

Department of Sociology,  
Social Work and Anthropology  
College of Humanities, Arts,  
and Social Sciences

**Sociology Teaching Emphasis  
and Teaching Minor**

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**Admission Requirements For Sociology**

1. New freshmen admitted to USU in good standing qualify for admission to this major.
2. Transfer students from other institutions need at least a 2.5 total transfer GPA for admission to this major in good standing **and** must have received at least a C in SOC 1010.
3. Undeclared students and students transferring from another USU major must have at least a 2.5 overall GPA, must have at least a 2.5 USU GPA, and must have received at least a C in SOC 1010.

**Sociology Program**

Sociology is the study of the human individual and human groups. Sociology systematically describes and explains group behavior, the interaction of the individual with the group, and the interactions of groups with each other. Sociology offers a broad foundation for understanding human behavior and encourages the development of critical thinking.

The student with a BA or BS major in Sociology will be able to think critically, to analyze everyday events in light of larger social institutions and societal trends. Required sociology classes deal with how people in different societies organize and regulate their societies, how critical issues in sociology have developed throughout history, and how statistical methods are used for analyzing sociological data.

Students select courses from three different areas. **Social Problems** classes focus on criminology and deviance, retirement and other aspects of aging, the causes and prevention of juvenile delinquency, and the cultural characteristics of various social groups. **Groups and Institutions** courses look at collective behavior, the organization of communities, the development of gender roles, consumer behavior, the demands of industries on humans and family, economic systems, educational systems, and social inequality. **Population, Environment, and Development** courses deal with the effects of the environment on human behavior and the consequences of different patterns of population growth and settlement. A Sociology Teaching emphasis within the Sociology major is also available for students wishing to teach in the secondary schools.

Sociology courses collectively contribute to form major goals of the Sociology Program. Students will learn to:

1. Communicate effectively.
2. Think critically and analytically, and reason logically about social issues and/or social problems.
3. Understand and use sociological principles, concepts, and theories to examine social behavior and issues.
4. Understand and evaluate the application of sociological methods to social behavior and issues.

Specific assignments in each course will assess students' learning in one or more of the above objectives.

Upon completion of the prescribed program for a major in sociology, the student will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate knowledge essential for understanding society from a sociological perspective.
2. Identify and critically evaluate the contributions of sociologists, social scientists, and scholars.

3. Identify and critically evaluate the forces and institutions that influence his or her life as a member of society.

4. Identify, comprehend, and critically evaluate the influences of race, class, gender, age, and disability on a member of society.

5. Pursue careers in sociological areas, business, government, and/or graduate study.

6. Apply the methods and concepts of sociology to the analysis of social issues, problems, and conflicts in preparation for participation as agents of creative social change.

The requirements for this major, along with University and University Studies requirements, are summarized in this program sheet. Students are encouraged to keep this program guide and to use it in recording progress toward the completion of their degree requirements. Students are also urged to study this requirement sheet and the *General Catalog* frequently and to visit with their advisors on a regular basis about progress toward the completion of their degrees.

**Career Opportunities**

Sociologists collect survey information and do research for lawmakers, administrators, and educators, providing advice on drug treatment programs, demographics, zoning changes, and aid to the poor. With advanced training, graduates in Sociology may do research, teaching, consulting, and administrative work at universities and for corporations and research firms. Sociologists also work as analysts and statisticians for federal agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency, the Veteran's Administration, or the departments of Health and Human Services, Education, Interior, or Agriculture. Training in statistics, computer science, public administration, and business administration will enhance employment prospects.

Surveys of graduates indicate that sociology majors pursue a wide range of occupations. About one-third are employed in the professional sector, while close to one-fourth are in service occupations. In addition, 26 percent are involved in sales or management/administration. In terms of specific job titles, social service is a popular option, as are retail sales and teaching. Other frequent job titles include: vocational rehabilitation counselor, research analyst, data coordinator, management analyst, district sales manager, parole officer, juvenile probation officer, social services director, civil service test examiner, personnel director, insurance salesman, and correctional service officer. A variety of government and business positions are also expanding for sociology majors with the new emphasis on a liberal arts education. The growing awareness of the value of sociological perspectives for problem-solving continues to provide an increasing range of opportunities for employment in a variety of work settings.

**Degrees and Programs Offered Through  
This Department**

**Sociology:** Bachelor of Science (BS), Bachelor of Arts (BA)\*, Master of Science (MS), Master of Arts (MA), and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

**Social Work:** Bachelor of Science (BS) and Bachelor of Arts (BA)\*

**Anthropology:** Bachelor of Science (BS) and Bachelor of Arts (BA)\*

**Social Sciences:** Master of Social Sciences (MSS)

## Academic Advisement

All students should contact their academic advisor for assistance with course selection, program planning, and meeting graduation requirements. If they do not know who their advisor is, students should contact their department, college, or University Advising and Transfer Services.

## Graduation Requirements: BS\* Degree in Sociology and Minor in Sociology

### Minimum University Requirements\*\*

Total credits . . . . .	120
Grade point average (most majors require higher GPA) . . . . .	2.00 GPA
Credits of C- or better . . . . .	100
Credits of upper-division courses (#3000 or above) . . . . .	40
USU credits . . . . .	30
(20 of which must be upper division, including 10 required by major)	
Completion of approved major program of study . . . . .	See department
Credits in minor (if required by department) . . . . .	12
Credits in American Institutions (ECON 1500; HIST 1700, 2700, or 2710; POLS 1100; or USU 1300) . . . . .	3
University Studies requirements . . . . .	See below

\*A BA degree requires foreign language training. For further information, see the *General Catalog*.

\*\*Colleges and departments may require more credits or a higher GPA. See requirements on this sheet.

## University Studies Requirements for Sociology Major

Note: Approved University Studies courses and requirements are listed in the back section of each semester's *Schedule of Classes*.

## General Education Requirements (27-30 credits)

### Competency Requirements (9-12 credits)

#### Communications Literacy (CL1 and CL2) (6 credits)

ENGL 1010 (CL1) (3 credits) or satisfactory AP, CLEP, or ACT score

#### AND

ENGL 2010 (CL2) (3 credits)

#### Quantitative Literacy (QL) (3 credits)

STAT 1040, which is required for the Sociology major, will meet this requirement.

#### Computer and Information Literacy (0-3 credits)

Passing grade on six computer and information literacy related examinations. Although no specific course is required, USU 1000 and OSS 1400 teach the required skills.

### Breadth Requirements (18 credits)

Select at least one approved course from each of the following six categories: **American Institutions (BAI)**, **Creative Arts (BCA)**, **Humanities (BHU)**, **Life Sciences (BLS)**, **Physical Sciences (BPS)**, and **Social Sciences (BSS)**. At least two of the six breadth courses must be University Studies courses with a **USU prefix** (excluding USU 1000, 1010, 1100, and 3330). (CLEP or AP credit may be used.) SOC 1010 will fulfill the Social Sciences requirement for students in the Sociology major.

## Depth Education Requirements

### Communications Intensive (CI) (2 courses)

SOC 3110, plus another course having CI designation (such as SOC 4420), will meet this requirement for students in the Sociology major. SOC 3110, along with either SCED 3210 or 4200, will meet this requirement for students in the Sociology Teaching emphasis.

### Quantitative Intensive (QI) (1 course)

SOC 3120 will meet this requirement for students in the Sociology major.

### Depth Course Requirements (2 courses)

Select at least one approved 3000-level or above course from each of the following two categories: **Humanities and Creative Arts (DHA)** and **Life and Physical Sciences (DSC)**.

## Sociology Major

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

**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:** 2.5, major; 2.0, USU; 2.0, Overall

**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. Majors must have received a C or better in SOC 1010, a C- or better in all other courses counted for the major, **and** a 2.5 or higher GPA in all courses applied toward the major. At least 17 credits must be completed at USU. None of the credits counted 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 these 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.

### A. Required Courses (15 semester credits) Credits

<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 1010 (BSS) Introductory Sociology (F,Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3010 Race, Class, and Gender (F,Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3110 (CI) <sup>1</sup> Methods of Social Research (F,Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3120 (QI) <sup>2</sup> Social Statistics I (F,Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 4010 Contemporary Sociological Theory (F,Sp) . . . . .	3

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

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

#### 1. Social Problems Credits

<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 1020 Social Problems (F,Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3410 Juvenile Delinquency (F,Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3420 Criminology (F,Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3430 Social Deviance (F) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3750 Sociology of Aging (F) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 4420 (CI) Criminal Law and Justice (Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 4800 Seminar in Sociology (F,Sp) . . . . .	1-3

#### 2. Groups and Institutions

<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 2370 <sup>3</sup> Sociology of Gender (F) . . . . .	3
(formerly SOC 2500)	
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3320 Sociology of Work and Organization (Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3330 Medical Sociology (F) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3500 Social Psychology (F,Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 4330 Sociology of Religion (F) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 4350 Political Sociology (Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 4800 Seminar in Sociology (F,Sp) . . . . .	1-3

#### 3. Population, Environment, and Development

<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3200 Population and Society (F,Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3600 Sociology of Urban Places (F) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3610 Rural Sociology (F) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 4620 Sociology of the Environment and Natural Resources (Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 4710 Asian Societies (Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 4720 Applied Community Development (Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 4730 Women in International Development (Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 4800 Seminar in Sociology (F,Sp) . . . . .	1-3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 5650/6650 Developing Societies (F) . . . . .	3

<sup>1</sup>Prerequisites: Six credits of departmental courses.

<sup>2</sup>Prerequisites: Six credits of departmental courses; and STAT 1040 or equivalent.

## Sociology Minor (12 credits)

Sociology minors must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 in sociology courses. They must also earn a grade of C or better in SOC 1010, and a grade of C- or better in all courses to be counted toward the minor. At least 50 percent of coursework for the minor must be completed at USU. None of the credits counted toward the minor may be taken *pass-fail*.

A. Required Courses (6 credits)	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 1010 (BSS) Introductory Sociology (F,Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 1020 Social Problems (F,Sp). . . . .	3

**B. Electives (minimum of 6 credits)**  
Students must complete an additional 6 credits of coursework in sociology.

## Sociology Teaching Emphasis (33 credits in Sociology + 35 credits in Secondary Teacher Education Program)

The Sociology Teaching emphasis can be achieved by completing the *Secondary Teacher Education Program (STEP)* listed below, as well as a regular sociology major in the Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology Department. A 2.5 GPA is required in Sociology courses, and a 2.75 total GPA is required for graduation with a Teaching License in Sociology. At least 50 percent of sociology coursework must be completed at USU. No more than 3 semester credits of SOC 4900 (Independent Readings in Sociology) can be used toward the Sociology Teaching emphasis.

### Secondary Teacher Education Program (STEP) (35 credits)

The special methods course required for Sociology Teaching is SCED 3500, Teaching Social Studies. The required clinical experience with SCED 3500 is either SCED 3300 (Level 1) or SCED 4300 (Level 2).

A. Level 1 (15-week courses)	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> SCED 3100 Motivation and Classroom Management (F,Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SCED 3210 (CI) Educational and Multicultural Foundations (F,Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SCED 3300 Clinical Experience I (F,Sp) . . . . .	1
<input type="checkbox"/> INST 3500 Technology Tools for Secondary Teachers (F,Sp,Su) . . . . .	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Methods I (major or minor) . . . . .	3

B. Level 2 (15-week courses)	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> SPED 4000 Education of Exceptional Individuals (may be taken anytime, including sophomore year prior to admission to Teacher Education) (F,Sp,Su) . . . . .	2
<input type="checkbox"/> SCED 4200 (CI) Reading, Writing, and Technology (F,Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SCED 4210 Cognition and Evaluation of Student Learning (F,Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SCED 4300 Clinical Experience II (F,Sp). . . . .	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Methods II (major or minor) . . . . .	3

C. Level 3 (includes 13 weeks of student teaching and 2 weeks of Student Teaching Seminar)	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> SCED 5500 Student Teaching Seminar (2 weeks) (F,Sp) . . . . .	2
<input type="checkbox"/> SCED 5630 Student Teaching in Secondary Schools (13 weeks, full-time) (F,Sp) . . . . .	10

## Teaching Minor in Sociology (18 credits)

Sociology teaching minors must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 in sociology courses. They must also earn a grade of C or better in SOC 1010, and a grade of C- or better in all courses to be counted toward the teaching minor. At least 50 percent of coursework for the minor must be completed at USU. A teaching minor requires completion of a teaching license in the College of Education and Human Services.

A. Required Courses (12 credits)	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 1010 (BSS) Introductory Sociology (F,Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3010 Race, Class, and Gender (F,Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3110 (CI) Methods of Social Research (F,Sp). . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 4010 Contemporary Sociological Theory (F,Sp) . . . . .	3

**B. Electives (6 credits)**  
Students must also complete an additional 6 credits of coursework in sociology.

## Law and Society Area Studies Certificate

The Law and Society Area Studies Certificate is an opportunity for students interested in law enforcement careers, corrections, counseling, or law school to emphasize the study of the relationship between law and society from an interdisciplinary perspective. Students must complete at least **24 credits from the list of courses below**. The courses must be chosen from at least **three different disciplines**, and **no more than 12 credits** may be chosen **from a single discipline**. A student must maintain a **3.0 grade point average** for the 24 credits. The Law and Society Area Studies Certificate is pursued in conjunction with a major, as it is not itself a degree program. Courses taken for the Law and Society Area Studies requirements may also count toward fulfilling requirements for a major. A student's final transcript will reflect the Law and Society Area Studies Certificate upon completion of the requirements for a degree.

**Choose a minimum of 24 credits from the following courses:**

	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 3100 Abuse and Neglect in Family Context (F,Sp) (prereq: Sophomore standing, FCHD 1500, 2400) (3 cr) <b>or</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> PSY 3120 Abuse, Neglect, and the Psychological Dimensions of Intimate Violence (F,Su) (prereq: PSY 1100) (3 cr) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> JCOM 4030 Mass Media Law (F,Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MHR 2050 <sup>3</sup> Legal and Ethical Environment of Business (F,Sp,Su) . . . . . (formerly MHR 2990)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MHR 3810 Employment Law and Policy Development (F,Sp). . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MHR 5640 Selected Topics: International Business Law . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 1120 (BHU) <sup>3</sup> Social Ethics (F) . . . . . (formerly PHIL 2500)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 4600 Philosophy of Law (F) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 4610 (DHA) Social and Political Philosophy (Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 5600 Legal Ethics (F) (prereq: PHIL 4600) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 3120 Law and Politics (F) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 3130 United States Legislative Politics (Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 3170 Law and Economics (F) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 3320 The Foundations of American Constitutionalism . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 3810 Introduction to Public Policy (F) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 4120 American Constitutional Law (F) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 4130 Constitutional Theory (Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 4810 Politics and Public Policy (F) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 5130 Law and Policy (Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 1020 Social Problems (F,Sp). . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3410 Juvenile Delinquency (F,Sp). . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3420 Criminology (F,Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3430 Social Deviance (F) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 4420 (CI) Criminal Law and Justice (Sp) . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SPED 5070 Policies and Procedures in Special Education (F) . . . . .	1-3
<input type="checkbox"/> SW 5350 (CI) Social Welfare Policy (F) . . . . .	3

In addition to the courses listed above, a student may petition to substitute certain relevant courses to fulfill the area studies requirement or to transfer credits from another institution.

For further information, contact Dr. Kelly Hardwick, (435) 797-8402, in the Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology Department.

<sup>3</sup>Due to House Bill 320 (Common Course Numbering), MHR 2990 was changed to MHR 2050, PHIL 2500 was changed to PHIL 1120, and SOC 2500 was changed to SOC 2370, effective Summer Semester 2006.

## Requirement Changes

Graduation requirements shown on this sheet are subject to change. Students should check with their departments concerning possible changes.

## Materials for Persons with Disabilities

This requirement sheet is available in large print, audio, and braille format upon request to the USU Disability Resource Center.

## For information contact

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