Frequently Asked Questions for Sociology Majors
California State University, Sacramento

How many sociology courses that I took at community college can I count toward the 43 units in the sociology major?
Two courses (6 units). Introductory sociology and one other sociology course.

Do sociology courses count for GE?
Nine units of sociology courses may be counted toward General Education requirements (i.e. be counted for both).

What do I have to do to graduate?
Three things: complete 120 units, complete the requirements for the major, and complete the General Education requirements.

The lower division sociology course I took at community college isn't offered at Sacramento State--does it count here?
Yes; we look for an Introductory course and “one other” lower division sociology course.

Is the statistics class I took at community college (or other CSU) equivalent to soc 101?
In most cases, No. If the course was in the Sociology department, then possibly, but you need to check with the CSUS Sociology department.

If I take more than one course in the advanced study (core elective) category, can the extra(s) be counted as electives under category C?
Yes.

Are sociology courses offered during intersession and summer session? If so, which ones?
Yes. Courses offered are primarily category C electives. Lab courses (101, 102A, 102B) are not offered, and other core courses (125, 150, 192) are rarely offered.

Can 102A be taken at the same time as 101 (or 102B at the same time as 102A)?
No, they must be taken in sequence—101, then 102A, then 102B.
Do I have to take a course from each group in category C?
   No, five courses from the whole list is what we want.

Can I take classes in other departments as part of my 43 unit sociology major?
   Generally no, but check with your sociology advisor.

Do I need to have a concentration?
   No.

If I choose to declare a concentration, will it show on my graduation diploma?
   No.

Does sociology have writing intensive classes?
   Yes, Sociology 168 (Self and Society), and Sociology 176 (Labor Studies).
   You must pass the WPE first.

What is my catalog year?
   Generally speaking, you have a choice of using the catalog for the year that you entered college (2 year or 4 year), the year that you transferred to CSU, or the year you graduate.

Are there prerequisites for any sociology courses aside from 101 for 102A and 102A for 102B?
   It is generally assumed that Introductory sociology will be completed before any upper division courses (100 level) are taken.

I love 195 and 199 courses—how many units can I take for my sociology major?
   Three units may be counted toward the major. More can be counted toward the 120 needed for graduation but not for the major.

Do I have to take 195 and/or 199?
   No.

Do I need a minor?
   No.