

Undergraduate Sociology

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts, Sociology
- Bachelor of Science, Sociology
(specializations available in the following)
 - Diversity and Social Justice Studies
 - Employment Relations

Sociology at SIUE

Sociology is the study of human groups and relationships. A major purpose of the discipline is to uncover efficient and effective ways to understand and improve society.

Students in the Department of Sociology will investigate human values, customs, leadership, cooperation, and conflict in every kind and size of group, including families, schools, religions, corporations, economies, governments, cities, and societies. Sociologists use questionnaire surveys, participant observation, government statistics, and computer simulations to find patterns and general principles that can help solve problems of group living, ranging from infant mortality and juvenile delinquency to world population growth and migration. Sociologists investigate causes of crime and deviance; racial, gender and ethnic conflict; poverty; social inequality; health care; globalization and workplace change. Applied sociologists use sociological insights to identify and solve practical problems in organizations and workplaces.

Career Opportunities

Industry, government and private service agencies often prefer a major in one of the social sciences. While professional training in sociology is primarily associated with advanced degrees, there are many employment opportunities for those with a liberal arts major in sociology. College of Arts and Sciences graduates who studied sociology work in public relations, management, community activism, college advising, and many other areas. Specializations in employment relations, and diversity and social justice add occupationally relevant training to the liberal arts program in sociology. In addition to providing classroom and experiential training in employment relations, the concentration helps develop marketable research and communication skills. The required internship helps create job opportunities and provides training and research skills that make students more attractive to potential employers.

Admission Requirements

The admission requirements for a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in sociology includes admission to the University and successful completion of high school course-specific requirements.

Students must normally declare a major in sociology no later than halfway through their junior year (i.e. before the completion of 75 semester credits). Students who declare a major later than this explicitly understand and agree that they will not be able to graduate sooner than the end of the third semester of full-time coursework following declaration.

Graduation Requirements

A cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above in sociology courses is required for graduation, and students must achieve at least a C grade in all required sociology courses.

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Faculty

Denise Cobb, PhD
2003, Tulane University

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2007, University of Nebraska - Lincoln

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1994, University of Arizona

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Sample Curriculum, Bachelor of Science in Sociology

Sample curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in general sociology shown below. Students wishing to obtain a Bachelor of Arts may do so by adding one year of foreign language, as well as four additional courses in fine and performing arts or humanities.

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Year 1	SOC 111 Introduction to Sociology (BSS) 3	ENG 102 English Composition II 3
	ANTH 111B Human Culture & Communication (BSS, EGC, EUSC) (Recommended) 3	RA 101 Reasoning & Argumentation 3
	QR 101, MATH 150 or Higher 3	Breadth Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA) 3
	ENG 101 English Composition I 3	Breadth Humanities (BHUM) 3
	ACS 101 Public Speaking 3	Breadth Information & Communication in Society (BICS) 3
	FST 101 Succeeding & Engaging at SIUE 1	Total Credits 15
	Total Credits 16	
Year 2	SOC Elective 3	SOC Elective (SS) 3
	Breadth Life Science (BLS) with a lab (EL) 3	Breadth Physical Science (BPS) 3
	Minor Elective 3	Health Experience (EH) 2
	Life, Physical or Social Science with a lab (EL) 3	Minor Elective 3
	Minor Elective 3	Minor Elective 3
	Total Credits 15	Total Credits 14
Year 3	SOC Elective (SS) 3	SOC 301 Survey of Theory 3
	SOC Elective (SS) 3	SOC 302 Social Research Methods (BSS) 3
	Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) 3	SOC Elective 3
	Minor Elective 3	Elective 3
	Minor Elective 3	Elective 3
	Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15
Year 4	SOC 493 Sociological Research Workshop 3	SOC 495 Senior Assignment Seminar 3
	SOC 303 Stats with Computer Applications 3	Elective 3
	SOC Elective 3	Elective 3
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	Elective 3	Elective 3
	Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15
	Total Hours 120	

Transfer Students: To maximize your transfer experience, complete the **bold** course requirements pre-transfer and satisfy either the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS or AAT (early childhood, special ed or math) degree from an IAI community college. If minor requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Visit siue.edu/transfer to find course equivalency guides.

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