

# The Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

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## Total Course Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree: 120 units

See "Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree" in the *University Catalog* for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 40 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

A suggested Major Academic Plan (MAP) has been prepared to help students meet all graduation requirements within four years. Please request a plan from your major advisor or view it and other current advising information on the CSU, Chico Web.

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## General Education Requirements: 48 units

See "General Education Requirements" in the *University Catalog* and the *Class Schedule* for the most current information on General Education Requirements and course offerings. The course requirements marked below with an asterisk (\*) may also be applied toward General Education.

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## Cultural Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units

See "Cultural Diversity" in the *University Catalog*. Most courses taken to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education.

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## American Institutions Requirement: 6 units

See the "American Institutions Requirement" under "Bachelor's Degree Requirements." This requirement is normally fulfilled by completing HIST 130 and POLS 155. Courses used to satisfy this requirement do not apply to General Education.

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## Literacy Requirement:

See "Mathematics and Writing Requirements" in the *University Catalog*. Writing proficiency in the major is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of a course in your major which has been designated as the Writing Proficiency (WP) course for the semester in which you take the course. Students who earn below a C- are required to repeat the course and earn a C- or better to receive WP credit. See the *Class Schedule* for the designated WP courses for each semester. You must pass ENGL 130 (or its equivalent) with a C- or better before you may register for a WP course.

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## Computer Skills:

Students are expected to be able to use computers to generate documents, process basic data, and utilize the World Wide Web. SOSC 110 or other computer literacy course is recommended for students without these skills before entering upper-division sociology courses.

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## Course Requirements for the Major: 43 units

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this degree.

### Major Core Program: 31 units

#### 5 courses required:

<b>SOCI 100</b>	Principles of Sociology	3.0	FS *
<b>SOCI 300</b>	Social Theory: Classical	3.0	FS
<b>SOCI 301</b>	Social Theory: Contemp Thought	3.0	FS

*Prerequisites: SOCI 300.*

<b>SOCI 310</b>	Social Research Methods	3.0	FS
<b>SOCI 315</b>	Stat Analysis for Soc Sciences	3.0	FS

*Prerequisites: SOCI 310.*

#### 1 course selected from:

<b>SOCI 441</b>	Sociology of World Affairs	3.0	FS WP
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*Prerequisites: ENGL 130 (or its equivalent) with a grade of C- or higher, SOCI 300, SOCI 310, senior standing.*

**SOCI 441H** Sociology World Affairs: Hnrs 3.0 FS WP

*Prerequisites: ENGL 130 (or its equivalent) with a grade of C- or higher, SOCI 300, SOCI 310, senior standing. Open to sociology majors who have a 3.5 GPA, faculty permission.*

**1 course selected from:**

**SOCI 410** Qualitative Research Methods 4.0 FA

*Prerequisites: SOCI 310 and SOCI 315 (or other statistics course by permission of instructor).*

**SOCI 411** Quantitative Research Methods 4.0 SP

*Prerequisites: SOCI 310 and SOCI 315 (or other statistics course by permission of instructor).*

**2 courses selected from:**

**SOCI 330** Sociology of Gender 3.0 FS

This course is also offered as MCGS 330.

**SOCI 340** Soci of Wealth & Inequality 3.0 FS \*

**SOCI 350** Ethnic and Race Relations 3.0 Inq \* Eth

This course is also offered as MCGS 350.

**SOCI 360** Self and Society 3.0 FS

**SOCI 370** Population 3.0 FS

**1 course selected from:**

**SOCI 327** Sociology of Religion 3.0 Inq

This course is also offered as RELS 381.

**SOCI 440** Political Sociology 3.0 Inq

**SOCI 465** Soci of Work & Occupations 3.0 Inq

**SOCI 486** Sociology of Law 3.0 Inq

**12 units selected from:**

Any Sociology (SOCI) courses, with a minimum of 6 upper-division units (300- and 400-level courses) required. All majors are encouraged to include an Applied Sociology Internship (SOCI 489) in their course selection. Up to 6 units may be used to meet major requirements.

**Electives Requirement:**

To complete the total units required for the bachelor's degree, select additional elective courses from the total University offerings. You should consult with an advisor regarding the selection of courses which will provide breadth to your University experience and possibly apply to a supportive second major or minor.

**Grading Requirement:**

All courses taken to fulfill major course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as Credit/No Credit grading only.

**Advising Requirement:**

Advising is mandatory for all majors in this degree program. Consult your undergraduate advisor for specific information.

**Honors in the Major**

Many majors on campus offer the opportunity to complete a special sequence of courses which earns you the distinction of Honors in the Major. This recognition appears on your permanent transcript and on your diploma, and it is often accompanied by letters of commendation from your thesis advisor, department chair, and the dean of your college, and you are specially recognized at graduation. Most importantly, however, the Honors in the Major program allows you to work closely with faculty in your area of interest on an original performance or research project. This year-long collaboration allows you to work in your field at a professional level and culminates in a public presentation of your work. Sometimes students take their projects beyond the University for presentation at conferences or competition in shows; such experience is invaluable for graduate school and later professional life.

While Honors in the Major is part of the University Honors Program, each department administers its own program, so you need to see your advisor or department chair for particulars regarding Honors in the Major. Features of Honors in the

Sociology Major are:

1. You must complete 9 units of upper-division course work or 21 overall units in your major before you can be admitted to Honors in the Major. You must have completed SOCI 100, SOCI 300, and SOCI 310 in order to qualify for Honors in the Sociology Major.
2. Your overall GPA must be 3.5 or above for the past two years and 3.5 or above in the major. You must also be recommended by a faculty member.
3. To complete Honors in the Major, you must take 6 units in your senior year: 3 units of SOCI 441H in the first semester and 3 units of SOCI 499H in the following semester. You must complete these two courses with a minimum grade of B. You must also maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 in your senior year.
4. The independent study typically culminates with a public presentation of the results of your Honors project.
5. While you may begin taking major courses during your freshman year, most students do not apply for Honors in the Major until their junior year.