SOCIOLOGY Bachelor of Arts (BA) A25A

At least 120 hours are required for graduation, and students must earn a 2.0 overall GPA, a 2.0 WSU GPA, and a 2.0 GPA in the major. Students must also complete all courses required for Liberal Arts and Sciences General Education. In addition, Foreign Language courses (or the equivalents) are required for every BA degree in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Core Sociology Courses and Advising:
The Sociology Department believes that the required courses for the major are essential to understanding the discipline. Alternatives to these courses are never encouraged and granted only in the most exceptional circumstances. Because we care about our students and their progress, and because we do a very good job of advising, we ask that students who choose Sociology as a major begin their advising with us as soon as they know they will, or believe they might, make Sociology their home.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR: At least 31 credit hours, but no more than 45 credit hours in the following...

16 credit hours of core classes* consisting of:

111 Introduction to Sociology (3)
312 Introduction to Social Research (3) (Prerequisite is Soc 111)
501 Sociological Statistics (3) (Prerequisites are Soc 111, Soc 312 and Math 111, College Algebra, or another Math class for which Math 111 is a prerequisite.)
512 Measurement and Analysis (4) (Prerequisites are Soc 111, Soc 312, and Soc 501)
545 Sociological Theory (3) (Prerequisite, at least 12 hours of Sociology)

15 credit hours of elective courses** in Sociology (selected by student)

NOTE: Up to but no more than 6 hours in related departments can count toward the major with approval.

*Pattern of Core Course Offerings:
Currently, several sections of Introduction to Sociology are offered in the fall, spring and summer terms. Sociology 312 and 501 are offered in the fall semester; while Sociology 512 and 545 are offered in the spring. Students who have not taken College Algebra will not be admitted to take Sociology 501, Sociological Statistics. Students who have not had Sociology 501 will need at least two more semesters to finish; taking 501 in the Fall and 512 the next Spring.

**Sociological Specialties:
Elective offerings within the Sociology curriculum allow students to gain knowledge and skills in a variety of disciplinary specialties including Social Institutions; Social Issues/Stratification; Medical Sociology; Family/Relationship Dynamics; Urban Sociology; Crime/Deviance; and Aging.

Finishing the B.A. in Sociology:
The typical pattern for finishing the B.A. in Sociology is to take Introduction to Sociology in the freshman or sophomore year. Then, with at least three or four semesters left before graduation, take Sociology 312, Methods, in the fall semester and Sociology 545, Theory, in the spring semester of the junior year. As seniors, students take Sociology 501, Statistics, in the fall semester and finish their senior year with Sociology 512, Measurement and Analysis, which is always offered in the Spring. Transfer students should come and see a Sociology advisor immediately.

Requirements for the Minor: 15 credit hours including:

111 Introduction to Sociology (3)

At least 3 credit hours of courses numbered 500 or above:

An additional 9 credit hours in sociology electives:

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