

SOCIOLOGY, BA

Sociology is the systematic study of human behavior or society, particularly its development, organization, and institutions. As a social science, it uses various empirical methods of inquiry to investigate and analyze social order, conflict, and change.

Many sociologists conduct research aimed at directly influencing social policy or at refining and applying the current body of sociological theory to empower community activists, working for justice. Subjects studied range from the micro level of individual behavior and agency to interaction between social groups both large and small to the macro level of social structures. Training in sociology is valued as preparation for graduate work in many professions, as well as careers in nonprofits, state and local government, and business.

The curriculum in Sociology has been designed to develop a comprehensive understanding of human society and to provide enough flexibility for students to pursue areas of individual career or personal interest.

Students may seek a bachelor's or master's degree in Sociology or may pursue the Accelerated BA/MA at Roosevelt University.

Requirements

Sociology majors must complete at least 33 credit hours of work in the discipline. Transfer students must take a minimum of five courses (15 credit hours) in Sociology at Roosevelt University, including at least 12 credit hours at the 300 level. All majors must complete the core courses listed below.

Minimum grade of C- in the major, with an overall GPA of 2.0

CORE

SOC 101	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	3
Select One of the Following		3
SOC 210	CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES	
SOC 211	CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL ISSUES	
SOC 212	CONTEMPORARY URBAN ISSUES	
SOC 290	THE RESEARCH PROCESS	3
SOC 303	THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIOLOGY	3
ELECTIVES		
Select up to three courses at the 200 level ¹		0-9
SOC 214	SUMMER IN THE CITY	
SOC 215	THE FAMILY	
SOC 223	SPORTS AND SOCIETY	
SOC 224	THE SOCIOLOGY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN SOCIETY	
SOC 225	MCDONALDIZATION OF SOCIETY	
SOC 230	SOCIAL DEVIANCE	
SOC 241	CROSS-CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
SOC 260	SOCIETY AND THE INDIVIDUAL	
Select at least four courses at the 300 level		12-21
SOC 317	RACE & THE CITY	
SOC 318	SOCIAL CHANGE	
SOC 320	THE SOCIOLOGY OF INEQUALITY	
SOC 324	BLACK & WHITE RACIAL IDENTITY	

SOC 326	RACE, GENDER & THE MASS MEDIA
SOC 327	RACE & ETHNIC RELATIONS
SOC 329	WHITENESS IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY
SOC 331	CRIMINOLOGY
SOC 339	SOCIOLOGY OF DEATH, DYING & LOSS
SOC 341	GLOBAL CHICAGO
SOC 342	GLOBAL RACE
SOC 351	PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX
SOC 346	COMMUNITY ORGANIZING
SOC 354	GENDER, POWER, & THE BODY
SOC 356	SOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

Electives

General Education, University Writing Requirement, and Electives

Courses to total 120	87
Total Credit Hours	120

¹ Must be 300 level, chosen with an advisor, that specifically addresses social inequality

For further details about programs and courses in Sociology or to set up an appointment to discuss the program, please contact the Chair of Sociology, at (312)341-3671.

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Academic Communities of Practice		
ACP 101	FIRST YEAR SEMINAR ¹	3
ACP 110	PRIMARY TEXTS	3
ACP 250	FOUNDATIONS FOR CHANGE	3
English Composition ²		
ENG 101	COMPOSITION I: CRITICAL READING & WRITING	3
ENG 102	COMPOSITION II: INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMIC RESEARCH	3
Humanities		
Select 9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Art History, English (excluding ENG 101 and ENG 102), History, Languages, Music, Philosophy, Theatre, Speech and Women's and Gender Studies		9
Mathematics		
MATH 110	QUANTITATIVE LITERACY (or above) ³	3
Non-Western requirement		
Non-Western course (can be used for Humanities or Social Sciences general education requirements)		3
RU mission-related course ²		
LIBS 201	WRITING SOCIAL JUSTICE	3
Science		
One biological science and one physical science required (at least one must be a four-hour lab (not applicable for science majors))		7-8
Social Sciences		

Select 9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Anthropology, Economics, History, Journalism, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies

Total Credit Hours 49-50

- ¹ Required for students who enter RU with fewer than 12 credit hours
- ² Minimum grade of C- required
- ³ Math, Computer Science & Technology, and Science majors have different requirements—see advisor

These quantitative requirements also apply to degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences:

- Students may apply no more than 60 credit hours of 100-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must apply no fewer than 60 credit hours of 200- and 300-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must have at least 18 credit hours (of the 60 credit hours above) at the 300 level.
- Students may transfer in no more than 66 credit hours from community colleges.
- Students must take their final 30 hours at Roosevelt University. Note that some majors have additional requirements for RU hours.
- Students must have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher to graduate. Note that some majors have additional GPA requirements.
- Students must have a minimum of 90 hours in Arts and Sciences.
- Students may apply no more than 51 hours in the major (BA) or 57 hours in the major (BS)

Your degree map is a general guide suggesting courses to complete each term on the academic pathway to your degree. It is based on the most current scheduling information from your academic program. Your program's degree map is reviewed annually and updated as schedules change (although you retain the same course requirements as long as you are continuously enrolled in your degree program).

Always work closely with your academic advisor to understand curriculum requirements and scheduling, as each student's academic plan can look slightly different.

Year 1

Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours
ACP 101	3	ACP 110	3
ENG 101	3	ENG 102	3
SOC 101	3	SOC 210, 211, or 212	3
MATH 110	3	Humanities #1	3
BIOL 111 or 112 ⁵	4	Physical Science ⁵	3
		16	15

Year 2

Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours
LIBS 201 or ACP 250	3	ACP 250 or LIBS 201	3
Social Science #1	3	Social Science #2	3
Humanities #2	3	Humanities #3	3
SOC 290	3	SOC 2XX ²	3

SOC 2XX ²	3	SOC 303	3
		15	15

Year 3

Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours
SOC 2XX or SOC 3XX ^{2,3}	3	SOC 3XX ³	3
Social Science #3	3	SOC 3XX ³	3
General Elective ¹	3	General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹	3	General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹	3	General Elective ¹	3
		15	15

Year 4

Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours
SOC 3XX ³	3	SOC 3xx ³	3
General Elective ¹	3	General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹	3	General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹	3	General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹	3	General Elective ¹	3
		15	15

Total Credit Hours 121

- ¹ Or course towards an optional Minor.
- ² Any course at the 200 level within the discipline.
- ³ Any course at the 300 level within the discipline.
- ⁴ This requirement can be fulfilled by other requirements.
- ⁵ One Natural Science course must have a lab.