



**Sociology Major Requirements**

**Minimum GPA for Admission:** Overall: 2.75; USU: 2.75

**Additional Matriculation Requirement:** Complete SOC 1010 and at least one other SOC class with a grade of C or better

**Minimum GPA for Graduation:** Major: 2.5; USU: 2.0; Overall: 2.0

**Minimum Grade Accepted:** C in SOC 1010; C- in major courses

Number of Required Credits: 33

The major in sociology requires a total of 33 credits in the major, including 15 credits of required coursework and 18 credits of electives. At least 50 percent of credits must be completed at USU. None of the credits taken toward the major may be taken pass-fail.

On occasion, events such as sabbatical leave may cause unavailability of some courses. Under special circumstances, independent readings may be conducted. Special permission of the instructor and approval by the department head are required prior to enrollment in the courses. Independent readings cannot duplicate coursework which the student has already completed. A maximum of 3 credits of independent readings may be applied to the student's major in the appropriate specialty area in which the readings are focused. Cooperative work agreements/internships are *not* available through the sociology program. All classes are worth 3 credits each.

**A. Required courses (15 semester credits)**

- SOC 1010: (BSS) Introductory Sociology
- SOC 3010: (DSS) Social Inequality
- SOC 3110: (CI)\* Methods of Social Research
- SOC 3120: (QI)\*\* Social Statistics
- SOC 4010: Contemporary Sociological Theory

**B. Departmental Electives (18 semester credits minimum)**

Students must complete at least 3 credits of coursework from three of the four areas listed below

## **1. Crime & Deviance**

SOC 1020: (BSS) Social Problems  
SOC 2120 (QI) Social Statistics in Everyday Life  
SOC 3410: Juvenile Delinquency  
SOC 3420: Criminology  
SOC 3430: Social Deviance  
SOC 3520: Sociology of Mental Illness  
SOC 4410: (CI) Race & Crime  
SOC 4420: (CI) Law and Society  
SOC 4430: Criminal Justice Ethics

## **2. Social Inequality**

SOC 1020: (BSS) Social Problems  
SOC 2120: (QI) Social Statistics in Everyday Life  
SOC 2370: Sociology of Gender  
SOC 2650: (BSS) Globalization  
SOC 2850: Race and Ethnicity  
SOC 3320: Work and Inequality  
SOC 3330: (DSS) Medical Sociology  
SOC 3340: Civil Rights of a Different Color  
SOC 4410: (CI) Race and Crime

## **3. People, Place & Change**

SOC 2650: (BSS) Globalization  
SOC 3200: (DSS) Population and Society  
SOC 3600: (DSS) Sociology of Urban Places  
SOC 3610: (DSS) Rural Sociology  
SOC 3650: Sociology of Education  
SOC 4350: Political Sociology  
SOC 4620: (DSS) Sociology of the Environment and Natural Resources  
SOC 4640: (CI) Managing Community Conflict  
SOC 4720: Effective Community Engagement

## **4. Social Health and Well-Being**

SOC 2650: (BSS) Globalization  
SOC 3200: (DSS) Population and Society  
SOC 3330: (DSS) Medical Sociology  
SOC 3430: Social Deviance  
SOC 3500: Social Psychology  
SOC 3520: Sociology of Mental Illness

SOC 3750: Sociology of Aging  
SOC 4720: Effective Community Engagement

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\* Prerequisite: Six credits of departmental courses.

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1040, 1045, 2000, 2300; MATH 1030, 1050, 1060

Sociology classes are NOT usable if they are 10 years or older