community Advanced Practicum (Criminal Justice section)
SOC 335: Urban Inequality in America
SOC 350: Human Rights and the United Nations
SOC 354: Law and Society

SOC 368: Criminology
SOC 422: Latin America
SOC 450: Human Rights in a Globalizing World
SOC 461: Social Movements: Political Protest and Collective Resistance
SOC 465: Sociology of Deviance: From Sin to Sickness
SOC 468: Crime & Justice: Inside Out Prison Exchange
SOC 476: Sociology of Bioethics
SOC 480: Environmental Justice
SOC 488 (1cr) & 489 (3cr): Community Organizing and Social Change
Approved topics in SOC 295, 394 (SURO), 395 (Independent Study), 396 (Internship), or 495

A maximum of 6 credits for the LJSC sub-major may come from Experiential Learning or Independent Study style courses. 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.

SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH & MEDICINE (SHM)

- You 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 SHM sub-major at the 300-level or above (excluding prerequisite)

SOC 207: Sociology of Suffering
SOC 225: Project Community - Public Health section
SOC 230: Health & Population in South Africa
SOC 330: Population Problems
SOC 325: Project Community Advanced Practicum (Public Health)
SOC 345: Sociology of Sexuality
SOC 346: Sociology of the Body
SOC 430: World Population Dynamics

SOC 445: Diagnosis, Sex, & Society
SOC 465: Sociology of Deviance: From Sin to Sickness
SOC 474: Social Inequalities in Health
SOC 473: Reproductive Health and Justice
SOC 475: Health, Medicine, & Society
SOC 476: Sociology of Bioethics
SOC 477: Death & Dying
Approved topics in SOC 295, 394 (SURO), 395 (Independent Study), 396 (Internship), or 495

A maximum of 6 credits for the SHM sub-major may come from Experiential Learning or Independent Study style courses.

SOCIOLOGY & SOCIAL WORK (SSW) – MSW APPLICATION OPTION IN JUNIOR YEAR

Additional Required Courses: SW 305 Community Action and Social Change AND SOC 225 Project Community: Sociology in Action (any section)

Requirements:

- You 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 SSW sub-major at the 300-level or above (excluding prerequisite)

SOC 203: Multiculturalism
SOC 204: International Migration
SOC 221: Social Inequality
SOC 233: Social Problems
SOC 250: Politics, Power, and Social Change
SOC 303: Race and Ethnicity
SOC 304: American Immigration
SOC 325: Project Community Advanced Practicum*
SOC 335: Urban Inequality
SOC 344: Sociology of Families
SOC 345: Sociology of Sexuality
SOC 354: Law and Society

SOC 368: Criminology
SOC 391: Sociology in Practice*
SOC 404: Latinos
SOC 422: Latin America
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*
SOC 488/489*: Community Organizing (only 489 is experiential)*
Approved topics in SOC 295, 394 (SURO), 395 (Independent Study), 396 (Internship), or 495

A maximum of 4 elective credits in the sub-major may come from Experiential Learning or Independent Study style courses. Students majoring in Sociology with a sub-major in SSW are not permitted to elect a minor in CASC or double major in Social Theory and Practice.