

2 Yr Sample Academic Plan
FOR CATALOG YEAR FALL 2021 TO SUMMER 2025

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Transfer students typically come in needing 3 - 4 General Education (GE) courses. Some of these will be satisfied by the sociology courses you enroll in. For instance, your B.5 requirement will be satisfied with your Sociology 303 course. Your D.3 requirement can be satisfied with several sociology courses (e.g. Sociology 356 Inequality, Sociology 354 Gender, Sex, and Society, Sociology 357 Race and Ethnic Relations, Sociology 351 Sociology of Families, Sociology 353 Children and Youth, among others). Thus, the only GE that transfer students must complete that is not typically satisfied by a sociology course is the C.3 GE – Explorations in the Arts or Humanities. **Keep in mind that every situation is different and to visit the Academic Advising Center if you have any questions regarding your GE requirements. A listing of GE courses can be found here:**

GE Approved Courses (By Catalog Year):

<https://www.fullerton.edu/undergraduate/general-education/approved-courses.html>

Transfer students typically come with Soc 101 already completed, thus this plan lists only the remaining 4 core courses. Transfer students typically come with 2 electives already completed. Nevertheless, this plan lists 8 sociology electives, but the final 2 are marked as “if necessary courses”.

First Semester		Second Semester		Comments
Sociology 302 – Research Methods	3	Sociology 303 – Statistics (B.5 GE)	3	You should meet with an advisor at least once a semester.
Sociology 308 – Sociological Writing	3	Sociology Elective [◇]	3	
Sociology Elective	3	Sociology Elective taken from the D.3 GE category	3	The summer before 2nd and 3rd semester is a good time to prepare your grad school materials.
Upper Division C.3 GE	3	Sociology Elective	3	
G.E. F Ethnic Studies Requirement	3	Fun Class/Elective	3	
Total	15	Total	15	

Third Semester		Fourth Semester		Comments
Sociology 410 – Theories of Human Behavior	3	Sociology Elective*	3	Many MA / MSW programs have due dates in late Fall or early Spring so plan accordingly.
Sociology Elective ^Δ	3	Sociology Elective*/Elective	3	
Sociology Elective	3	Fun Class/Elective	3	
Sociology Elective	3	Fun Class/Elective	3	If going directly to a job, be sure you to visit the career center no later than end of 3rd/beginning of 4th semester.
GE*/Elective	3	Fun Class/Elective	3	
Total	15	Total	15	

◇ Many students find it useful to take Soc 307 Careers for Sociology Majors in this semester.

Δ This is a good time to complete your “Applied” concentration elective: Soc 495, Soc 306 or Soc 485. Students interested in MA or PhD programs may wish to substitute Soc 485 Research Applications. If you are not doing a concentration but are thinking about graduate school, this is a good time to do an internship (Soc 495) or get additional research experience working one on one with a professor (Soc 499 – Independent Study).

* This is a “if necessary course” – you may not need to take this course, in which case you may choose to do the other course listed.

For review, let's cover your graduation requirements in general:

- Must complete all GE courses (found in the *GE* sections of your TDA). Completed GEs will be marked with a blue check mark, while GE courses you still need to take will be marked with an orange "X".
- Must complete all Sociology requirements (found in the *Major/Sociology* section of your TDA):
 - Complete all Sociology core courses with a C or above (Soc 101, Soc 302, Soc 308, Soc 303, and Soc 410).
 - Complete all Sociology elective courses (8 classes that you choose from the list of Sociology electives)
 - You must complete 27 units, or 9 classes, of upper division coursework – courses at the 300 or 400 level. Do not count Sociology 308 when calculating your upper division courses.
- Must complete all unit requirements (found in the *Units* section of your TDA):
 - Must complete 40 units, or 14 classes, of upper division coursework – courses at the 300 or 400 level.
 - Must complete 120 units, 40 courses, overall (including GE, Major, and general elective courses).
 - Must have over a 2.0 GPA in your cumulative, CSUF and major GPA.

For postgraduation planning, minors may be helpful. A minor should be taken in 1 of 2 circumstances: First, you can articulate precisely how the minor will either *help prepare you for a job or for graduate school*. Second, if you just love the topic, *are passionate about it*, and want to learn more. Keep in mind that you DO NOT need to a minor – you can strategically select courses of interests, or courses that build your skills and competencies in areas that will help you get a job or get into a graduate school. The minor includes additional graduation requirements, so be sure you actually want to do the minor prior to declaring it.

List of minors at CSUF: <https://catalog.fullerton.edu/content.php?catoid=80&navoid=11054>

If you are thinking about working with specific populations once you graduate, think about minoring in one of our strong ethnic studies programs:

African American Studies - <https://hss.fullerton.edu/african-american/academics/>

Asian American Studies - <https://hss.fullerton.edu/asian-american/academics/>

Chicana/o Studies - <https://hss.fullerton.edu/chicano/academics/minor.aspx>

We also have a strong Women and Gender Studies and American Studies programs:

<https://hss.fullerton.edu/womens/Academics/minor.aspx>

<https://amst.fullerton.edu/undergraduate.aspx>

Interested in public health and the fight to have healthier communities? Why not check out the public health minor? It can lead to jobs in public health, but there is also a Master's in Public Health if you wanted to continue your education:

<http://hhd.fullerton.edu/pubh/undergraduate/minorhealthscience/index.php>

Interested in public policy and the fight for criminal justice reform, environmental legislation, immigration reform, or better education policy? Why not check out the minor in public policy? It can lead to jobs in politics, including working in a politician's office, working for the state or county, as well as working with advocacy organizations. There is also a master's in public policy if you wanted to continue your education:

https://hss.fullerton.edu/paj/PublicAdministration/minor_public_policy.aspx

Thinking about working with the elderly, or doing an MSW focused on the elderly? Why not do a minor in Aging studies:

https://hss.fullerton.edu/agingstudies/02_prospective_students/applyminor/index.aspx

If you like the idea of doing an MSW but want some additional training working and managing clients, check out the minor in Human Services: <https://hhd.fullerton.edu/husr/degree/minor.php>

Thinking about using your Sociological training to help advertise products and/or services better? Or maybe you are thinking about going into Journalism? Why not try a minor in communications:

https://communications.fullerton.edu/department_and_degrees.php

If you want to increase your earning potential and the idea of bringing your critical sociological lens into the business world sounds attract, think about a business minor. There is not a lot of evidence that minors increase earning potential, but there is some support that for social science majors that have a business minor have higher starting salaries on average. Keep in mind that there are a number of different minors in business, from business administration, data analytics, economics, entertainment and hospitality, entrepreneurship, finance, information systems, marketing and sales. See here:

https://business.fullerton.edu/programs/undergraduate/assets/pdf/CBE_Minor_Website.pdf

There are also a number of organizations on campus that provide useful advising and/or resources as you think about your post-graduation plans.

The Allied Health Academy helps students from underrepresented groups who are interested in careers in the health field (including those going on to MSW programs): <https://alliedhealth.fullerton.edu/>

SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union Center for Careers in Teaching helps those interested in pursuing teaching careers, including advisors: <https://ed.fullerton.edu/cct/>

And of course you should reach out to the career center, not just for guidance on thinking through your post-graduation plans, but for the valuable workshops they hold on everything from getting jobs to applying to graduate school:
<https://www.fullerton.edu/career/>