

Notes

- Major requires 40 credit hours.
- Generally, SOCI 101 should be completed no later than sophomore year, SOCI 239 and 268 by the sophomore or junior year, and SOCI 325 and 330 in the junior or senior year.
- See Simmons PLAN worksheet for all-college requirements

Major Core

Majors will complete a core of the following courses.

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Completed
SOCI 101	Principles of Sociology	4	
SOCI 239	Introduction to Social Research I	4	
SOCI 249	Inequalities	4	
SOCI 325	Applications of Sociological Theory	4	
SOCI 330	Transnational Studies	4	

Electives

Choose THREE electives in one thematic area or selectively combine courses. See thematic areas at the end of this document.

Course Selected	Credits	Completed
	4	
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Capstone

Students choose ONE option for the capstone requirement from the following (internship & portfolio OR thesis).

Internship and Portfolio

SOCI 350	Independent Study	4
SOCI 355	Thesis	4

Students may choose to complete an internship to fulfill the capstone requirement. Internships are completed in the spring semester of the student's senior year. In the fall semester before the internship, each student works with the internship supervisor to design an 8-credit internship plan for the following semester. As part of this requirement, students also take the Internship seminar (SOCI 370). Students completing double majors who wish to do an internship will complete their internship through one of their departments.

Portfolio: All students completing their capstone through internships will also submit a portfolio to fulfill their requirements towards the major.

A portfolio includes:

- A paper from their first or second year of undergraduate study
- An outstanding paper, preferably from a sociology course taken in their third or fourth year
- A 5-page summative statement in which students reflect on majoring in sociology
- Students present their portfolios publicly during the internship class.

OR

Thesis

SOCI 370	Internship	8
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Students may choose to do an independent research and writing project that culminates in a 40–50-page thesis written under the supervision of a faculty member in the department. Students submit a proposal by the second semester of their junior year and take SOCI 350 (Independent Study) in the first semester of their senior year and SOCI 355 (Thesis) in the

second semester of their senior year. An honors designation is granted to meritorious theses. All theses are presented at an event organized by the department.

Course(s) Selected	Credits	Completed

Thematic Areas in Sociology

Social Justice

Courses examine social inequalities and ways that groups and communities confront injustices.

- SOCI 210 Body Politics
- SOCI 220 Working for Social Justice
- SOCI 222 Organizing for Social Change
- SOCI 231 Sociology of Childhood
- SOCI 232 Race, Gender & Health
- SOCI 241 Health, Illness & Society
- SOCI 262 Criminology
- SOCI 263 Sociology of Education
- SOCI 347 Antiracism and Social Justice

Transnational Studies

Courses challenge inequities that result from colonial legacies, capitalism, and multiple forms of nationalism and neocolonialism.

- SOCI 267 Globalization
- SOCI 270 South Asia: People and Power
- SOCI 330 Transnational Studies

Health and Well-Being

Courses examine the social distribution of health, illness and health care as a consequence of unequal distribution of social resources.

- SOCI 232 Race, Gender & Health
- SOCI 241 Health, Illness & Society
- SOCI 245 Global Health
- SOCI 345 Health Systems & Policy
- SOCI 365 Intimate Family Violence

Cultural Practices

Courses emphasize the importance of culture toward a fuller understanding of all of our lives.

- SOCI 210 Body Politics
- SOCI 261 Urban Sociology
- SOCI 266 Sociology of Sports
- SOCI 275 Birth and Death
- SOCI 321 Sociology of Food
- SOCI 344 Sociology of Poetry & Prose
- SOCI 365 Intimate Family Violence

Social Policy

Courses examine social issues and how Sociological theory and research contributes to the development of meaningful social policies to address those issues.

- SOCI 231 Sociology of Childhood
- SOCI 262 Criminology
- SOCI 263 Sociology of Education
- SOCI 321 Sociology of Food
- SOCI 345 Health Systems & Policy