

SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

The Sociology major introduces the student to classic and contemporary literature in the study of social interaction and provides a basis for a wide range of career options. Quantitative and qualitative research methods are used for analysis and provide foundation for graduate and professional training in sociology, social work, organizational management, and allied fields. Opportunities are given to practice critical thinking, oral and written communication skills, and applied experiences. Internships in the metropolitan Chicago area are strongly encouraged. An additional focus of the department is the development of biblical advocacy in the promotion of social justice and equity.

Requirements

Along with specific requirements for any major, all students in the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree programs must meet all general education (<https://catalog.wheaton.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-information/academic-requirements-general-education/>) and graduation requirements (<https://catalog.wheaton.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-information/academic-requirements-general-education/#text>) under a single catalog.

Requirements for a major in Sociology are at least 40 hours including:

Code	Title	Credits
Sociology Foundation		24
SOC 115	Introduction to Sociology	
SOC 376	Sociological Theory	
SOC 383	Statistics	
SOC 482	Social Research	
SOC 491	Thesis Research I	
SOC 493	Thesis Research II	
SOC 494	Senior Capstone	
Required Core Electives		
Select two of the following for at least 8 credits:		8
SOC 337	Racial and Ethnic Relations	
SOC 347	Gender & Society	
SOC 355	Social Class & Inequality	
Electives		8
A minimum of 8 credits, which must include at least one course in Anthropology and 4-6 hours of additional Sociology class(es) numbered 200 or above.		
Anthropology Elective (must have 1 class; 2 or 4 credits)		
SOC 228	Sociology of Sexuality	
SOC 238	Social Problems	
SOC 241	Social Psychology	
SOC 251	Culture, Media, and Society	
SOC 321	Sociology of Economic Life	
SOC 325	Violence in Minority Communities	
SOC 327	Violence Against Women	
SOC 341	Social & Political Movements	
SOC 356	The Family	
SOC 359	American Suburbanization	
SOC 364	Urban Sociology	
SOC 366	Sociology Of Religion	

SOC 367	Crime & Delinquency
SOC 371	Asians in America
SOC 373	Sociology of Education
SOC 385	Social Change in Latin America
SOC 399	Social Network Analysis: Theory and Methods
SOC 496	Internship in Sociology (if 8 credits, 1/2 counts toward major)

Social Work Emphasis

4 credits required courses, 4-8 credit internship, don't need to take required core electives	
SWEL 331	Introduction to Social Welfare
SWEL 332	Human Services Practice
SWEL 496	Social Work Internship

Total Credits **40**

In addition to these electives, the Sociology program occasionally offers experimental courses, which are listed in the course schedule.

All Sociology courses taken at the 200, 300, and 400 level that do not fulfill the Foundations, and Core Electives requirements will count toward meeting the 8 required hours of Electives.