

This example plan is designed to provide a blueprint for students to complete their degrees within four years. It includes recommended sequences of courses. Individual plans will vary based on previously earned credit, such as Dual Enrollment and AP credit, as well as the student’s academic goals. Students will work with an academic advisor to develop a more individualized plan to complete their degree.

This example four-year plan is applicable to students admitted during the 2024–25 academic year.

Total credits required: 120 credits

Required GPA for graduation: 2.0 (institutional)

Courses requiring a C or better are denoted with an asterisk (*).

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Year 1							
Fall				Spring			
Course	Title	Hours	Area	Course	Title	Hours	Area
SOCI 0001	First-Year Academic Seminar	1		GC1Y 1000	Critical Thinking (student’s choice) (pre-req to GC2Y 2000)	3	Core
ENGL 1101*	English Composition I (pre-req to ENGL 1102)	3	Core	ENGL 1102	English Composition II	3	Core
SOCI 1101*	Introduction to Sociology (pre-req to SOCI 2100, 3442, 3446, 3450, 4920, 4940, 4960, and 4999)	3	Field	SOCI 2100*	Fundamentals of Sociology	3	Field
Core Math*	Math (student’s choice) (pre-req to MATH 1401)	3	Core	MATH 1401	Elementary Statistics (recommended for SOCI 3442)	3	Core + Field
POLS 1101	American Government	3	Core	Core Science	Science with Lab (student’s choice)	4	Core
Core Art	Fine Arts (student’s choice)	3	Core				
Total Semester Hours:		16		Total Semester Hours:		16	
Notes:	ENGL 1101, ENGL 1102, Core Math, and GC1Y 1000 must be completed by 30 earned hours. First-Year Academic Seminar is a graduation requirement and impacts a student’s GPA; however, it does not count toward the minimum of 120 semester hours required for a degree.						

Year 2							
Fall				Spring			
Course	Title	Hours	Area	Course	Title	Hours	Area
SOCI 3442*	Research Methods (pre-req to SOCI 3501)	3	Major	SOCI Elective*	Any 3000- or 4000-level SOCI elective	3	Major
Field of Study Course	Additional coursework (see catalog for course options)	3	Field	GC2Y 2000	Global Perspectives (student's choice)	4	Core
HIST 2111 or HIST 2112	The United States to 1877 or The United States Since 1877	3	Core	Core STEM	Math, Science, or Technology (student's choice)	4	Core
Core Humanities	Humanities and Ethics (student's choice)	3	Core	Lang 1002	World Language II (1002-level)	3	Field
Lang 1001	World Language I (1001-level)	3	Elective				
Total Semester Hours:		15		Total Semester Hours:		14	
Summer	Study Abroad is an excellent opportunity to learn more about other societies. Make sure you plan early; for more information, contact the International Education Center.						
Notes:	Students must complete a world language course at the 2002 level or higher. Complete the WebCAPE exam to determine placement for first course. GC2Y 2000 must be taken between 30–59 earned hours.						

Year 3							
Fall				Spring			
Course	Title	Hours	Area	Course	Title	Hours	Area
SOCI 3446*	Social Stratification	3	Major	SOCI 3450*	Historical and Contemporary Social Thought	3	Major
SOCI Elective*	Any 3000- or 4000-level SOCI elective	3	Major	SOCI 3501*	Advanced Research Methods	3	Major
Lang 2001	World Language III (2001-level)	3	Field	Lang 2002	World Language IV (2002-level)	3	Field
Core Social Science	Social Science (student's choice)	3	Core	Upper-Level Gen Elective	Any 3000- or 4000-level general elective course	3	Elective
Gen Elective	Any general elective course	3	Elective	Gen Elective	Any general elective course	3	Elective
Total Semester Hours:		15		Total Semester Hours:		15	
Summer	Students may choose to complete the internship option for their capstone (SOCI 4960) in the summer before Year 4 in order to take advantage of internship options in a range of locations.						
Notes:	General electives can be in any discipline and any level (1000–4999, unless specified as upper-level).						

Year 4							
Fall				Spring			
Course	Title	Hours	Area	Course	Title	Hours	Area
SOCI 4940* or SOCI 4950* or SOCI 4960* or SOCI 4999*	Independent Study or Capstone or Internship or Student Research	3	Major	SOCI 4920*	Senior Seminar on Sociology	3	Major
SOCI Elective*	Any 3000- or 4000-level SOCI elective	3	Major	SOCI Elective*	Any 3000- or 4000-level SOCI elective	3	Major
Upper-Level Gen Elective	Any 3000- or 4000-level general elective course	3	Major	Upper-Level Gen Elective	Any 3000- or 4000-level general elective course	3	Elective
Gen Elective	Any general elective course	3	Elective	Gen Elective	Any general elective course	3	Elective
Gen Elective	Any general elective course	3	Elective	Gen Elective	Any general elective course	4	Elective
Total Semester Hours:		15		Total Semester Hours:		16	
Notes:	Senior capstone (SOCI 4940, 4950, 4960, or 4999) must be completed prior to taking SOCI 4920: Senior Seminar on Sociology. General electives can be in any discipline and any level (1000–4999, unless specified as upper-level).						

Legend	
Area	This section of the plan references the area of the curriculum the course fulfills.
Core	Core IMPACTS — coursework required for every student regardless of major, which includes the following areas: Institutional Priority (GC1Y 1000 and GC2Y 2000); Mathematics and Quantitative Skills; Political Science and U.S. History; Arts, Humanities, and Ethics; Communicating in Writing; Technology, Mathematics, and Sciences; and Social Sciences.
Field	Core Field of Study courses, part of each major’s requirements. These courses prepare students for further study in their chosen major field. Field of Study courses are specific to each major program.
Major	Sociology Major requirements
Elective	Course(s) a student selects. Hours are needed to meet overall graduation hours. Number of electives varies per major. Electives can be used towards GC Journeys, minors, or professional/graduate school pre-requisites, or to take courses of interest.