SOCIOLOGY (BA)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2019–Spring 2020 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year).

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology
Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (https://louisville.edu/artsandsciences)
Department: Sociology (http://louisville.edu/sociology)
Academic Plan Code(s): SOC_BA, SOC_BA_O

Program Information

This program can be completed in a traditional classroom format or entirely online (http://louisville.edu/online/programs).

Students in the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Sociology program learn to take an analytical, evidence-driven approach to social issues, as well as gain the interpersonal communication skills necessary to craft persuasive narratives grounded in critical thought. Sociology students focus on diversity and inequality and use their analytical insight into social structures for effective formulation and implementation of democratic social policy.

Those interested in sociology are intrigued by the challenging social issues pervading our world, how society influences and is influenced by them, and how to effectuate change. BA in Sociology students learn how to address these issues through scientific research and application, and, as our world continuously evolves, sociology students are well prepared to offer insight into these changes and how best to accommodate them.

Given the breadth, adaptability, and utility of sociology, employment opportunities are plentiful in social service agencies; federal, state, and local governments; non-profit organizations; and private enterprises.

Completion of this degree requires work to be submitted for the department’s Learning Outcomes Measurement. For details, contact the department.

Degree Summary

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\(^1\) Some credit hours from the General Education Requirements may be satisfied by courses defined by the program, in which case additional electives will be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree. See the Degree Requirements tab for specific coursework.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

Accelerated BA-BS/MA in Sociology

The Department of Sociology offers an accelerated master’s degree program, which is designed to allow motivated undergraduates the opportunity to earn graduate credit hours in sociology during their senior year. As undergraduates, accelerated students may earn between 6-9 credit hours (taking 2-3 graduate level courses), which are applied toward both the undergraduate degree as well as the graduate degree, allowing students to begin the graduate program in sociology with credits already applied toward their MA degree.

The graduate courses taken during the student’s senior year will depend on the courses the student has remaining to complete his/her undergraduate degree in sociology. The undergraduate advisor works individually with accelerated students regarding their course schedules.

NOTE: Students in the accelerated program in sociology may only apply their graduate credits earned as an undergraduate toward the graduate degree in sociology at UofL.

To be admitted to the program, a student must have: an undergraduate GPA of 3.35 or better at the time of application and satisfactory GRE scores (see Admissions tab for more information).

Departmental Admission Requirements

Admission to the BA in Sociology requires:

1. Completion of SOC 301 with a grade of C or better;
2. Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0; and
3. Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 in Sociology, if any courses have been taken.

The Application for Major form can be found on the Arts & Sciences Advising Center website (https://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/advising/apply).

Accelerated BA-BS/MA in Sociology Application Procedure

Students must apply during the first or second semester of Junior year (i.e., when they have earned between 70-80 hours) by submitting the following to the Graduate Admissions Office:

- G (http://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/apply-materials/application)graduate application (http://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/apply-materials/application)
- Two references (preferably from sociology instructors) in the form of a discursive letter of recommendation and completion of the Letter of Evaluation form (https://sharepoint.louisville.edu/sites/SIGS/Documents/grad-rec.pdf)
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- Curriculum vitae (CV) or resume
- GRE scores.

Applicants must also submit to the Department of Sociology responses to the Sociology Graduate Admissions Questionnaire (below). Responses should be of sufficient length to give the Graduate Admissions Committee a basis for evaluating the student's interest in and ability to complete the program, and provide a sample of the student's writing. Responses can be submitted in four separate essays or combined in one longer essay.

Admissions Questionnaire

1. Please explain your reasons for applying to the accelerated master's program in sociology. What are your professional or occupational objectives (including any study beyond the master of arts in sociology)? How does this department's program fit into those objectives?

2. What areas of sociology do you find especially interesting for study and/or research?

3. What positions of responsibility, if any, have you had, and what, specifically, do you believe you have gained from such experience? Positions may include not only employment, but offices held in organizations, volunteer work, etc.

4. Please summarize what you believe to be your most important accomplishments to date, including those in the academic or occupational areas.

General Education Requirements

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The following courses are required by the program and can satisfy the respective General Education Requirement:

- SOC 202 Social Problems - D1, SB
- or SOC 210 Race in the United States - D1, SB

*All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

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Minimum Total Hours 22

Program/Major Requirements

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SOC 202 Social Problems - D1, SB 3
or SOC 210 Race in the United States - D1, SB 3
SOC 301 Introduction to Social Statistics 3
SOC 303 Introduction to Research Methods - WR 3
SOC 320 Social Theory - WR 3
SOC 323 Diversity and Inequality 3

Environment, Health and Population Studies 3
Select ONE (1) of the following: 5

- SOC 305 Urban Sociology 3
- SOC 306 Demography 3
- SOC 307 Rural Sociology 3
- SOC 315 Environmental Sociology 3
- SOC 329 Sociology of Families 3
- SOC 340 Mental Health and Illness 3
- SOC 342 Medical Sociology 3
- SOC 343 Sociology of Women’s Health 3
- SOC 392 Faces of Global Poverty - WR 3
- SOC 394 Globalization, Culture and Third-World Development 3

Social Inequalities, Behavioral and Structural Studies 6
Select TWO (2) of the following: 6

- SOC 325 Sociology of Human Sexuality 3
- SOC 327 Sociology of Gender 3
- SOC 334 Sociology of Deviant Behavior 3
- SOC 336 Criminology 3
- SOC 344 Sociology of Music in Contemporary America 3
- SOC 346 Sociology of Religion 3
- SOC 374 Money, Economics and Society - WR 3
- SOC 380 Animals and Society 3

Three (3) Sociology electives at the 400 level 9
Sociology CUE course 3

Supporting Courses

Social Sciences Disciplinary Perspectives 6
Select TWO (2) of the following:

- ANTH 201 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology - D2, SB 4
- PAS 200 Introduction to Pan-African Studies - D1, SB 4
- LALS 311 Introduction to Latino Studies - D1, SB 4
- WGST 201 Women In American Culture - D1, SB 4

Electives in Social Sciences other than Sociology of which 6 hours must be at 300 level or above 8
Minimum Electives 9
Minimum Total Hours 68

Only 40 hours in the major department may be applied toward the Bachelor of Arts degree.

Sociology majors may take no more than six hours of “Special Topics” courses in Sociology to meet degree requirements.

At least 50 of the total minimum hours required must be at the 300 level or above.

Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)

Requirement fulfilled by completing one of the following:
Flight Plan

**Course**
- SOC 400: Independent Study - CUE
- SOC 405: Voluntarism - CUE
- SOC 406: Applied Sociology - CUE
- SOC 410: Sociology of Aging - CUE
- SOC 415: Sociology of Death & Dying - CUE
- SOC 425: Sociology of Leisure - CUE
- SOC 435: Medicine, Health and Illness - CUE
- SOC 440: The Health Care System - CUE
- SOC 450: Special Topics in Sociology - CUE
- SOC 454: Social Stratification - CUE, WR
- SOC 455: Sociology of Work - CUE, WR
- SOC 464: Race and Ethnicity - CUE, WR
- SOC 470: Political Sociology - CUE
- SOC 472: Sociology of Education - CUE, WR
- SOC 480: Juvenile Delinquency - CUE
- SOC 499: Senior Honors Thesis - CUE, WR

**Title**
- General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities Global Diversity - AHD2
- Foreign Language 1
- ENGL 102
- Spring
- Select one of the following:
  - General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH
  - General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR
  - ENGL 101
  - GEN 100
- Fall
- Year 1
- Course
- Hours
- GEN 100: Student Success Center Orientation or Arts and Sciences Orientation
- ENGL 101: Introduction to College Writing - WC
- SOC 201: Introduction to Sociology - SB
- General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR
- General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH
- Select one of the following:
  - ANTH 201: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology - D2, SB
  - LALS 310: Introduction to Latin American Studies - D2, SB
  - PAS 200: Introduction to Pan-African Studies - D1, SB
  - WGST 201: Women In American Culture - D1, SB

**Minimum Total Hours**
- 17

**Year 2**

**Fall**
- Foreign Language 2
- General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC
- SOC 301: Introduction to Social Statistics
- General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S
- Select one of the following:
  - ANTH 201: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology - D2, SB
  - LALS 310: Introduction to Latin American Studies - D2, SB
  - PAS 200: Introduction to Pan-African Studies - D1, SB
  - WGST 201: Women In American Culture - D1, SB

**Spring**
- SOC 303: Introduction to Research Methods - WR
- SOC 323: Diversity and Inequality
- Foreign Language 3
- Humanities or Natural Science elective
- General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH

**Year 3**

**Fall**
- SOC 320: Social Theory - WR
- Humanities or Natural Science elective (300 level or above)
- Environment, Health, and Population Studies elective (300 level or above)
- Social Science WR elective (300 level or above)
- General elective

**Spring**
- Humanities or Natural Science elective (300 level or above)
- Social Inequalities, Behavioral, and Structural Studies elective
- Sociology elective (400 level)
- Social Science WR elective (300 level or above)
- General elective

**Year 4**

**Fall**
- Sociology elective from Social Inequalities, Behavioral, and Structural Studies
- Sociology elective (400 level)
- Social Science elective (300 level or above)
- General elective (300 level or above)
- General elective (300 level or above)

**Spring**
- Sociology elective (400 level and CUE)
- Sociology elective (400 level)
- Social Science elective (300 level or above)
- General elective

**Minimum Total Hours**
- 122

**Degree Audit Report**

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan. What-if reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan.

**Course**
- General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S
- General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL
- or SOC 210 or Race in the United States - D1, SB
to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

**To create either report:**

1. Log into your ULink account.
2. Click on the Student Services tab.
3. Next, click on "View my Academic Advisement Report" to run a Degree Audit report in the Undergraduate Advising area.
4. To create a What-if report, click on "Create a What-if Advisement Report."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, or create a What-if report. (https://ulink.louisville.edu)

**Flight Planner**

Based on your major, the Flight Planner tool may be available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan. The Flight Planner can be found in the ULink Student Center. Consult with your advisor for assistance with the Flight Planner.