## SOCIOLOGY, B.S. (CAPITAL)

**Begin Campus:** Any Penn State Campus  
**End Campus:** Harrisburg  

### Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

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<td>General Education</td>
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7 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 3 credits of GWS courses; 4 credits in GQ courses.

### Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

### Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

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<td>ENGL 202A</td>
<td>Effective Writing: Writing in the Social Sciences</td>
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<td>SOC 1</td>
<td>Introductory Sociology</td>
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<td>SOC 207</td>
<td>Research Methods in Sociology</td>
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<td>SOC 400W</td>
<td>Senior Research Seminar</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>SOC 405</td>
<td>Sociological Theory</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>SOC 495</td>
<td>Internship</td>
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### Additional Courses

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<tr>
<td>PSYCH 200</td>
<td>Elementary Statistics in Psychology</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>or STAT 200</td>
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### B. Social Institutions

Select three of the following:

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<td>SOC 30</td>
<td>Sociology of the Family</td>
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<td>SOC 403</td>
<td>Advanced Social Psychology</td>
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<td>SOC 411</td>
<td>Racial and Ethnic Diversity and the American Family</td>
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<td>SOC 416</td>
<td>Sociology of Education</td>
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<td>SOC 429</td>
<td>Social Stratification</td>
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<td>SOC 430</td>
<td>Family in Cross-Cultural Perspective</td>
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<td>SOC 446</td>
<td>Political Sociology</td>
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<tr>
<td>SOC/WMNST 456</td>
<td>Gender, Occupations, and Professions</td>
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### D. Diversity

Select two of the following:

- AFAM 212 African Americans in the New Jim Crow Era, 1968-present
- BESC/WMNST Feminine/Masculine 464
- SOC/AFAM/WMNST 103 Racism and Sexism
- SOC/WMNST 110 Sociology of Gender
- SOC/AFAM 409 Racial and Ethnic Inequality in America
- SOC 428 Homelessness in America
- SOC 435 Perspectives on Aging or HDFS 434 Perspectives on Aging
- SOC/RLST 461 Sociology of Religion
- WMNST/CED 420

### Requirements for the Option

Select an option: 21

1 At least 9 of these credits must be at the 400-level.

### Requirements for the Option

#### General Sociology Option (21 credits)

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| Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better
| ENGL 202A Effective Writing: Writing in the Social Sciences | 3       |
| SOC 1 Introductory Sociology                      | 3       |
| SOC 207 Research Methods in Sociology            | 3       |
| SOC 400W Senior Research Seminar                 | 3       |
| SOC 405 Sociological Theory                      | 3       |
| SOC 495 Internship                               | 3-9     |

### Additional Courses

Select 3 credits from each of sections B, C and D above: 9

### Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 6 credits (at least 3 credits at the 400-level) in consultation with adviser from AAAS, AFAM, BESC, GEOG, SOC: 6

Select 6 credits (at least 3 credits at the 400-level) in consultation with adviser from AMST, ANTH, ART, ARTH, COMM, CRIMJ, ENGL, HDFS, HIST, IHUM, MGMT, MUSIC, PLSC, PSYCH, PUBPL, THEA, WMNST: 6

### Community Organization and Social Services Option (21 credits)

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| Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better
| BESC 370 Social Problems                      | 3       |

### Additional Courses
Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better
Select 3 credits from each of A, B, and C: 9

A. Organization and Leadership
   BESC 408 Leadership and Motivation
   MGMT 321 Management and Organization
   MGMT 331 Leadership and Motivation
   SOCI 376 Introduction to Human Service Organizations

B. Community Contexts
   SOCI 15 Urban Sociology
   SOCI 103 Racism and Sexism
   SOCI 406 Sociology of Deviance
   SOCI 412 Social Control and the Legal System

C. Group Processes and Dynamics
   BESC 407 Small Groups Counseling
   PSYCH 449 Basic Counseling Skills
   SOCI 3 Introductory Social Psychology
   SOCI 403 Advanced Social Psychology
   SOCI 404 Social Influence and Small Groups

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General Education
Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)
   • Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
   • Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)
   • Arts (GA): 3 credits
   • Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
   • Humanities (GH): 3 credits
   • Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 3 credits
   • Natural Sciences (GN): 3 credits

Integrative Studies
   • Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain): 6 credits

Exploration
   • GN, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
   • GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses. This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student’s degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements
First Year Engagement
All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement
6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements
   • United States Cultures: 3 credits
   • International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum
3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits
A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work
Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition
The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.