

SAMPLE Four-Year Plan

B.A. Sociology

FALL 2023 Requirements

The curriculum in the sociology major is flexible and allows students to move through the coursework in many ways. This four-year plan illustrates one possible path a new freshman could take to complete a degree in four years. This is not an official document and is not the only way that a sociology degree can be completed in four years. Current students should refer to their individual Academic Advising Report for specific graduation requirements. Courses in bold indicate major-based coursework that is completed in the first year.

First Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
English 101 Intro to College Writing and Reading	3	English 102 Intro to College Writing, Reading, Research	3
Sociology 240 Principles of Sociology	3	Math 139 Quantitative Reasoning	3
Gened CORE 130 Individual and Society	3	200-Level Sociology Group 1-5 course	3
U.S. Racial/Ethnic Diversity course	3	Gened CORE 140 Global Perspectives	3
General Education Elective	3	University Requirement GN/GQ course	3
Intrauniversity 104 New Student Seminar	1	PEGNRL 192 Personal Health and Fitness for Life	1
Total Credits	16	Total Credits	16

Notes: The math and English courses you will take during your first year will depend on UW System placement exam scores. This four-year plan reflects the math and English courses most common for students in this major. All students are encouraged to complete placement testing prior to attending Warhawks SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration).

Opportunities: Joining a university-sponsored club and actively participating is strongly encouraged. Involvement in a club or activity will help you develop interpersonal skills, give you the opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills, and adds to your resume. Some clubs that may be of particular interest to students with a sociology major include Sociology and Anthropology Student Association (SASA), Law Enforcement Organization (LEO), UWW Empower!, and Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology and Anthropology Honor Society).

Second Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Sociology Group 1-5 course	3	300/400-Level Sociology Group 1-5 course	3
Sociology 295 Basic Social Statistics	3	Minor course	3
BA World Language course	4	BA World Language course	4
Communication 110 Intro to Human Communications	3	University Requirement Lab Science (GL) course	4-5
Gened CORE 110 World of the Arts	3		
Total Credits	16		14-15

Notes: Courses in the sociology major are organized into five groups and students select at least one course from each group. Three of the five group courses must be at the 300/400-level. For the Bachelor of Arts degree requirements, students must complete two semesters of a world language or demonstrate proficiency in a world language through the second level on the UW System placement test in Spanish, French, or German. Students who are native speakers of a language other than English are eligible to waive the language requirement.

Opportunities: Students who move efficiently through the coursework in this major could add a certificate without extending time to degree. The College of Letters and Sciences offers 18 certificates to include Diversity Leadership, Applied Research, Corporate Social Responsibility, Interdisciplinary Ethics, and LGBTQ Studies. Completion of a certificate enables you to acquire additional tools for your toolbox by focusing on a specific skill that will complement your degree program and deepen knowledge in an area that is desirable to future employers.



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Third Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
300/400-Level Sociology Group 1-5 course	3	Sociology 476 Methods of Social Research	3
Sociology 473 Social Theory or 420 Anthropological Theory	3	300/400-Level Sociology Group 1-5 course	3
BA 300/400 Level Breadth Requirement	3	Gened CORE 390 World of Ideas	3
Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

Notes: Sociology 493 Applied Sociology is one option to fulfill the experiential learning requirement in the major and can be a great opportunity for practical experience. An internship is a learning opportunity that provides students with hands-on experience in a potential career field, supervision and coaching from prospective employers, and the ability to learn professional norms and behaviors. In addition, completing an internship allows students to differentiate themselves in a competitive job market. Students should begin planning for an internship by the beginning of the junior year and can complete the internship in the junior or senior year.

Opportunities: Undergraduate research is highly recommended for students who have an interest in attending graduate school in the future. Completing a directed research project with a faculty mentor has many benefits: it develops a student's critical thinking and writing abilities, signals to graduate school programs that a student is prepared for independent research of their own, and it can provide a student with financial support since many undergraduate research opportunities are paid.

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Sociology elective	3	Sociology 493 Applied or 494 Seminar or 498R Research	3
Sociology elective	3	Minor course	3
BA 300/400 Level Breadth Requirement	3	Electives to total 120 (if needed)	6-9
Minor course	3		
Minor course	3		
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	12-15

Notes: All students must earn 120 credits to earn a bachelor's degree and all requirements in this program can be completed in fewer than 120 credits. Most students have the opportunity to choose additional courses in the fourth year to expand skills, explore interests, or try something new.

Opportunities: LSINDP 399: Career Information in Letters and Sciences is a 1-credit course that focuses on career and graduate school opportunities; identifying skills, strengths, and work values; creating effective job search materials; developing a networking strategy; and planning for a successful post-graduation transition.

Planning for Graduation: Students are encouraged to apply for graduation one full semester prior to their intended graduation date. Information about commencement is on the Registrar's Office website (<http://www.uww.edu/registrar/graduation>) and the application for graduation is available to students in the WINS Student Information System.

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