

III. SOCIOLOGY

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Guidelines for Mathematical Sciences Courses

There is no specific math course required for Sociology majors. We recommend students enroll in MATH 101, MATH 102, MATH 107, or CIS 171 in their first year, unless you have had a pre-calculus course; then you should consider STAT 269 (usually taken in the second or third year). Statistical literacy is important in this field, and STAT 269 is a course that gives a good introduction to statistical methods and meets the QuEST requirement. Students who have a weak background in Algebra should consider taking MATH 101 or MATH 102 in their first year in preparation for STAT 269.

Students with Advanced Placement credit:

Requirements for courses in mathematical sciences can be met through Advanced Placement exam credit. Students who have taken AP exams in calculus, computer science, or statistics should go to the math department’s website (www.messiah.edu/departments/mathsci/courses/ap_credit.html) to find out how credit is awarded for your scores.

8 semester plan

Sociology (B.A.)

| Course # | Course name | Credits | Course # | Course name | Credits |
|--------------------------|--|--------------|----------------------------|--|--------------|
| First Year - Fall | | | First Year – Spring | | |
| COMM 105 | Oral Communication* | 3 | varies | 2 nd language* (1 st or 2 nd yr) | 3 |
| IDFY 101 | First Year Seminar* | 3 | IDCR 151 | Created and Called for Community* | 3 |
| varies | 1 st language* | 3 | varies | Laboratory Science* (1 st year) | 3-4 |
| MATH/CIS/STAT | Mathematical Sciences* (1 st year) | 3-4 | PHIL/RELI xxx | Philosophy/Religion* (1 st or 2 nd yr) | 3 |
| SOCI 101 OR SOCI 212 | Principles of Sociology (Fall or Spring) Cultural Anthropology (Fall or Spring) | 3 | SOCI 101 OR SOCI 212 | Principles of Sociology (Fall or Spring) Cultural Anthropology (Fall or Spring) | 3 |
| TOTAL | | 15-16 | TOTAL | | 15-16 |
| Sophomore –Fall | | | Sophomore – Spring | | |
| varies | 3 rd lang or Cross Cultural* (2 nd or 3 rd yr) | 3 | varies | Arts* (1 st or 2 nd yr) | 3 |
| HIST xxx | History* (1 st or 2 nd yr) | 3 | BIBL 20x | Knowledge of the Bible* (1 st or 2 nd yr) | 3 |
| WELL xxx | Wellness* (1 st or 2 nd year) | 1 | SOCI 281 | Qualitative Research Methods** | 3 |
| SOCI 271 | Quantitative Research Methods & Stats** | 3 | SOCI 335 | Social Conflict, Justice & Peacemaking** | 3 |
| SOCI 331 | Sociocultural Theory | 3 | Varies | Free elective or minor | 3 |
| Varies | Free elective or minor | 3 | | | |
| TOTAL | | 16 | TOTAL | | 15 |
| Junior – Fall | | | Junior – Spring | | |
| ENGL xxx | Literature* (1 st or 2 nd yr) | 3 | THEO 2xx | Christian Beliefs* (2 nd or 3 rd year) | 3 |
| SOCI 356 | Social Inequality*** | 3 | IDST xxx | Science, Tech & World * (3 rd or 4 th yr) | 3 |
| Varies | Concentration elective | 3 | Varies | Concentration elective | 3 |
| Varies | Free elective or minor | 3 | Varies | Concentration elective | 3 |
| Varies | Free elective or minor | 3 | Varies | Free elective or minor | 3 |
| TOTAL | | 15 | Varies | Free elective or minor | 3 |
| TOTAL | | 15 | TOTAL | | 18 |
| Senior – Fall | | | Senior – Spring | | |
| SOCI 442 | Senior Thesis | 3 | Varies | Concentration elective | 3 |
| Varies | Concentration elective | 3 | INTE 391 | Internship | 3 |
| Varies | Concentration elective | 3 | Varies | Concentration elective | 3 |
| Varies | Free elective or minor | 3 | Varies | Free elective or minor | 3 |
| Varies | Free elective or minor | 3 | Varies | Free elective or minor | 3 |
| TOTAL | | 15 | TOTAL | | 15 |

* QuEST requirement

Sustainability Studies (Community Development) (B.A.) 8-semester Plan

| Course # | Course name | Credits | Course # | Course name | Credits |
|--------------------------|---|--------------|----------------------------|--|--------------|
| First Year – Fall | | | First Year – Spring | | |
| COMM 105 | Oral Communication* | 3 | IDCR 151 | Created and Called for Community* | 3 |
| IDFY 101 | First Year Seminar* | 3 | varies | 2 nd Language* | 3 |
| PHIL 10x | Philosophy/Religion* | 3 | STAT 269 | Statistics or Quest mathematics | 3-4 |
| SUST 140 | Ecology & Sustainability** (meets lab sci) | 3 | SOCI 212 | Cultural Anthropology (meets NW) | 3 |
| varies | 1 st Language course* | 3 | HIST 1xx | History* | 3 |
| | | TOTAL | | | TOTAL |
| | | 15 | | | 15-16 |
| Sophomore – Fall | | | Sophomore – Spring | | |
| varies | 3 rd Language or Cross-Cultural | 3 | varies | Art/Music/Theatre* | 3 |
| BIBL 20x | Knowledge of the Bible* | 3 | WELL 1xx | Wellness Course | 1 |
| Varies | Major elective (ECON 117, POLI 113, BIOL 274, SOCI 315 or STAT 269) | 3 | GIS 245 | Intro to Geog Infor System (alt year) or Major elective (ECON 117, POLI 113, BIOL 274, SOCI 315 or STAT 269) | 3 |
| ENVS 216 | Environmental Issues (meets STW) | 3 | Varies | Concentration elective | 3 |
| varies | Research Methods course | 3 | ENGL 1xx | Literature* (suggested: 174) | 3 |
| | | | Varies | Minor or free elective | 2-3 |
| | | TOTAL | | | TOTAL |
| | | 15 | | | 15-16 |
| Junior – Fall | | | Junior – Spring | | |
| ENVS 315 | Environmental Ethics (meets Ethics) | 3 | SOCI 310 | Food, Power and Society (meets social sci) | 3 |
| Varies | Concentration elective | 3 | Varies | Concentration elective | 3 |
| Varies | Concentration elective | 3 | GIS 245 | Intro to Geo Info System (alt year) or major elective (ECON 117, POLI 113, BIOL 274, SOCI 315 or STAT 269) | 3 |
| Varies | Concentration elective | 3 | | | |
| THEO/RELI | Christian Beliefs | 3 | | | |
| varies | Minor or free elective | 3 | Varies | Concentration elective | 3 |
| | | | varies | Minor or free elective | 3 |
| | | TOTAL | | | TOTAL |
| | | 18 | | | 15 |
| Senior – Fall | | | Senior – Spring | | |
| varies | Minor or free elective or study abroad | 3 | SUST 495 | Capstone Sustainability | 3 |
| varies | Minor or free elective or study abroad | 3 | INTE 391 | Internship | 3 |
| varies | Minor or free elective or study abroad | 3 | varies | Minor or free elective | 3 |
| varies | Minor or free elective or study abroad | 3 | varies | Minor or free elective | 3 |
| varies | Minor or free elective or study abroad | 3 | varies | Minor or free elective | 3 |
| | | TOTAL | | | TOTAL |
| | | 15 | | | 15 |

*QuEST requirement

ECON 117 and GIS 245 alternate years but BOTH occur in the same spring).

This does not include your AuSable Institute options of BIOL\AGRIC\GEOG 303- Tropical Agriculture which meets in May term in Costa Rica or BIOL\AGRIC\GEOG 343 International Development and Environmental Sustainability which meets in Washington State mid-July through Mid August. Financial Aid deadlines for these courses are 12/15 of the winter before, 2/15 and 3/15 of the course year.