

Sociology Major/Minor Advising Guide

The Sociology program offers a major and minor in sociology. The Sociology major offers a quality liberal arts experience. Coursework introduces students to the discipline of sociology and provides in-depth knowledge of theories and methods. Elective courses within the major allow students to explore areas of interest within sociology. Students must take ten (10) courses for the major and five (5) courses for a minor.

Double Majoring in Sociology and Criminal Justice: The Department of Justice & Society Studies also offers both a major and minor in criminal justice. Students choosing to double major in sociology and criminal justice are limited to five (5) courses that can be applied to both majors: SOCI 100, 210, 220 and **two** of the following 312, 344, or 346.

Combining a Sociology major with a Criminal Justice minor: May not share more than 8 credits.

Sociology and Psychology Double Majors: Students with a double major in sociology and psychology who complete SOCI 210, PSYC 212, and STAT 220 may receive a waiver for SOCI 220 by contacting the department chair.

Major in Sociology

SOCI 100	Introduction to Sociology (satisfies the Social Analysis requirement)
SOCI 210	Research Methods in Sociology
SOCI 220	Sociological Analysis
SOCI 474	Sociological Theory and Praxis: The Capstone Experience

Plus one course from the following:

SOCI 350	Social Inequality: Privilege and Power (may satisfy the DISJ core requirement)
SOCI 365	Social Psychology
SOCI 366	Self and Society

Plus:

Five additional courses in Sociology (two of which must be 300-level or higher)

Sociology Major Checklist

REQUIREMENT	OFFERINGS	When to Take	✓ Completed
SOCI 100	Fall and Spring	First year	
SOCI 210	Fall and Spring	Sophomore	
SOCI 220	Spring	Sophomore or Junior	
SOCI 474	Spring	Senior	
SOCI 350 or 365 or 366	Spring and/or Fall		
SOCI Elective	Fall and Spring		
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SOCI 300-400 Level Elective	Fall and Spring		
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- ✓ At least 16 credits from UST (excluding ACTC, study abroad)
- ✓ Minimum of 129 credits
- ✓ At least 12 credits of Enhanced Curriculum Experience (see core curriculum requirements for more info)
- ✓ 32 of final 36 credits at St. Thomas (including ACTC) or an approved study abroad program
- ✓ Minimum 2.0 GPA for courses in the major
- ✓ Minimum overall 2.0 GPA

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Other Items of Interest

- Students can satisfy the social analysis core requirement with SOCI 100 or SOCI 110
- MATH 101: Finite Math is sufficient preparation for the major. The department recommends satisfying this requirement during the first year.
- Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) requirements can be satisfied through the following courses:
 - Writing to Learn (WTL): SOCI 100, depending on the section
 - Writing in the Discipline (WID): SOCI 210 and SOCI 474
 - Writing Intensive (WI): SOCI 251
- Students participating in the HECUA program and wish to gain credit towards the major or minor should see the chair for more information.
- See [this document](#) for specifics for Core Curriculum Requirements

Minor in Sociology Overview

Required:

SOCI 100 Introduction to Sociology

Plus one course from the following:

SOCI 210 Research Methods in Sociology
 SOCI 350 Social Inequality: Privilege and Power
 SOCI 365 Social Psychology
 SOCI 366 Self and Society

Plus three courses from the list above or below:

SOCI 110 Social Problems (satisfies the social analysis core requirement)
 SOCI 130 Homicide
 SOCI 220 Sociological Analysis
 SOCI 251 Race and Ethnicity (may satisfy the DISJ core requirement; only offered fall semester)
 SOCI 280 Hate Crimes (satisfies the DISJ core requirement)
 SOCI 297 Special Topics (topics will vary; may not enroll in same topic course more than once)
 SOCI 304 Adolescence in Society
 SOCI 312 Crime and Delinquency
 SOCI 315 Gender, Culture & Society (may satisfy the DISJ core requirement)
 SOCI 321 Marriages and Families
 SOCI 330 Religion in American Society
 SOCI 332 Urban Sociology
 SOCI 341 Work, Organizations, and Society
 SOCI 344 Police and Society*
 SOCI 346 Corrections in America: Prisons, Probation, Parole*
 SOCI 353 Global Perspectives on Gender
 SOCI 354 Sex in Society (may satisfy the DISJ core requirement)
 SOCI 474 Sociological Theory and Praxis: The Capstone Experience
 SOCI 495 Individual Study

*Both SOCI 344 and 346 have SOCI 200 as a prerequisite. SOCI 200 does NOT count toward the sociology minor.

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REQUIREMENT	SEMESTER COMPLETED
SOCI 100	
SOCI 210 or 350 or 365 or 366	
SOCI Elective (except 200 or 301)	
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- ✓ 8 credits from UST (ACTC, approved study abroad courses count as UST credits)