

SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
SOCIOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS & ADVISING WORKSHEET
 (UPDATED SPRING 2025)

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The Sociology major is designed to take four semesters to complete.

Course Requirements: **Units:**

Core Courses (minimum grade of C- required)

SOCI 201: Introduction to Sociology (GE L4)	3
SOCI 300: Sociological Research Methods <i>Prerequisite: SOCI 201 (GE L4)</i>	4
SOCI 375: Sociological Theory <i>Prerequisite: SOCI 201 (GE L4)</i>	4
MATH 165 (GE L2) or SOCI 301 (GE U2) <i>SOCI 301 Prerequisites: GE Golden Four w/ C- or better, L2, and 45 units</i>	3-4
Sociological Experience Course	4
SOCI 498WIC: Senior Seminar <i>Prerequisites: SOCI 201, SOCI 300, SOCI 375, MATH 165/SOCI 301, 12 additional SOCI units; graduating senior. WIC Course: Meets University GVAR Requirement</i>	4
Total Core Units	22-23
 Elective Courses (no minimum grade)	
SOCI Electives to reach min. of 43 units	20-21
Total Minimum Units in the Major	43

Notes on Major Requirements:

1. Students must complete the major using the catalog requirements in place at the time they declare the major.
2. **Minimum Grade of C-:** Students must earn a C- in each core course. There is no minimum grade for electives.
3. **SOCI 300 and 375 Prerequisite:** SOCI 201 (with a minimum grade of C-)
4. **SOCI 301 Prerequisites:** GE Golden Four w/ C- or better, L2, and at least 45 units
5. **SOCI 300 and SOCI 375 Recommendation:** do not enroll in these classes in the same semester.
6. **SOCI 498WIC Prerequisites:** SOCI 201, SOCI 300, SOCI 375, MATH 165/SOCI 301 (each with a minimum grade of C-); 12 additional Sociology units; senior standing. Students must have filed (and be eligible) for graduation in the semester in which they plan to take SOCI 498WIC. In practice, in order to enroll in SOCI 498WIC, students must have completed all major requirements other than two 4-unit sociology electives and SOCI 498WIC itself.

7. **Lower Division Work:** Sociology majors may apply up to **eight** units of lower-division sociology credit towards the major. Of these eight units, no more than **four** may be non-SSU transfer credit. If a lower division course is used to meet the statistics requirement, it does not count against either of these limits.
8. **Contract Courses:** Students may take up to **eight** units each of 493 (Research Assistant), and 495 (Special Studies), but only **four** combined units of SOCI 490, 493, and 495 will count toward the major.
9. **General Education:** Sociology GE courses may be used to meet both Sociology requirements and GE requirements at the same time.
10. **Letter Grades:** Courses for the major must be taken for a letter grade (A-F), except when not available in the A-F mode.

STATISTICS REQUIREMENT

Majors must take one of the following courses or another course designated by the Sociology Department as meeting the statistics requirement.

MATH 165 – Elementary Applied Statistics (GE L2)

SOCI 301 – Statistics and Society (GE U2) Prereqs: GE Golden Four w/ C- or better, L2, and 45 units

SOCIOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT

The Sociological Experience requirement provides students with opportunities to develop awareness of social issues, use sociological perspectives and methods to address social problems engage with the community outside of the university, develop experiences that provide job skills, and enhance their knowledge about careers. Majors must take at least one course designated as meeting the requirement.

SOCI 306 – Careers in Sociology

SOCI 388 – Selected Topics in Service Learning

SOCI 389 – Poverty and Inequality

SOCI 455 – Social Welfare & Health

SOCI 460 – Social Work in the Social World

SOCI 482 – Environmental Justice and Policy

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES IN SOCIOLOGY

GE AREA

Lower Division

SOCI 201 – Introduction to Sociology (3)

4: Social Sciences

SOCI 225 – Social Problems and Promises

3B: Arts-Humanities

SOCI 250 – Self and Society

4: Social Sciences

SOCI 263 – Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (3)

4: Soc. Sciences + Critical Race Studies (does not meet Area 6)

Upper Division

SOCI 301 – Statistics and Society (3)

2: Science-Quantitative Reasoning

SOCI 317 – Emotions and Social Life (3)

4: Social Sciences

SOCI 325 – Sociology of the Arts (3)

3: Arts-Humanities

SOCI 326 – Social Psychology (3)

4: Social Sciences

SOCI 431 – Sociology of Religion (3)

3: Arts-Humanities

SOCI 457 – Inequality and Institutions (3)

4: Social Sciences

SOCIOLOGY COURSES – CORE

SOCI 201 – Introduction to Sociology (**GE L4: Social Sciences**)

SOCI 300 – Sociological Research Methods

SOCI 301 – Statistics and Society (**GE U2: Science & Quantitative Reasoning**)

SOCI 375 – Sociological Theory

SOCI 498WIC – Senior Seminar (**WIC: Writing Intensive Course / Meets GEAR**)

SOCIOLOGY COURSES – ELECTIVES

SOCI 225 – Social Problems and Promises (**GE 3B: Arts & Humanities**)

SOCI 250 – Self and Society (**GE L4: Social Sciences**)

SOCI 263 – Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (**GE L4: Social Sciences**)

SOCI 301 – Statistics and Society (**GE UD B: Science & Quantitative Reasoning**)

SOCI 306 – Career Planning for Sociology Majors (*meets Sociological Experience Requirement*)

SOCI 310 – Sociology of Immigration

SOCI 312 – Sociology of Gender

SOCI 314 – Deviant Behavior
SOCI 315 – Socialization
SOCI 317 – Emotions and Social Life (**GE U4: Social Sciences**)
SOCI 319 – Aging and Society
SOCI 325 –Sociology of the Arts (**GE U3: Arts & Humanities**)
SOCI 326 – Social Psychology (**GE U4: Social Sciences**)
SOCI 328 – Sociology of the Environment
SOCI 329 – Sociology of Climate Change
SOCI 330 – Sociology of Media
SOCI 332 – Death and American Culture
SOCI 335 – Sociology of Globalization
SOCI 340 – Drugs and Society
SOCI 345 – Sociology of Families
SOCI 347 – Social Stratification
SOCI 350 – City and Community Life
SOCI 360 – Sociology of Sexualities
SOCI 366 – Juvenile Justice
SOCI 380 – Political Sociology
SOCI 381 – Population and Society
SOCI 382 – Social Movements and Collective Behavior
SOCI 383 – Science, Technology, and Society
SOCI 384 – Consumption and Inequality
SOCI 385 – Sociology of Culture
SOCI 388 – Selected Topics in Service Learning (*meets Sociological Experience Requirement*)
SOCI 389 – Poverty and Inequality (*meets Sociological Experience Requirement*)
SOCI 397 – Special Topics
SOCI 414 – Social Interaction
SOCI 417 – Sociology of Mental Health and Illness
SOCI 425 – Urban Sociology
SOCI 431 – Sociology of Religion (**GE U3: Arts & Humanities**)
SOCI 434 – Cinema and Society
SOCI 440 – Sociology of Reproduction
SOCI 443 – Social Policy in the 21st Century
SOCI 445 – Sociology of Childhood and Adolescence
SOCI 449 – Sociology of Power
SOCI 450 – Punishments and Corrections
SOCI 451 – Sociology of Education
SOCI 452 – Health Care, Illness, and Society
SOCI 455 – Social Welfare and Health (*meets Sociological Experience Requirement*)
SOCI 457 – Inequality and Institutions (**GE U4: Social Sciences**)
SOCI 460 – Social Work in the Social World (*meets Sociological Experience Requirement*)
SOCI 461 – Social Work and Social Welfare
SOCI 463 – Organizations and Society
SOCI 480 – Sociology of Work
SOCI 482 – Environmental Justice and Policy (*meets Sociological Experience Requirement*)
SOCI 485 – Organizations and Everyday Life

CONTRACT COURSES (THESE REQUIRE INDIVIDUAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH FACULTY)

SOCI 493 – Research Assistant
SOCI 495/595 – Special Studies

ADVISING WORKSHEET

Student Name _____

<u>Course</u>	<u>Units Possible</u>	<u>Units Taken</u>	<u>Semester and Year Taken</u>	<u>Grade Earned</u>
<i>SOCI 201: Introduction to Sociology (GE L4)</i>	3	3		
<i>SOCI 300: Sociological Research Methods</i>	4	4		
<i>SOCI 375: Sociological Theory</i>	4	4		
<i>Statistics Requirement: MATH 165 (L2) or SOCI 301 (U2)</i>	3-4	3-4		
<i>Sociological Experience Requirement: _____</i>	4	4		
<i>SOCI 498WIC: Senior Seminar</i>	4	4		
Total Units in Core Courses	22-23	---	---	---
<i>Upper Division Sociology Elective: _____</i>	4	4		
<i>Upper Division Sociology Elective: _____</i>	4	4		
<i>Upper Division Sociology Elective: _____</i>	4	4		
<i>Lower or Upper Division Sociology Elective: _____</i>	4	4		
<i>Additional Sociology Units (as needed): _____</i>	4			
Total Additional Elective Sociology Units ^{2, 3, 4}	20-21	---	---	---
Minimum Major Units Required for Graduation	43	---	---	---
Total Major, GE, and Elective Units Required for Graduation	120	120	---	---

Notes: (1) A maximum of eight lower-division sociology units will count toward the major; of these, only four non-SSU sociology units will count. (2) Only four units of SOCI 499 will count toward the major. (3) Only four combined units of SOCI 493 and 495 will count toward the major. (4) Courses for the major must be taken for a letter grade (A-F), unless not available in that mode.