

SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is the study of social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organizations and societies and how people interact within these contexts. Sociologists study how deviance, crime, marriage, family, politics, education, race, gender and religion affect individuals. The AA in Sociology allows students to choose from *two degree tracks*, the Associate of Arts in Traditional Sociology or the Associate of Arts in Applied Sociology. For both tracks, the student will receive an AA in Sociology. For the Applied Sociology track, students will receive an AA in Sociology, field training in a concentration of their choice and a Certification in Applied Sociology awarded by the National Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology.

The subject matter of sociology ranges from the intimate, interpersonal level (microsociology) to the institutional, national level (macrosociology). Examples can include Sociology of: the family; intergroup relations; civil rights, labor rights or other aspects of the law; minority experiences; sports; gender, sex and sexuality; the workplace; technology; medicine and nursing; media; and computers, digital technology, information security and the development and use of the internet over time. Sociology is capable of moving from the individual level to the collective level in all of its fields. In fact, few fields have such broad scope and relevance for research, theory and application of knowledge.

Some important differences between Traditional and Applied Sociology include the following:

- **Applied Sociology:**
 - Is an interdisciplinary, highly customizable field that lends itself to the student's interests, future education or as a transfer major
 - Is a client-centered field in which practitioners utilize research, analysis and application of sociological skills and concepts to work towards a client-defined goal.
 - Is capable of working in the private, public, nonprofit or community-oriented sectors
 - Is action-oriented, focusing on administration, advocacy and adjustments that foster client and organization success
 - Provides clients with real world, local and national solutions to problems and challenges
 - Design and implement practical projects, policies or solutions for their clients
- **Traditional Sociology:**
 - Investigates the social world in order to provide solutions to social problems.
 - Focuses on a research and data-oriented approach, where data is collected, analyzed and shared with the academic and local community
 - Utilized a combination of the scientific method and sociological theory in order to deeply understand social problems, social entities, their functions and their dysfunctions
 - Approaches the world from an interdisciplinary perspective in order to understand social interactions, social problems and social harmony

- Works with policy makers, community members and academics to instill change in society

Sociology is an excellent transfer program. Since the study of Sociology covers the basic structures of human society with its cultures and stratifications, it is a popular major among those who want to enter career fields that address social change and social support. It provides a strong foundation for those working within other Social Science fields and provides required knowledge for those entering Pre-Med, Nursing, and Epidemiology. Examples include: human resources, human services, public relations, government agencies, psychology and social psychology, teaching, medical care, human rights, community relations, census work and research, business trends and any other institution that requires knowledge of social science research.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Students will: (1) Collect and analyze no less than three current events, and (2) identify and summarize Classical European and Early American Sociological theories, and apply these theories to current events.
2. Students will identify and summarize the importance of research evidence in understanding the social world and how to use systematic and scientific inquiry to investigate direct research questions.
3. Students will identify and summarize Sociological analytical tools to structure and organize assessments of social institutions, groups, and behaviors.
4. Students will identify and summarize historical and contemporary sociological concepts used to analyze social inequality as pertains to: minority groups, gender, race, culture, poverty, and immigration.
5. Students will identify and summarize the Macro and Micro levels of research used to critically deconstruct institutional, familial, cultural, and interactive practices in the United States.

Sociology Program Requirements

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Field of Study - 18 credit hours ¹ 18

General Sociology Track

SOCI 1301	Introductory Sociology
SOCI 1306	Social Problems
SOCI 2301	Marriage and the Family
SOCI 2319	Minority Studies
Sociology Elective	
Select two of the following:	
ANTH 2301	Physical Anthropology
ANTH 2351	Cultural Anthropology
CRIJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice
CRIJ 1313	Juvenile Justice System
HUMA 1305	Introduction to Mexican-American Studies
HUMA 2323	World Cultures
PSYC 2301	General Psychology
PSYC 2314	Lifespan Growth and Development

SOCW 2361	Introduction to Social Work
SOCW 2362	Social Welfare: Legislation, Programs, and Services

Applied Sociology Track - 18 credit hours

SOCI 1301	Introductory Sociology
SOCI 1306	Social Problems
PSYC 2317	Statistical Methods in Psychology
Field of Study Elective (2 courses) ³	
SOCI 2389	Academic Cooperative

STC Core Curriculum - 42 credit hours

Complete 42 credit hours of required Core Curriculum including the following:⁴

Total Credit Hours **60**

¹ Courses taken to fulfill field of study requirements must not duplicate courses taken to fulfill Core Curriculum Requirements.

² To earn an Associate's Degree in Sociology by following the Applied Sociology Track, students would need to meet with departmental advisors to formalize their certificate of Applied Sociology with AACCS during the beginning of the semester.

³ Students will complete 2 classes (or 6 credits) of coursework in a discipline of their choice; both classes must be chosen from the same field of study, must be from academic AA or AS program, and must include an introductory-level course. Students must consult with the program's advising team in order to declare an area of focus and have it noted in their Degree Works profile. A complete list of eligible course electives can be found in the Applied Sociology degree plan.

⁴ Students who select a 3 credit hour Mathematics course to fulfill the Mathematics component of the Core Curriculum must take 4 credit hours to complete the Component Area Option for the Core Curriculum.

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Recommended Course Sequence - General Track

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall		
HIST 1301 or HIST 2327	United States History I or Mexican-American History I	3
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
SOCI 1301	Introductory Sociology	3
Sociology Elective - Field of Study ¹		3
Credit Hours		12
Spring		
HIST 1302 or HIST 2328	United States History II or Mexican-American History II	3
ENGL 1302	Composition II - Rhetoric	3
SOCI 2319	Minority Studies	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum		3
Credit Hours		12
Summer		
Component Area Option - Core Curriculum		3
Select one of the following:		
EDUC 1300	Learning Framework	
PSYC 1300	Learning Framework	
SPCH 1311	Introduction to Speech Communication	

SPCH 1315	Public Speaking
SPCH 1318	Interpersonal Communications
SPCH 1321	Business and Professional Communication
SPCH 2333	Discussion and Small Group Communication
SPCH 2335	Argumentation and Debate

Creative Arts Elective - Core Curriculum	3
Language, Philosophy & Culture Elective - Core Curriculum	3

Credit Hours **9**

Second Year

Fall		
GOVT 2305	Federal Government	3
Mathematics Elective - Core Curriculum		3-4
Recommended:		
MATH 1414	College Algebra	
SOCI 1306	Social Problems	3
Life and Physical Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum		4
Credit Hours		14

Spring		
GOVT 2306	Texas Government	3
SOCI 2301	Marriage and the Family	3
Sociology Elective - Field of Study ¹		3
Life and Physical Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum		4
Component Area Option - Core Curriculum (if required)		1
Credit Hours		13
Total Credit Hours		60

¹ Course to be chosen from the Field of Study

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Recommended Course Sequence - Applied Sociology Track

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall		
SOCI 1301 or SOCI 1306	Introductory Sociology or Social Problems	3
HIST 1301 or HIST 2327	United States History I or Mexican-American History I	3
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
MATH 1414	College Algebra	4
Credit Hours		13
Spring		
SOCI 1306 or SOCI 1301	Social Problems or Introductory Sociology	3
HIST 1302 or HIST 2328	United States History II or Mexican-American History II	3
ENGL 1302	Composition II - Rhetoric	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum		3
Recommended:		
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	
SOCI 2301	Marriage and the Family	
SOCI 2319	Minority Studies	
TECA 1354	Child Growth and Development	
Credit Hours		12
Summer		
Life and Physical Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum		4
Language, Philosophy & Culture Elective - Core Curriculum		3
Recommended:		
ENGL 2331	World Literature	

ENGL 2351	Mexican American Literature	
HUMA 1305	Introduction to Mexican-American Studies	
HUMA 2319	American Minority Studies	
HUMA 2323	World Cultures	
PHIL 1304	Introduction to World Religions	
Component Area Option - Core Curriculum		3
Students should meet with department advisors to formally indicate their area of focus in this semester.		
Credit Hours		10

Second Year

Fall

Creative Arts Elective - Core Curriculum		3
PSYC 2317	Statistical Methods in Psychology	3
GOVT 2305	Federal Government	3
Field of Study Elective I		3-4
Credit Hours		12-13

Spring

GOVT 2306	Texas Government	3
Life and Physical Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum		4
Field of Study Elective II		3-4
SOCI 2389	Academic Cooperative	3
Credit Hours		13-14
Total Credit Hours		60-62

Field of Study Elective I (3-4 Credits) (Intro. Level Course)	Field of Study Elective II (3-4 Credits)
ANTH 2301	ANTH 2302, ANTH 2351
CRIJ 1301	CRIJ 1307, CRIJ 1310, CRIJ 1313, CRIJ 2313
EDUC 1301	EDUC 2301
GOVT 2304	GOVT 2311
KINE 1301	KINE 1304, KINE 1306, KINE 1346
PSYC 2301	PSYC 2308, PSYC 2315, PSYC 2319
SOCI 2301	SOCI 2319
SOCW 2361	SOCW 2362
TECA 1303	TECA 1311, TECA 1318, TECA 1354
COMM 1307	COMM 2311, COMM 2315, COMM 2339
DANC 2303	DANC 1301, DANC 1305
DRAM 1310	DRAM 1330, DRAM 1351, DRAM 2355
ENGL 2311, ENGL 2331	ENGL 2321, ENGL 2326, ENGL 2341, ENGL 2351
HIST 2301	HIST 2321, HIST 2322
HUMA 1301, HUMA 1305	HUMA 1302, HUMA 1311, HUMA 2319
MUSI 1303	MUSI 1306, MUSI 1307, MUSI 1310
PHIL 1301, PHIL 1304	PHIL 2303, PHIL 2306, PHIL 2316
AGRI 1329	AGRI 1407, AGRI 1415
BIOL 1322, BIOL 1406	BIOL 1406, BIOL 1407, BIOL 2401, BIOL 2406
CHEM 1405, CHEM 1411	CHEM 1407, CHEM 1409, CHEM 1412
COSC 1301	COSC 1315, COSC 1320, COSC 1436
ENGR 1201	ENGR 1304, ENGR 2301, ENGR 2302
GEOL 1403	GEOL 1404, GEOL 1445

ARCH 1311	ARCH 1301, ARCH 1303
ACCT 2301	ACCT 2302
BUSI 1301	BUSI 2301
ECON 2301	ECON 2302