SOCIOLOGY - BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

Sociology is the scientific study of human social behavior. It considers how society influences individuals, and how individuals influence society. Sociologists describe and explain the actions of persons, groups, organizations, classes, and entire societies. They also design and evaluate social programs and public policy. The study of sociology includes social theory, research methods, social stratification, race relations, social change, criminology, demography, gender roles, religion, social psychology, and the environment.

Students completing a BA in sociology will acquire the ability to:

- Locate and consult works relevant to a sociological investigation and write a high-quality sociological paper
- Understand the basic procedures of sociological research and analyze sociological data
- Understand and interpret the results of sociological research
- Understand sociological concepts and Evaluate sociological writings

Requirements

Students must complete the graduation requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences and the required courses listed below. A minimum of 36 credit hours (but not more than 45) in sociology is required for the degree. Of the 36 credit hours, 21 must be upper division with a minimum of 15 upper-division credit hours of course work in the major taken on the Boulder campus. All required major courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better. The cumulative GPA required in sociology courses is 2.00.

In addition to formal course work, the degree offers opportunities for internships with various organizations, including social service agencies, the criminal justice system and non-profit organizations. There is also the opportunity to design and complete an honors thesis based on your own original research, as well as to work closely with one of our faculty members through the UROP program.

Required Courses and Credit Hours

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1 A non-SOCY statistics course (C- grade or higher) can be used to substitute for SOCY 2061.

Graduating in Four Years

Consult the Four-Year Guarantee Requirements for information on eligibility (catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/policies-requirements/#degerequirementstext). The concept of "adequate progress" as it is used here only refers to maintaining eligibility for the four-year guarantee; it is not a requirement for the major.

To maintain adequate progress in sociology, students should meet the following requirements:

- By the beginning of the second semester, declare the major.
- By the end of the fourth semester, complete SOCY 1001 and SOCY 3001 and 6 credit hours of sociology electives.
- By the end of the sixth semester, complete SOCY 2061 and SOCY 3201 and 15 credit hours of sociology electives (with a minimum of 9 of the 15 being upper-division credit hours).
- By the end of the eighth semester, complete 36 credit hours (but not more than 45), in sociology with at least 21 of those credit hours in upper-division courses.