

SOCIOLOGY

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.

This 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.

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

Associate Degree for Transfer

This program also offers Associate Degrees for Transfer. Learn more and review the degree requirements on the following listings: [Sociology AA-T](#) and [Social Justice Studies AA-T](#).

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, and gender and globalization.
- Students will be able to apply their understanding of sociology to their professional, personal and civic lives.

Career Opportunities

A major in sociology prepares students to seek employment in various employment sectors. The level of education completed influences the range of career opportunities offered. Advanced degrees in sociology broaden students' career paths to include high school through university teaching, research, consulting, business, politics, journalism, public relations, and public administration and all fields that require strong analytical skills and attention to issues of diversity. As a liberal arts major, sociology also provides a foundation for various professions such as social welfare, law, marketing, non-profit management, and counseling. Regardless of focus, all sociology students should become proficient in writing and speaking, research techniques, and technology.

Award Type(s)

- AA = Associate in Arts Degree
- CP = Certificate of Proficiency [Non-Transcriptable]

Units Required

- Major: 30
- Certificate(s): 13-23

Additional Information

Note: Students having difficulty attaining an associate degree because of timing or availability of classes should consult with a counselor to submit a petition for course substitution.

Associate Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Units
English Proficiency		
Select one of the following:		
ENGL 1A	COMPOSITION & READING	5
ENGL 1AH	HONORS COMPOSITION & READING	5
ENGL 1S & ENGL 1T	INTEGRATED COMPOSITION & READING and INTEGRATED COMPOSITION & READING	8
or equivalent		
Mathematics Proficiency		
Select one of the following:		
MATH 105	INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA	5
MATH 180	QUANTITATIVE REASONING	5
or any MATH course approved for Foothill GE Area V, Communication & Analytical Thinking		

A minimum of 90 units is required¹ to include:

- Completion of one of the following general education patterns: Foothill General Education, CSU General Education Breadth Requirements or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)
- Core courses (17 units)
- Support courses (13 units)

¹ Additional elective course work may be necessary to meet the 90-unit minimum requirement for the associate degree.

Note: All courses pertaining to the major must be taken for a letter grade. In addition, a grade of "C" or better is required for all core and support courses used for the degree.

Core and Support Courses

Code	Title	Units
Core Courses		
SOC 1 or SOC 1H	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY HONORS INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	5
And 12 units from the following:		12
SOC 8	POPULAR CULTURE	
SOC 10 or PSYC 10	RESEARCH METHODS & DESIGNS RESEARCH METHODS & DESIGNS	
SOC 11	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WELFARE	
SOC 14	SOCIOLOGY OF CRIME	
SOC 15	LAW & SOCIETY	
SOC 19	ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE	
SOC 20	MAJOR SOCIAL PROBLEMS	
SOC 23	RACE & ETHNIC RELATIONS	
SOC 28	SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER	
SOC 30 or PSYC 30	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	
SOC 40	ASPECTS OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY	
Support Courses		
Select 13 units from the following:		13
ANTH 2A or ANTH 2AH	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY HONORS CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	

CHLD 8	CHILD, FAMILY & COMMUNITY
CHLD 51A	AFFIRMING DIVERSITY IN EDUCATION
ECON 1A	PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS
ECON 9	POLITICAL ECONOMY
or ECON 9H	HONORS POLITICAL ECONOMY
or POLI 9	POLITICAL ECONOMY
or POLI 9H	HONORS POLITICAL ECONOMY
GEOG 2	HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
HIST 8	HISTORY OF LATIN AMERICA
HIST 10	HISTORY OF CALIFORNIA: THE MULTICULTURAL STATE
HIST 17C	HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES FROM 1914 TO THE PRESENT
or HIST 17CH	HONORS HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES FROM 1914 TO THE PRESENT
MATH 10	ELEMENTARY STATISTICS
or PSYC 7	STATISTICS FOR THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
or SOC 7	STATISTICS FOR THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
PHIL 1	CRITICAL THINKING & WRITING
PSYC 22	PSYCHOLOGY OF PREJUDICE & DISCRIMINATION
SOC 45	SOCIOLOGY OF SEXUALITY
SOC 54H	HONORS INSTITUTE SEMINAR IN SOCIOLOGY
SOC 70R	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN SOCIOLOGY
SOC 71R	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN SOCIOLOGY
SOC 72R	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN SOCIOLOGY
SOC 73R	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN SOCIOLOGY
WMN 5	INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES
WMN 21	PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN: SEX & GENDER DIFFERENCES
or PSYC 21	PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN: SEX & GENDER DIFFERENCES
Total Units	30

Certificate Requirements

Social Welfare Certificate of Proficiency

• Units: 22-23 [Non-Transcriptable]

Code	Title	Units
SOC 1	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	5
or SOC 1H	HONORS INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	
SOC 11	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WELFARE	5
SOC 19	ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE	4
And one course from the following:		4-5
SOC 8	POPULAR CULTURE	
SOC 10	RESEARCH METHODS & DESIGNS	
or PSYC 10	RESEARCH METHODS & DESIGNS	
SOC 14	SOCIOLOGY OF CRIME	
SOC 15	LAW & SOCIETY	
SOC 20	MAJOR SOCIAL PROBLEMS	
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
And four units from the following:	4
BUSI 18	BUSINESS LAW I
COMM 12	INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION
HLTH 21	CONTEMPORARY HEALTH CONCERNS
PSYC 22	PSYCHOLOGY OF PREJUDICE & DISCRIMINATION
Total Units	22-23

General Sociology Certificate of Proficiency

• Units: 13-15 [Non-Transcriptable]

Code	Title	Units
SOC 1	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	5
or SOC 1H	HONORS INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	
And one course from the following:		4-5
SOC 8	POPULAR CULTURE	
SOC 10	RESEARCH METHODS & DESIGNS	
or PSYC 10	RESEARCH METHODS & DESIGNS	
SOC 11	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WELFARE	
SOC 14	SOCIOLOGY OF CRIME	
SOC 15	LAW & SOCIETY	
SOC 19	ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE	
SOC 20	MAJOR SOCIAL PROBLEMS	
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	
And one course from the following:		4-5
ANTH 2A	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
or ANTH 2AH	HONORS CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
ECON 1A	PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS	
GEOG 10	WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY	
HIST 4A	HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION TO 800 CE	
HIST 4B	HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION: 700-1800	
HIST 4C	HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION 1789-PRESENT	
or HIST 4CH	HONORS HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION 1789-PRESENT	
PHIL 1	CRITICAL THINKING & WRITING	
PSYC 22	PSYCHOLOGY OF PREJUDICE & DISCRIMINATION	
Total Units		13-15