



Sociology Major Requirements

Minimum GPA for Admission: Overall: 2.5; USU: 2.5

Additional Matriculation Requirement: Complete SOC 1010 with a grade of C or better (for transfer students or USU students transferring from another major)

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: 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 3410: Juvenile Delinquency

SOC 3420: Criminology

SOC 3430: Social Deviance

SOC 3520: Sociology of Mental Illness

SOC 4800: Race & Crime

SOC 4420: Criminal Law/Justice

2. Social Inequality

SOC 1020: Social Problems
SOC 2370: Sociology of Gender
SOC 2650: Globalization
SOC 3320: Work and Inequality
SOC 3330: Medical Sociology
SOC 3010: Social Inequality
PSY 3510: Social Psychology
SOC 4800: Race and Crime

3. People, Place & Change

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

4. Social Health and Well-Being

SOC 2650: Globalization
SOC 3200: Population and Society
SOC 3330: Medical Sociology
SOC 3430: Social Deviance
PSY 3510: Social Psychology
SOC 3520: Sociology of Mental Illness
SOC 3750: Sociology of Aging
SOC 4720: Effective Community Engagement

* Prerequisite: Six credits of departmental courses.

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

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