

SOCIOLOGY (BA)

Program Description

Majoring in Sociology allows you to do a systematic study of societies, groups, and human interaction. SPU sociology graduates have obtained graduate degrees in sociology, law, social work, public health, and public policy. Many of our graduates do applied research, work in social services and for non-profit organizations, as well as working in human resources.

The Department of Sociology's goals for students are to:

- Develop a sociological imagination to critically apply sociological perspectives to social institutions and problems.
- Learn the skills of research design, data collection, and data analysis.
- Explore the interrelationship between Christian faith and sociology to critically and faithfully apply sociological knowledge in their work, communities, and spiritual lives.

Entering and Completing the Major

In order to earn a degree, you must complete at least one academic major. SPU encourages students to explore various academic paths, so if you change your mind about a major, or want to include an additional program, you are able to do so, as outlined below.

Note that the University encourages you to enter your chosen major(s) as soon as you have determined it and are eligible to join it, especially by the start of your junior year. Students who transfer as juniors and seniors should enter a major within their first two quarters at SPU.

- If this is your first quarter at SPU and you identified a major in this department as your first choice on your application for admission to the University, you have gained entry to the major. To change or add a major, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/a3th1keb/>).
- If you are an SPU student with an SPU cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/a3th1keb/>) to enter a major in this department.
- The University requires a grade of C- or better in all classes that apply to a major; however, programs may require higher minimum grades in specific courses. You may repeat an SPU course only once for a higher grade.
- To advance in this program, meet with your faculty advisor regularly to discuss your grades, course progression, and other indicators of satisfactory academic progress. If your grades or other factors indicate that you may not be able to successfully complete the major or minor, your faculty advisor can work with you to explore options, which may include choosing a different major.
- You must complete the major requirements that are in effect in the SPU Undergraduate Catalog for the year you enter the major.

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53 Credits Minimum, Including 25 Upper Division (UD)

Code	Title	Credits
Required Core Courses		
SOC 1110	Introduction to Sociology	5
SOC 2360	Introduction to Statistics in Social and Behavioral Sciences	5
SOC 4702	Classical Sociological Theory	5

SOC 4751	Sociological Research Methods	5
SOC 4899	Sociology Capstone Seminar	3
Section Credits Required		23
Electives		
Select 30 credits of the following, including 12 UD:		30
ANT 2250	Cultural Anthropology	
SOC 2000	Sociology of Gender	
SOC 2252	Marriage and the Family	
SOC 2351	Living on the Margins: Cities in the Global South	
SOC 2510	Criminology	
SOC 3105	Introduction to Community Development	
SOC 3215	Social Inequality: Power and Privilege	
SOC 3370	Sociology of Deviance	
SOC 3440	Small Group Dynamics	
SOC 3650	Border Crossings: Immigrants, Refugees Dreamers	
SOC 3750	Latin America	
SOC 3862	Race and Ethnicity	
SOC 4210	Gender in the Global Context	
SOC 4252	Sociology of Family	
SOC 4440	Social Psychology	
SOC 4620	Sects, Cults, and Violence	
SOC 4820	Sociology of Religion	
SOC 4870	Advanced Research	
SOC 4910	Seminar	
Section Credits Required		30
Total Credits		53

Suggested Course Sequence Four Year Plan

Course	Title	Credits
Freshman		
Autumn		
UCOL 1000	University Colloquium	1
WRI 1000	Academic Inquiry and Writing Seminar	5
Exploratory		5
SOC 1110	Introduction to Sociology	5
Credits		16
Winter		
WRI 1100	Disciplinary Research and Writing Seminar	5
WRI 1000	Academic Inquiry and Writing Seminar (if not taken in Autumn)	5
Exploratory		5+
SOC 1110	Introduction to Sociology (if not taken in Autumn)	5
Credits		15-20
Spring		
Common		5
WRI 1100	Disciplinary Research and Writing Seminar (if not taken in Autumn)	5
Exploratory		5+
Credits		10-15
Any Quarter		
SOC Elective		
Credits		0

Sophomore		
Autumn		
Select 15 credits		15

SOC 1110	Introduction to Sociology (if not taken freshman year)	5
Credits		20
Winter		
Select 10 credits		
SOC 1110	Introduction to Sociology (if not yet taken)	5
SOC 2360	Introduction to Statistics in Social and Behavioral Sciences	5
Credits		10
Spring		
Select 15 credits		
SOC 2360	Introduction to Statistics in Social and Behavioral Sciences (if not taken winter quarter)	5
Credits		20
Any Quarter		
UFDN 2000	Christian Scripture	5
UCOR 2000	The Emergence of the Modern Global System	5
15+ credits Exploratory		15
SOC Electives		
Credits		25
Junior		
Autumn		
SOC electives		5
Select 10 Credits		10
Credits		15
Winter		
SOC electives		5
Select 10 Credits		10
Credits		15
Spring		
SOC 4702	Classical Sociological Theory	5
SOC electives		5
Select 5 Credits		5
Credits		15
Any Quarter		
UFDN 3100	Christian Theology	5
UCOR 3000	Faith, Philosophy, and Science	5
any remaining Exploratory credits		
Credits		10
Senior		
Autumn		
SOC 4751	Sociological Research Methods	5
SOC Elective		5
Select 5 Credits		
Credits		10
Winter		
SOC 4899	Sociology Capstone Seminar	3
SOC Elective		5
Select 10 credits		10
Credits		18
Spring		
SOC Elective		5
Select 10 Credits		10
SOC 4702	Classical Sociological Theory (if not taken junior year)	5
Credits		20
Any Quarter		
Any remaining SOC elective credits		
Credits		0
Total Credits		219-229

Freshman Notes

- If you have not satisfied the Foreign Language Requirement, complete this for your Exploratory Coursework
- SOC 1110 Introduction to Sociology (5) should be taken freshman year.

Sophomore Notes

- SOC 1110 Introduction to Sociology (5) should be taken if not taken in freshman year.
- SOC 2360 Introduction to Statistics in Social and Behavioral Sciences (5) should be taken sophomore year.

Junior Notes

- Junior year should focus on SOC Electives

Senior Notes

- SOC 4751 Sociological Research Methods (5) should be taken autumn quarter of senior year.
- SOC 4899 Sociology Capstone Seminar (3) should be taken winter quarter of senior year.
- SOC 4702 Classical Sociological Theory (5) should be taken spring of senior year if not completed in the junior year.
- Any remaining elective credits should be taken to complete the 30 total elective and upper-division credits required for the major.