

# Sociology (SOC)



Why do people behave the way they do in elevators, classrooms, and around town? What makes men and women different, and how much of that difference is learned rather than innate? How does the time period in which we are living influence our choices, actions and beliefs?

Sociology is the scientific study of the development, structure, and function of human groups and societies. It is concerned with the scientific understanding of human behavior as it relates to, and as a consequence of, interaction within groups. The undergraduate program in the Department of Sociology provides a broad understanding of human society for students in every field and integrated programs for majors in sociology.

## Top 5 reasons to study Sociology

- 1 Gain a broad skillset for further study and your future career.
- 2 Understand and cope with changes in society.
- 3 Notice and analyze the dynamics of groups and organizations.
- 4 Identify and address systemic social problems.
- 5 Develop strong analytical and communication skills.

## Where can I go?

A degree in Sociology can take you in multiple directions. Students in Sociology may choose to pursue a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS), a Master of Science (MS), or a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

Sociology provides students with a foundation for employment in:

- Human services agencies
- Local, state, and federal government
- Political campaigns
- Non-profit organizations
- Environmental and social advocacy groups
- Local planning agencies
- Media companies
- Market research
- Educational institutions

## Alumni jobs

- Environmental justice and community outreach manager
- Mental health associate
- Human resources director
- Social network recruiter
- Child welfare case worker
- Sports marketing coordinator
- Occupational health manager
- High school learning specialist
- IT program administrator
- Career and academic advisor

## Courses you may need

### 1ST YEAR

SOC 204 or SOC 207, SOC 2xx/3xx, SOC 3xx/4xx

### 2ND YEAR

SOC 310, SOC 311, SOC 312

### 3RD YEAR

SOC 3xx/4xx, SOC 3xx/4xx, SOC 3xx/4xx

### 4TH YEAR

SOC 4xx, SOC 4xx, SOC 4xx

## Major credits

Required	36 credits
Electives	12 credits
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Total	48 credits

## Core Education Requirement

BS or BA Degree

Minimum = 180 credits

Core Education is approximately 71-83 credits depending on transfer credits and placement scores and requires courses in:

Writing

Math and/or CIS (BS) or  
Language (BA)

US: Difference, Inequality, Agency  
Global Perspectives

Areas of Inquiry in:

Arts and Letters  
Social Science  
Science

## What will I learn?

A degree in Sociology can give you skills in:

- Writing and oral presentations
- Evaluating theoretical claims
- Critical reading and thinking
- Social science methods
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis
- Public engagement and outreach
- Policy analysis
- Organization and team leadership
- Statistical analysis
- Mapping organizations
- Analyze society-environment interactions

## Specialized courses

In addition to the overall skills you will gain from the major in Sociology, at the Department of Sociology at the University of Oregon you can take specialized courses in areas such as the following:

- Sociology of the Mass Media
- Sociology of the Family
- Sociology of Gender
- Work and Occupations
- Urban Sociology
- Sociology of Developing Areas
- Systems of War and Peace
- Crime and Social Control
- Sociology of Health and Medicine

## Add a minor or certificate

**Minors:** Anthropology; Chemistry; Creative Writing; English; Environmental Studies; Ethics; Political Science; Psychology; Spanish; Women's, gender, and sexuality studies (WGSS)