

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	
	4	
	4	

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**

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