

Sonoma State University

ABOUT THE SOCIOLOGY MINOR

What is Sociology?

Sociological research attempts to improve the human condition within the context of a strong tradition of social justice and human equality. Society shapes attitudes, goals, hopes and aspirations, and personal preferences. Society affects individuals, groups, and entire nations. Yet at the same time that society is shaping the individual, the individual is shaping society. In order to understand oneself and others, to understand the world, to understand the future, one has to understand society. Sociology is the discipline that studies groups and societies—what they are, how they got that way, and what impact they have.

Sociology Minor Requirements

SOCI 201 Introduction to Sociology (3 units)

Upper-division courses in sociology chosen in consultation with an advisor (17 units)

TOTAL of 20 units required for the minor

Why Minor in Sociology?

Sociology provides an excellent preparation for a wide range of careers. Many employers seek college graduates with a breadth of training and a minor provides evidence of focused study completed in addition to a major. Sociology majors and minors are employed in national, state, and local government (including research, public administration, personnel, and planning), in human services and social advocacy (including alcohol and drug rehabilitation, health agency administration, counseling, recreation, senior services, social welfare, vocational, and rehabilitation counseling); and in business (including organizational management, human relations, union organization, industrial relations, communication consulting, public relations, and marketing).

Sociology constitutes valuable course work in preparation for graduate study in law, business, and a variety of human services professions, as well as doctoral programs in sociology and related academic fields. Before graduation, sociology majors can establish internships that lead to valuable professional contacts and provide practical experience in pursuing these and additional career paths.

Should I Double Major in Sociology?

A double major in Sociology is an advantageous career choice and with planning is achievable within four years. A major in Sociology requires 40 units. GE courses in Sociology can “double count” toward the major and GE. Students pursuing a double major must declare their majors in both departments and are advised separately for each major.

How Do I Learn More about the Sociology Minor or Major?

Go to www.sonoma.edu/sociology/ for information about the current class schedule, course descriptions, faculty advisor office hours, and more. Contact a faculty advisor for an appointment or drop by during regular office hours. Faculty advisor contact information: www.sonoma.edu/sociology/advising/advisor.html

The Sociology Department is located in 2084 Stevenson Hall (707.664.2561).

**SOCIOLOGY MINOR REQUIREMENTS
ADVISING WORKSHEET**

NAME: _____

Course	Units	Semester and Year Taken	Grade
<i>Sociology 201</i>	3		
<i>Upper Division Sociology Elective:</i>			
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Contract Courses: Students may take up to eight units of Soci 499 (*Internship*), but only four units will count toward the minor. Only four combined units of Soci 490 (*Teaching Assistant*), 493 (*Research Assistant*), and 495 (*Special Studies*) will count toward the minor, but there is no limit on the total number of these units that may be taken.

General Education: Sociology GE courses may be used to meet both Sociology requirements and GE requirements at the same time.

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES IN SOCIOLOGY

SOCI 201 – Introduction to Sociology	D1
SOCI 305 – Perspectives on the Holocaust and Genocide	D5
SOCI 317 – Emotions and Adult Life	E
SOCI 319 – Aging and Society	D1
SOCI 326 – Social Psychology	D1
SOCI 375 – Classical Sociological Theory	D1
SOCI 431 – Sociology of Religion	C2

Additional Advising Notes: