

BA IN SOCIOLOGY



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Program Snapshot**Type of Program:**

Major

Program Change Type:

Non-Substantive

Title of the Program:

BA in Sociology

Designation: (degree terminology)

Bachelor of Arts

Delivery Mode:

Fully Face to Face

Support Mode:

State Support

Please see the CSU/CIP Code Crosswalk: https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/administration/academic-affairs/academic-programs-innovation-and-faculty-development/Documents/CSU_Codes_to_CIP_2020.pdf

TMC Templates: <https://c-idsystem.org/transfer-efforts/>

Will this program require accreditation?

No

Provide a clear, concise overview of the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification. For NEW programs describe the purpose and focus of the program, identify the target student population(s), and highlight key strengths and distinguishing features of the program.

We are removing the separate lab components for SOC 101 and SOC 102, reducing the units for each from 4 to 3. We are also eliminating the sequencing of 101 and 102, so that students can take either class first or both at the same time. These changes will speed students time to graduation and will make it more likely that students will take these classes earlier. This will give them the tools they need to take advantage of research opportunities. We are also removing SOC 191, a one unit class, from the required core courses. The material covered in SOC 191 was found to overlap with the material presented in SOC 2, so it is not necessary. The 3 units that are released by these changes will add to the major upper division elective units, increasing them from 18 to 21 units.

University Learning Goals**Undergraduate Learning Goals:**

Competence in the disciplines
 Knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world
 Intellectual and practical skills
 Personal and social responsibility
 Integrative learning

Will this program be required as part of a teaching credential program, a single subject, or multiple subject waiver program (e.g., Liberal Studies, Biology) or other school personnel preparation program (e.g., School of Nursing)?

No

Curriculum Alignment and Assessment**Program Learning Outcomes**

Provide measurable, program-specific learning outcomes that reflect the most important competencies students will demonstrate upon completion of the program. Programs are expected to assess and use PLOs for continuous improvement.

Program Learning Outcomes**Learning Outcome**

1. Identify key concepts and ideas in the discipline of sociology and describe its breadth of knowledge in the field in contributing to our understanding of social reality.
2. Apply critical thinking skills to the analysis of social problems
3. Communicate effectively in written and oral format with persons whom they encounter in their work, civil obligation and personal life.
4. Apply intercultural knowledge and competence about cultures locally, the United States, and globally.
5. Analyze a social experience or solve a social problem through a sociological lens.

Learning Outcomes Display

Course Code	PLO 1	PLO 2	PLO 3	PLO 4	PLO 5
SOC 1					
SOC 2					
SOC 3					
SOC 5					
SOC 8					
SOC 10					
SOC 101					
SOC 102					
SOC 125					
SOC 150					
SOC 192					
SOC 101X					
SOC 103					
SOC 122					
SOC 130					
SOC 133					
SOC 138					
SOC 140					
SOC 155					
SOC 166					
SOC 171					
SOC 156					
SOC 157					
SOC 158					
SOC 159					
SOC 118					
SOC 120					

SOC 123					
SOC 124					
SOC 126					
SOC 127					
SOC 160					
SOC 162					
SOC 128					
SOC 134					
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SOC 146					
SOC 168					
SOC 170					
SOC 190					
SOC 106					
SOC 110					
SOC 129					
SOC 136					
SOC 139					
SOC 137					
SOC 144					
SOC 163					
SOC 164					
SOC 169					
SOC 175					
SOC 176					
SOC 193A					
SOC 193B					
SOC 194					
SOC 195					
SOC 198					
SOC 199					

Catalog Description (catalog copy):

Units required for Major: 43

Total units required for BA: 120

Program Description

The sociology major and minor have few specific requirements, allowing the student flexibility in selecting courses in the various subject areas covered in the program. The areas covered are:

1. social theory and methods of inquiry;
2. elective topics such as family, immigration, education, politics, religion, sport and environment, social justice, crime and deviance, diversity and inequality, socialization and interaction, globalization, demography and social change.

Admission and Continuation Requirements (catalog copy): minimum GPA and prerequisites (if applicable), required coursework or preparation, portfolio, test scores, and/or letters of recommendation. For graduate programs: expectations for a relevant bachelor's degree (required or preferred disciplines, prerequisite knowledge, or equivalent experience), include evidence that program requirements conform to the minimum requirements for the culminating experience, as specified in Title 5 Section 40510 The Master's Degree and Section 40511 The Doctoral Degree.

Program Requirements (catalog copy):

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Lower Division Courses (7 Units)		
SOC 1	Principles of Sociology	3
SOC 2	You, Sociology and the University ^{2, 4, 5}	1
Select one of the following:		3
SOC 3	Social Problems	
SOC 5	Exploring Issues Facing Contemporary Families	
SOC 8	Sense and Nonsense in Social Issues and Research	
SOC 10	Issues in Crime and Social Control	
Required Upper Division Core Courses (37 Units)		
SOC 101	Introduction to Statistics for Sociologists	3
SOC 102	Research Methods in Sociology	3
SOC 125	Social Inequalities	3
SOC 150	Social Psychology	3
SOC 192	Sociological Theory	3
Upper Division Elective Courses (21 units) ⁶		21
SOC 101X	Collaborative Practice for SOC 101	1
SOC 103	Advanced Sociological Analysis	
SOC 122	Immigration Studies	
SOC 130	Political Sociology	
SOC 133	Sport in a Global Perspective  ¹	
SOC/ENVS 138	Environmental Sociology	
SOC 140	Sociology of Education	
SOC 155	Criminology ¹	
SOC 166	The Family	
SOC 171	Sociology of Religion	
SOC 156	Delinquency ¹	
SOC 157	Issues in Courts and Prisons	
SOC 158	Sociology of Deviance	
SOC 159	Sociology of Law	
SOC 118	Chicano Community  ¹	
SOC 120	Ethnic and Race Relations  ¹	
SOC 123	Black Studies in Sociology	
SOC/ID 124	Social Justice in Interdisciplinary Perspective	
SOC 126	Sociology of Gender ¹	
SOC 127	Men, Masculinity and Society	
SOC 160	Asian Societies ¹	
SOC 162	Middle Eastern Societies and Culture ¹	
SOC 128	Sociology Of Sexuality	
SOC 134	Sociology of Film	
SOC 135	Sociology of Popular Culture ¹	
SOC 146	Sociology of Aging	
SOC 168	Self and Society  ¹	
SOC 170	Sociology of Children and Adolescents	
SOC 190	Sociology of Small Groups	

SOC 106	Births, Deaths and Borders ¹
SOC 110	Urban Life and Problems
SOC 129	Social Change and Migration in Latin America (New course in workflow)
SOC 136	Social Movements
SOC 139	Animals in Society
SOC 137	Sociology of Science
SOC 144	Sociology of Health and Illness
SOC 163	Conflict, Oil and Development in the Middle East ¹
SOC 164	Sociology of Globalization ¹
SOC 169	Changing American Family
SOC 175	Work and Occupations
SOC 176/LBRS 100	Labor and the American Social Structure  ¹
SOC 193A	Mentoring in Sociology
SOC 193B	Peer Mentoring in Sociology
SOC 194	Special Topics in Sociology
SOC 195	Internship and Fieldwork
SOC 198	Linking Statistics Education and Practice
SOC 199	Individual Study Projects

Total Units**44**

Note: SOC 195 SOC 198, or SOC 199 can each be taken for 1-3 units of credit. A maximum of 3 total units in SOC 195, SOC 198, and/or SOC 199 may be counted toward the major as upper division units. Students may take up to 3 units of upper division courses outside the department in consultation with their undergraduate advisor.

- ¹ Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.
- ² Course is required to be taken during first year as a Sociology major.
- ³ Course should be taken during last year as a Sociology major.
- ⁴ Soc 2 and Soc 191 should not be taken during the same semester.
- ⁵ Soc 2 is a lower division course specific to Sac State and cannot be transferred over.
- ⁶ Upper division electives are categorized but students can take any of the courses listed below.
- ⁷ Requirement satisfied by pre-major

General Education Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Area 1: English Communication (9 Units)		
1A - English Composition		3
1B - Critical Thinking		3
1C - Oral Communication		3
Area 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning (3 Units)		
Area 2 Course - Lower Division		3
Area 3: The Arts and Humanities (6 Units)		
3A - Arts		3
3B - Humanities		3
Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 Units)		
Area 4 Course -Lower Division		3
Area 4 Course - Lower Division		3
Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences (7 Units)		
5A - Physical Science		3
5B - Biological Science		3
5C - Laboratory		1
Area 6: Ethnic Studies (3 Units)		
Area 6 Course		3
Upper Division Courses: (9 Units)		
Area 3 Course - Upper Division		3
Area 4 Course - Upper Division		3
Area 2 OR Area 5 Course - Upper Division		3
Total Units		43

¹ To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<https://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).

Note: There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email (advising@csus.edu).

² Department recommends SOC 8 in the Pre-Major Requirements to meet Area A3.

³ Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

Graduation Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (9 Units)		
American Institutions: U.S. History		3
American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government		3
Writing Intensive (WI) ²		3
Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (12 Units)		
English Composition II		3
Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE)		3
Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement ³		6

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² Department recommends SOC Elective that meets the WI Graduation Requirement; see Program Requirements table above.

Note: SOC courses that meet the WI Graduation Requirement are displayed with a pencil icon.

³ If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html> (<https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html>)

Fiscal Impact to Change an Existing Program

Indicate programmatic or fiscal impact which this change will have on other academic units' programs, and describe the consultation that has occurred with affected units:

none

Provide a fiscal analysis of the proposed changes:

none

How will the above changes be accommodated within the department/College existing fiscal resources?

no impact

Will the proposed changes require additional resources?

No

What additional space, equipment, operating expenses, library, computer, or media resources, clerical/technical support, or other resources will be needed?

none

Estimate the cost and indicate how these resource needs will be accommodated:

none

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