

# Sociology

Sociology is the scientific study of social structure, social inequality, social change, and social interaction that comprise societies. The sociological perspective examines the broad social context in which people live. This context shapes our beliefs and attitudes and sets guidelines for what we do.

The curriculum is structured to introduce majors to the sociology discipline and provide them with conceptual and practical tools to understand social behavior and societies. Areas of study include small groups, populations, inequality, diversity, gender, social change, families, community development, organizations, medical sociology, aging, and the environment.

The 38-credit requirement includes the following core:

ANTH 111	Introduction to Anthropology	3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 340	Social Research Methods <sup>1</sup>	3
SOC 341	Social Research Methods Laboratory	1
SOC 422	Development Of Social Theory	3
SOC 489	Senior Capstone In Sociology	1
Gateway Courses	Majors must complete the following four courses:	12
SOC 115 or SOC 116	Social Problems Global Social Problems	
SOC 214	Social Interaction	
SOC 233	Sociology of Organizations and Work	
SOC 235	Cultural Diversity	
SOC Electives	Sociology Electives	12
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>38</b>

<sup>1</sup> An introductory statistics course is a prerequisite for SOC 340 Social Research Methods

## Major Requirements

### Major: Sociology

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.

Required Degree Credits to Graduate: 122

### Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

#### Degree Requirements

**Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree** – The completion of a minor program of study, a second major, or a second degree is required.

**Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree** – Second year language proficiency at college level required.

### General Education Requirements

#### First Year Experience (F):

UNIV 189	Skills For Academic Success (Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take UNIV 189.)	1
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#### Communication (C):

ENGL 110	College Composition I	3
ENGL 120	College Composition II	3
One Course in Upper Level Writing. Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 320	Business and Professional Writing	
ENGL 324	Writing in the Sciences	
ENGL 358	Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences	
ENGL 459	Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3

#### Quantitative Reasoning (R):

STAT 330	Introductory Statistics	3
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<b>Science &amp; Technology (S):</b>		<b>10</b>
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A one-credit lab must be taken as a co-requisite with a general education science/technology course unless the course includes an embedded lab experience equivalent to a one-credit course. Select from current general education list.

<b>Humanities &amp; Fine Arts (A): Select from current general education list</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences (B):</b>	
ANTH 111 Introduction to Anthropology	3
SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology	3
<b>Wellness (W): Select from current general education list</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Cultural Diversity (D):</b>	
ANTH 111 Introduction to Anthropology	3
<b>Global Perspectives (G): Select from current general education list</b>	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>40</b>

## Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences College Requirements

An additional 9 credits are required by the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences for all Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degree programs of study, except the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, the Bachelor of Music degree, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree, and the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>AH&amp;SS College Requirements</b>		
Courses used to satisfy any general education requirement cannot be used to also count toward the AH&SS College Requirements. A minimum of three credits is required in each of the 3 following areas for a total of 9 credits. Choose only those courses with the prefixes listed for each area. A course with the WGS prefix can only be used in one area.		
<b>Area One: Humanities</b>		<b>3</b>
ARB, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, HUM, PHIL, RELS, SPAN, or WGS		
<b>Area Two: Social Sciences</b>		<b>3</b>
ANTH, CJ, COMM, EMGT, POLS, SOC, or WGS		
<b>Area Three: Fine Arts</b>		<b>3</b>
ARCH, ART, ENVD, LA, MUSC, or THEA		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

## Major Requirements

<b>General Education Requirements</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>AH&amp;SS College Requirement</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Sociology Core Requirements (includes ANTH 111, SOC 110, &amp; STAT 330)</b>	
SOC 340 Social Research Methods	3
SOC 341 Social Research Methods Laboratory	1
SOC 422 Development Of Social Theory	3
SOC 489 Senior Capstone In Sociology	1
<b>Core Perspective Courses</b>	<b>See areas listed below</b>
Students are REQUIRED to complete the anchor course from each area plus an additional 9 credits from any of the four areas.	
<b>Degree Requirements: Potential of 44 credit to reach 122</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>122</b>

### Core Perspective Courses

Completion of the anchor course from each area plus an additional 9 credits from any of the four areas is required to complete the core perspectives requirement.

#### Area One: Social Structure

SOC 233	Sociology of Organizations and Work (ANCHOR )	3
SOC 401	Sociology of Religion	3
SOC 404	Community Assessment	3
SOC 417	Sociology of the Family	3
SOC 426	Sociology of Medicine	3
SOC 427	Public Health Law and Policy for Non-urban, Rural and Frontier Areas	3

SOC 443	International Disasters	3
SOC 465	Applied Demographics	3

**Area Two: Social Inequality**

SOC 235	Cultural Diversity (ANCHOR)	3
SOC 410	Social Inequality	3
SOC 412	Sociology of Gender	3
SOC 424	Feminist Theory and Discourse	3
SOC 445	Special Populations in Disasters	3

**Area Three: Social Change**

SOC 115 or SOC 116	Social Problems (ANCHOR) <sup>Either course serves as the anchor</sup> Global Social Problems	3
SOC 403	Sociology of The Great Plains	3
SOC 405	Community Development	3
SOC 407	Deviant Behavior	3
SOC 431	Environmental Sociology	3
SOC 439	Social Change	3
SOC 440	Sociology of Aging	3

**Area Four: Social Interaction**

SOC 214	Social Interaction (ANCHOR)	3
SOC 416	Sociology Through Literature	3
SOC 418	Social Psychology	3
SOC 441	Death and Dying	3

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**Total Credits** 12

**Minor Requirements****Sociology Minor****Minor Requirements**

**Required Credits: 18**

**Core Courses**

ANTH 111	Introduction to Anthropology	3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	3

**Required Courses: Select two of the following:** 6

SOC 115 or SOC 116	Social Problems Global Social Problems	
SOC 214	Social Interaction	
SOC 233	Sociology of Organizations and Work	
SOC 235	Cultural Diversity	

**Major Electives: Select any two sociology courses at the 300-400 level** 6

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**Total Credits** 18

**Minor Requirements and Notes**

- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU.
- Emergency Management majors who wish to complete this minor must complete 9 unique Sociology credits (i.e. courses that were not completed for the major of EM).