

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.