

Minor: Sociology (SOC)



Sociology is the scientific study of human groups and societies — how they develop, how they are structured, and how they function. Sociologists look at social relationships and interactions, power and conflict, structures that hold societies together, and how societies change. The undergraduate program in sociology at the University of Oregon is designed to provide a broad understanding of human society for students in all fields. The Minor in Sociology is a popular choice for students in other fields who wish to enhance their understanding of society and the behavior of people.

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.

Minor credits

Required	8 credits
Electives	16 credits
Total	24 credits

Where can I go?

A minor in Sociology can take you in multiple directions. Psychology 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

Courses you will need

- At least 4 credits lower-division sociology course: SOC 204 and/or SOC 207
- At least 12 credits upper-division sociology courses (select from SOC 3xx and 4xx* courses)
- Additional lower- or upper-division SOC courses to bring total to 24 credits
- All students must complete one of the following: SOC 310, 311, or 312

**note that no more than 4 credits in courses numbered 401-406 may be applied to minor*

Majors commonly combined with

- Anthropology
- Biology
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Studies
- Ethnic Studies
- General Social Science
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Spanish

What will I learn?

A minor 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