

SAMPLE 4 YEAR ACADEMIC PLAN

BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)

SOCIOLOGY | CP-900 | (657) 278 - 3531

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FIRST YEAR

1st
semester

- **G.E. subarea A.1:** *Oral Communications (3)*
- **G.E. subarea B.1:** *Physical Science (3)*
- **G.E. subarea B.3:** *Laboratory Experience (0-1)*
- **G.E. subarea C.1:** *Intro to the Arts (3)*
- **G.E. subarea D.1:** *Introduction to the Social Sciences (Take SOCI 101 HERE) (3)*
- **General Elective (3)**

total units : 15-16

2nd
semester

- **G.E. subarea A.2:** *Written Communication (3)*
- **G.E. subarea B.4:** *Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (3)*
- **G.E. subarea C.2:** *Intro to the Humanities (3-5)*
- **G.E. subarea D.2:** *American History (3)*
- **General Elective (3)**

total units : 15-17

STUDENT ACTION PLAN

1. Visit the Academic Advisement Center to review GE and graduation requirements.

2. Complete GE courses in areas A.1, A.2, A.3, and B.4 with C- or better.

3. General Elective Classes are courses you take because you are interested in the topic or that align with your post-graduation plans. They are units to help you get to graduation and fulfill no other graduation requirement. We call these either "fun" or "productive" courses

SECOND YEAR

3rd
semester

- **G.E. subarea A.3:** *Critical Thinking (3)*
- **G.E. subarea B.2:** *Life Science (3)*
- **G.E. subarea F:** *Ethnic Studies (3)*
- **Graduation Requirement:** *American Government (3)*
- **Major Requirement:** *Sociology Elective (3)*

total units : 15

4th
semester

- **G.E. subarea C.1:** *Introduction to the Arts OR*
- **G.E. subarea C.2:** *Introduction to the Humanities (3)*
- **Major Requirement:** *Upper Division Writing Requirement (Take SOCI 308 HERE) (3)*
- **Major Requirement:** *Sociology Elective (3)*
- **General Elective (3)**
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total units : 15

STUDENT ACTION PLAN

1. In your 3rd semester you begin your sociology elective requirement. You will need to complete 8 of these.

You can focus the sociology electives you complete toward an optional sociology concentration. They are: Social Inequality, Sociology of Deviance and Crime, or Health and Social Welfare.

3. Meet with your Sociology faculty advisor each semester.

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THIRD YEAR

5th semester

- **G.E. subarea E:** *Lifelong Learning* (3)
 - **Major Requirement:** *Core Courses (Take SOC 302 HERE)* (3)
 - **Major Requirement:** *Sociology Elective* (3)
 - **G.E. subarea Z:** *Major Requirement* (3)
 - **General Elective** (3)
- total units : 15

Sociology Electives SOC 304, 356, and 357 will complete the Z requirement. If you wish you may take any other G.E. B, C, or D course that is listed as fulfilling the Z requirement, but you will need to add a sociology elective to your timeline.

6th semester

- **G.E. subarea B.5:** *Natural Sciences and Mathematics (Take SOC 303 HERE)* (3)
 - **Major Requirement:** *Sociology Elective* (3)
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 - **G.E. subarea D.3:** *Explorations in Social Sciences - Overlays with Major Elective Requirement* (3)
 - **General Elective** (3)
- total units : 13-15

There are Sociology Electives that fulfill this requirement. See the listing of courses in your TDA and choose a sociology course listed there.

STUDENT ACTION PLAN

1. If you are planning on going to graduate school, now is a good time to use your General Elective courses to complete pre-reqs or preparatory classes.

2. Sociology offers several application-based courses (e.g. Applying Sociology in the Community (SOC 306), Using Sociology for Career Success (307), Research Applications (SOC 485), Internship (SOC 495), and Peer Mentorship (SOC 496) as sociology electives. Consider these courses as you think about graduate school and/or jobs.

3. Between your 5th and 6th semester, visit the Career Center to build your post-graduation plan. This time should be used for drafting application materials for graduate schools of interest or investigating jobs you want to apply for.

FOURTH YEAR

7th semester

- **G.E. subarea C.3:** *Explorations in the Arts or Humanities* (3)
 - **Major Requirement:** *Core Courses (Take SOC 410 HERE)* (3)
 - **Major Requirement:** *Sociology Elective* (3)
 - **General Elective** (3)
 - **General Elective** (3)
- total units : 15

8th semester

- **Major Requirement:** *Sociology Elective* (3)
 - **General Elective** (3)
 - **General Elective** (3)
- total units : 15

STUDENT ACTION PLAN

1. If you are applying to graduate school, apply in your 7th semester. Most deadlines will be in your seventh semester to begin the following Fall.

2. Apply for Graduation in your Seventh Semester & register for commencement in your 8th semester.