

SOCIOLOGY, BACHELOR OF ARTS (775)

Program Coordinator

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The program is designed to further awareness and understanding of social life including the social causes and consequences of human behavior in groups, organizations, societies, and various cultures. Completion provides a broad background for students pursuing a variety of careers by helping them develop valuable skills.

Program Requirements (32 hours)

A baccalaureate degree requires a minimum of 120 unduplicated semester hours. More information can be found at www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php. (https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php)

Students who began WKU in the Fall 2014 and thereafter should review the Colonnade requirements located at: <https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>. (<https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>)

The major in sociology requires a minimum of 32 credit hours and leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. At least half the total semester hours earned must be in upper-division courses (courses numbered 300-499). A minor, certificate, or second major is required.

Core Courses

The following courses are required for every sociology major:

Code	Title	Hours
A grade of C or better is required in SOCL 300, SOCL 302 and SOCL 304.		
SOCL 100	Introductory Sociology	3
SOCL 199	College & Careers in Criminology & Sociology	1
or CRIM 199	College & Careers in Criminology & Sociology	
SOCL 250	Systems of Social Inequality	3
SOCL 300	Social Statistics	3
SOCL 301	Social Statistics Lab	1
SOCL 302	Social Research Methods	3
SOCL 304	Sociological Theory: Perspectives on Society	3
Total Hours		17

Non-restricted electives must be chosen from the following courses. No more than two of the following courses may be used as electives for the Sociology major: Socl 309; Socl 359; Socl 389; Crim 330; Crim 332; Crim 361; Crim 370; Crim 380; Crim 432; Crim 434; Crim 446; Crim 448; Crim 451

Code	Title	Hours
15 credit hours selected from the following:		15
Electives:		

CRIM 330	Criminology	3
CRIM 332	Juvenile Delinquency	3
CRIM 361	Race, Class, and Crime	3
CRIM 370	Issues in Policing	3
CRIM 380	Punishment and Society	3
CRIM 432	Sociology of Criminal Law	3
CRIM 434	Organized Crime	3
CRIM 446	Gender, Crime, and Justice	3
CRIM 448	International Justice and Crime	3
CRIM 451	White-Collar Crime	3
SOCL 210	Interaction: Self in Society	3
SOCL 220	Marriage and Family	3
SOCL 240	Global Social Problems	3
SOCL 245	Sociology of Popular Culture	3
SOCL 260	Race and Ethnic Relations	3
SOCL 309	Social Deviance	3
SOCL 310	Behavior in Small Groups	3
SOCL 312	Collective Behavior and Social Movements	3
SOCL 315	Public Problem Solving	3
SOCL 322	Religion in Society	3
SOCL 324	Sociology of Sport	3
SOCL 342	Aging in Society	3
SOCL 345	The Sociology of Popular Music	3
SOCL 346	Special Topics	3
SOCL 352	Technology, Work and Society	3
SOCL 355	Sociology of Gender	3
SOCL 359	Sexuality and Society	3
SOCL 360	The Community in Rural and Urban Settings	3
SOCL 362	Social Institutions: Race, Class, and Gender	3
SOCL 363	Population, Society, and Development	3
SOCL 375	Diversity in American Society	3
SOCL 376	Sociology of Globalization	3
SOCL 389	Stigma and Society	3
SOCL 402	Evaluation Research Tech	3
SOCL 404	Qualitative Research Methods	3
SOCL 408	Survey Applications	3
SOCL 410	Socialization: Changes Through Life	3
SOCL 435	Family Violence	3
SOCL 440	Sociology of Health and Illness	3
SOCL 442	Sociology Research Project	3
SOCL 450	Occupations and Professions	3
SOCL 452	Social Change	3
SOCL 455	Theory and Practice of Community Development	3
SOCL 466	Gender, Family, and Society	3
SOCL 470	Environmental Sociology	3
SOCL 480	Sociology of Agri-Food Systems	3
SOCL 489	Sociology Study Abroad	1-6
SOCL 494	Internship in Sociology	1-6

SOCL 495	Directed Study	1-3
SOCL 496	Directed Study	1-3
CSJ 200	Introduction to Social Justice	3

Not more than 3 hours earned in SOCL 495 / SOCL 496 "Directed Study" in Sociology may be counted toward the first 32 hours required for the major.

Finish in Four Plans

General

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 100		3 ENG 200	3
SOCL 100		3 SOCL 250	3
SOCL 199 or CRIM 199		1 SOCL 304	3
MATH 183 (or other Colonnade math)		3 General Elective	3
Colonnade: Arts & Humanities		3 Colonnade: Natural & Physical Science with Lab	3
General Elective--consider CSJ 200		3	
	16		15

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
SOCL 302		3 SOCL 300	3
SOCL Elective		3 SOCL 301 ^{Should be taken the same semester as SOCL 300}	1
HIST 101 or HIST 102		3 Sociology Elective	3
COMM 145		3 Colonnade: Connections ¹	3
Colonnade: Natural & Physical Science		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
		General Elective	3
	15		16

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 300		3 Any Sociology Elective	3
Colonnade: Connections ²		3 Any Sociology Elective	3
Any Sociology Elective		3 Colonnade: Connections ³	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 General Elective	3
	15		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Any 300-400 level SOCL Elective		3 General Elective	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 Any 300-400 level SOCL Elective (suggested SOCL 494)	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
	15		15

Total Hours 122