

SOCIOLOGY, AA-T

Program Description

Sociology is the scientific or systematic study of human groups and societies and patterns of interaction in real life settings. It uses a variety of research and theoretical perspectives to analyze and explain human social behavior and social change. As all human behavior is essentially social, sociology students examine a wide range of human interactions.

Foothill College's sociology program includes a range of courses that analyze sociological topics and enable students to develop and apply a "sociological imagination" or the ability to examine the broader connections between personal life, public issues, and the social structure. Sociology, with its extensive scope of subject matter, provides a valuable major for a diverse range of career paths.

The Associate in Arts in Sociology for Transfer Degree (AA-T) is intended for students who plan to transfer and complete a bachelor's degree in Sociology and majors in a related discipline at a CSU campus. Students completing this program are guaranteed admission to the CSU system but not necessarily to a particular campus or major of choice. Students should consult with a counselor for more information on admission to specific universities and their transfer requirements as individual schools may require different or additional coursework to that listed for the Associate in Arts in Sociology for Transfer Degree. The AA-T degree will enable students to develop a strong foundation in social research methods, and understanding patterns of inter-personal behavior, and will also offer a wide variety of electives in sociology courses for students to develop a broad knowledge base of human social behavior. In addition, students will develop strong critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving skills that will prepare them for the requirements of upper division course work.

Learn more about the program on the [Sociology website](#).

Program Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to demonstrate a working knowledge of the core concepts of sociology: social structure, culture, social stratification and inequality, race, ethnicity, gender, and globalization.
- Students will be able to apply their understanding of sociology to their professional, personal, and civic lives.
- Students will gain a deeper understanding of social inequality and be able to apply sociological concepts to address social injustices.

Units Required

- Major: 27-28

Associate Degree Requirements

Associate in Arts in Sociology for Transfer requires completion of a minimum of 90 units to include:

- CSU General Education Breadth Requirements **or** the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)¹ (49-58 units) (full certification is required)
- Core courses (26-28 units², of which 20 units may satisfy the GE requirement)
- Transferable electives necessary to meet the 90-unit minimum requirement

¹ **Important Note:** Although it is possible to fulfill the requirements for the Associate Degree for Transfer by completing the IGETC for UC pattern, admission to CSU requires completion of an Oral Communication course (IGETC Area 1C; CSU GE Area A-1); therefore, students who plan to transfer to CSU should complete this course as part of their GE or elective units.

² **Note that a minimum of 27 units must be completed for the major.**

Note: All courses pertaining to the major must be completed with a grade of "C" (or "P") or better. In addition, the student must obtain a minimum GPA of 2.0.

Core and Support Courses

Code	Title	Units
Core Courses		
SOC 1	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	5
or SOC 1H	HONORS INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	
SOC 7	STATISTICS FOR THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	5
or PSYC 7	STATISTICS FOR THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	
or MATH 10	ELEMENTARY STATISTICS	
or MATH 17	INTEGRATED STATISTICS II	
SOC 20	MAJOR SOCIAL PROBLEMS	4
And select two courses from List A:		8-9
<i>List A</i>		
SOC 8	POPULAR CULTURE	
SOC 10	SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS & DESIGNS	
SOC 14	SOCIOLOGY OF CRIME	
SOC 15	LAW & SOCIETY	
SOC 23	RACE & ETHNIC RELATIONS	
SOC 28	SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER	
SOC 30	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	
or PSYC 30	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	
SOC 40	ASPECTS OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY	
SOC 45	SOCIOLOGY OF SEXUALITY	
And select one course from List B:		4-5
<i>List B</i>		
Any course not used in List A		
ANTH 2A	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
or ANTH 2AH	HONORS CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
ECON 25	THE GLOBAL ECONOMY	
ETHN 1	INTRODUCTION TO ETHNIC STUDIES	
GEOG 2	HUMAN GEOGRAPHY	
GLST 1	INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL STUDIES	
or GLST 1H	HONORS INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL STUDIES	
GLST 2	GLOBAL ISSUES	
PHIL 1	CRITICAL THINKING & WRITING	
PSYC 1	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	
or PSYC 1H	HONORS GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 49	HUMAN SEXUALITY	
SOC 11	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WELFARE	
SOC 19	ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE	
Total Units		26-28