SOCIOLOGY MAJOR ADVISING CHECKLIST: COMPLETION OF 9-12 UNITS OF CREDIT REQUIRED

*** For those matriculating 2014 or later

General Timeline:
Intro-level courses (100-level) are taken in the first or second year, fall or spring semesters (along with Distribution Requirements).
Soc203: Foundations of Social Theory is taken as a sophomore or fall semester of junior year.
Soc300/301: Methods is taken junior year or fall semester of senior year.
A Capstone Seminar (300-level topical seminar) is taken after Social Theory and Methods in the spring semester of the junior year or senior year, fall or spring semester.
Students take electives (200-level courses) all four years; they do not have pre-reqs.

_____ 1 100-level course (required): Choose from:
  • SOC 101 Principles of Sociology
  • SOC 110 Global Problems
  • SOC 112 Inequality
  • SOC 161 Social Problems and Policy
  • SOC 169 Media & Society
  • SOC 187 Environment and Society

Majors may take additional courses at the 100 level, but a total maximum of 2 such courses may be counted towards the major.

_____ 203 Foundations of Social Theory (required): Prerequisite: any 100-level or 200-level Sociology course.

_____ 300 Qualitative Methods or 301 Quantitative Methods (required): Prerequisite: SOC203 Foundations of Social Theory

_____ Experiential Component (required): Choose one from:
  • A SLU approved off-campus study program (semester or year). To fulfill this requirement, students must also attend a gathering of Sociology Department faculty and other sociology majors returning from off-campus study to present a sociological reflection on their experiences. Prerequisite: any 100-level or 200-level Sociology course.
  • Any Sociology course with a CBL (Community Based Learning) component. Choose from:
    o SOC 224 Family, Community, and Globalization w/CBL
    o SOC 238 Social Services, Agencies, and Advocacy w/CBL
    o SOC 246 What So Bad About Aging? w/CBL
    o SOC 275 Medical Sociology + SOC 290 Independent Study CBL Placement
    o Other courses, including Special Topics courses, considered in consultation with the Department Chair.
  • SOC 309 Internship. Prerequisite: at least 2 sociology courses. Enrollment is by permission of instructor.
  • SOC SPTP 248 Summerterm course in Ethiopia offered through Sociology.

_____ Capstone Seminar (required): any 300 or 400 level topical seminar.
Prerequisites: one Sociology course at the 100-level, one Sociology course at the 200-level, and SOC 203 Foundations of Social Theory. SOC 300 Qualitative Research Methods or 301 Quantitative Research Methods recommended but not required.

_____ Capstone Independent Research and Honors (optional):
For majors who wish to pursue an additional Capstone opportunity through independent research:
  • SOC 486 Capstone Independent Study (1.0 credit, 1 semester, Fall or Spring)
    Prerequisites: 203 Foundations of Social Theory, 300 or 301 Research Methods, any 300 or 400 level capstone seminar, and a Capstone Project Application submitted to the Sociology Department for approval prior to preregistration the semester before the start of the project.
  OR
  • SOC 495/496 Capstone Honors Project (2.0 credits, 2 semesters, 495 in Fall AND 496 in Spring)
    Prerequisites: 3.5 major GPA, 203 Foundations of Social Theory, 300 or 301 Research Methods, any 300 or 400 level capstone seminar, and a Capstone Project Application submitted to the Sociology Department for approval prior to preregistration the semester before the start of the project.

Requirements noted above + Sociology electives must TOTAL 9-12 units of credit

Electives:

A maximum of 2 approved courses from outside the department may be applied to the major. Social Theory, Research Methods, and the Capstone Seminars/Projects must be taken on campus in the department for major credit.

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