

**SOCIOLOGY - BA**THIS IS A **GENERAL** CURRICULUM GUIDE AND IS NOT APPLICABLE TO EVERY STUDENT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR.

Year One			
<b>SOC 101</b> Introduction to Sociology <b>OR</b> <b>SOC 105</b> Social Problems (CLAS Voyage-Embarking)	3	<sup>1</sup> WRT 130 <b>OR</b> WRT 150 Strategies in Writing ( <i>self-placement</i> )	3-4
General Education or <sup>1</sup> WRT 120 ( <i>self-placement</i> )	3	General Education (Physical Science or Life Science n/Lab)	3
<sup>3</sup> Language 101 ( <i>language of your choice</i> )	4	<sup>3</sup> Language 102	4
General Education	3	General Education or Minor or Elective	3
Elective	1	Elective	2
Elective	1		
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>
Year Two			
<b>SOC 301</b> Sociological Theory	3	<b>SOC Elective</b>	3
Prerequisite: SOC 101 or 105	3	General Education	3
General Education	4	General Education	3
General Education (Physical Science <b>OR</b> Life Science w/Lab)	4	<sup>4</sup> Minor/Elective	3
<sup>3</sup> Language 201	1	<sup>4</sup> Minor/Elective	3
Elective			
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>
Year Three			
<b>SOC 305</b> Qualitative Methods in Sociology (CLAS Voyage Experiential Learning)	3	<b>SOC 222 OR SOC 288 OR SOC 304 OR SOC 355 OR SOC 490 OR SOC 499</b> (CLAS Voyage-Experiential Learning)	3
Prerequisites: SOC 101 or 105, & 3 additional SOC credits		<b>SOC Elective</b>	3
<b>SOC Elective</b>	3	General Education	3
General Education Issues	3	<sup>4</sup> Minor/Elective	3
Prerequisite: Junior Standing		<sup>4</sup> Minor/Elective	3
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<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>
Year Four			
<b>SOC 495</b> Senior Seminar in Sociology ( <i>Capstone</i> ) (SWS) (CLAS Voyage-Capstone)	3	<b>SOC Elective</b>	3
Prerequisite: Senior Standing	3	General Education	3
<b>SOC Elective</b>	3	General Education <b>OR</b> <sup>4</sup> Minor/Elective	3
General Education Issues	3	<sup>4</sup> Minor/Elective	3
Prerequisite: Junior Standing		<sup>4,6</sup> Minor/Elective ( <i>second SWS, if needed</i> )	3
<sup>4</sup> Minor/Elective	3		
<sup>4</sup> Minor/Elective	3		
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>

<sup>1</sup>Students who self-place into WRT 120 should take this course in the fall semester and then take WRT 130 in the winter semester of their first year. WRT 150 can take it in either semester during their first year. Students will not need to take WRT 150 if they have earned credit for the course through AP/Dual Enrollment. A grade of C or better (**NOT A-C-**) is required in WRT 130 or 150 to satisfy the WRT requirement.

<sup>3</sup>Third semester language proficiency (201 level) is required for the B.A. degree. This may be fulfilled through language placement (<http://www.gvsu.edu/mlt/language-placement-exam-108.htm>) or by completing the courses listed above.

<sup>4</sup>Minor/Elective – students often have enough credits to select a minor to complete with the major. See advisor for more information.

<sup>6</sup>SWS = Supplemental Writing Skills. Students must complete 2 courses with a SWS attribute.

\*Students must have a minimum of 120 credits to graduate with 58 of the 120 credits being from a senior level institution like GVSU and the final 30 credits of the 120 credits are specifically to be completed at GVSU. Elective refers to any course that will help meet these requirements.

\*The block tuition rate is for 12-15 credits. You will pay additional tuition for any credits over 15. For more information contact the Office of Financial Aid.

\*A major GPA of 2.0 or higher within the major is required to graduate.

**Declaring the Sociology-BA Major:**

1. In myBanner, select "Student" > "Student Records" > "Change Major" > "Change Major 1/Program"
2. Choose "Sociology-BA" from the drop-down box.
3. Click "Submit" and then "Change to New Program"

**General Education Overlap** (*Depending on elective choices*):

Social and Behavioral Sciences: SOC 101, SOC 105, SOC 287	Global Perspectives: SOC 305
Issues: SOC 306, 317, 313, 318, 322, 350, 351, 355, 366, 377	U.S. Diversity: SOC 105, SOC 285, SOC 287, SOC 313, 317, 318

**CLAS Voyage:**

What is the CLAS Voyage? <https://www.gvsu.edu/clas/clas-voyage-1184.htm> or search "GVSU CLAS Voyage"

Embarking (need one): SOC 101, SOC 105	Capstone: SOC 495
Experiential Learning (need two): SOC 222, 288, 304, 305, 355, 490, 499	

**Sociology Major (30 credits)**

**Core Courses (12 credits)**

___ <b>SOC 101</b> Introduction to Sociology (3) <b>OR</b> <b>SOC 105</b> Social Problems (3)	___ <b>SOC 305</b> Qualitative Methods in Sociology (3) *SOC 101 or 105, & 3 additional SOC credits
___ <b>SOC 301</b> Sociological Theory (3) *SOC 101 or 105	___ <b>SOC 495</b> Senior Seminar in Sociology (Capstone) (SWS) (3) *Senior Standing

**Elective Requirements (18 credits)**

(Choose **TWO** elective courses in sociology. Whichever of SOC 101 or 105 that was not taken for the core can also count as an elective)

SOC Elective ____ (3)	SOC Elective ____ (3)	SOC Elective ____ (3)
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**Sociology Electives**

**Take at least one elective that is a High Impact Practice course: SOC 222, SOC 288, SOC 304, SOC 355, SOC 490, SOC 499, Study Abroad**

<b>SOC 180</b> Special Topics in Sociology (3) *Course content and number of credits offered changes every semester	<b>SOC 318</b> Sociology of Sexuality (3) *Junior Standing *Fulfills U.S. Diversity *Fulfills Issues-Identity	<b>SOC 377</b> Globalization: Structures and Movements (3) *Junior Standing *Fulfills Issues-Globalization
<b>SOC 222</b> Humans in West Michigan Watersheds *Cross listed with ENS 222 & NRM 222	<b>SOC 322</b> Sociology of Community (3) *SOC 101 & Junior Standing *Fulfills U.S. Diversity *Fulfills Issues-Identity	<b>SOC 380</b> Special Topics in Sociology (3) *Course content changes every semester
<b>SOC 251</b> Criminology (3)	<b>SOC 333</b> Sociology of the Civil Rights Movement (3)	<b>SOC 381</b> Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality (3) *SOC 101 or 105 *Fulfills U.S. Diversity
<b>SOC 252</b> Sociology of Drug Use and Abuse (3)	<b>SOC 345</b> Cultural Sociology (3) *Prerequisites: SOC 101 or ANT 204	<b>SOC 386</b> Death and Dying (3) *Junior Standing
<b>SOC 285</b> Families in Society (3) *Fulfills U.S. Diversity	<b>SOC 350</b> Family and Gender in Developing World (3) *Cross listed with WGS 350 *Fulfills Global Perspectives *Fulfills Issues-Identity *SWS	<b>SOC 387</b> Sociology of Childhood (3) *SOC 101
<b>SOC 286</b> Health and Society (3) *Fulfills Social Behavioral Sciences *Fulfills U.S. Diversity	<b>SOC 351</b> Urban Sociology (3) *SOC 101 & Junior Standing *Fulfills Issues-Sustainability	<b>SOC 388</b> Middle Age and Aging (3) *Research Intensive
<b>SOC 287</b> Sociology of Religion (3) *Fulfills Social Behavioral Sciences *Fulfills U.S. Diversity	<b>SOC 355</b> Work and Labor in the Global Economy (3) *Junior Standing *Fulfills Issues-Globalization *SWS	<b>SOC 392</b> Social Deviance and Social Control (3) *SOC 101 & permission from instructor
<b>SOC 288</b> Sociology of Food (3)	<b>SOC 360</b> Social Psychology-Sociology's view (3) *3 credits in SOC or PSY *Not equivalent to PSY 360	<b>SOC 399</b> Independent Readings (1-3) *SOC 101 & permission from instructor
<b>SOC 304</b> Quantitative Research Methods (3) *STA 215, SOC 101 or 105, & 3 additional SOC credits	<b>SOC 366</b> American Society and Media (3) *Junior Standing *Fulfills Issues-Innovation/Tech *Cross listed with INT 366	<b>SOC 490</b> Practicum: Career Service (1-9) *15 hours of course prep & permission from instructor
<b>SOC 306</b> The Sociology of Human Rights (3)		<b>SOC 499</b> Independent Study (1-3) *9 SOC credits & permission from instructor
<b>SOC 313</b> Race and Ethnicity (3) *Junior Standing *Fulfills U.S. Diversity *Fulfills Issues-Human Rights *SWS		
<b>SOC 315</b> Social Class Inequality (3)		
<b>SOC 317</b> Sociology of Gender (3) *Junior Standing *Fulfills U.S. Diversity *Fulfills Issues-Identity *Cross listed with WGS 317		

**Bachelor of Arts (credits vary based on proficiency placement)**

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\*Please note that language placement fulfills SOC-BA language requirement but does not earn credit towards the 120 total required for graduation.

Foreign Language:	OR: American Sign Language:
----Language 101*(4cr)	----ASL 201 (3cr)
----Language 102*(4cr)	----ASL 202 (3cr)
*150 is a hybrid of 101 & 102. It is recommended for students with previous language background. Students may move into Language 201	----ASL 203 (3cr)
----Language 201*(4cr)	----ASL 421 (3cr)