

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

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 or CORE 348.		
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)
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CORE 348	AIS: Wheaton College as an Institution ¹
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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
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SWEL 332	Human Services Practice
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SWEL 496	Social Work Internship
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Total Credits	40
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¹ College policy states that students shall not be allowed to take more than one AIS course.

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 towards meeting the 8 required hours of Electives.