

# SOCIOLOGY-BS

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

## Sociology Major BS (45 credits)

### Core (33 credits)

- **SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology** (3) \*Fulfills Foundation – Social and Behavioral Sciences  
**OR SOC 105 Social Problems** (3) \*Fulfills Foundation – Social and Behavioral Sciences, Fulfills Cultures – U.S. Diversity
- **SOC 204 Introduction to Social Theory** (3)  
Prerequisites: SOC 101 or 105
- **STA 215 Introductory Applied Statistics** (3)  
Prerequisites: MAT 110 or equivalent
- **STA 216 Intermediate Applied Statistics** (3) \*Fulfills one of the Foundation – Mathematical Sciences  
Prerequisites: STA 215 or STA 312
- **SOC 304 Quantitative Methods in Sociology** (3)  
Prerequisites: STA 215, SOC 101 or 105, and 3 additional credits in sociology
- **SOC 305 Qualitative Methods in Sociology** (3)  
Prerequisites: STA 215, SOC 101 or 105, and 3 additional credits in sociology
- **SOC 313 Race and Ethnicity** (3) \*Fulfills Cultures-U.S. Diversity/ Part of the Human Rights Issue  
Prerequisites: Junior Standing
- **SOC 315 Social Class Inequality** (3)  
Prerequisites: Junior Standing
- **SOC 317 Sociology of Gender** (3) \*Fulfills Cultures-U.S. Diversity/ Part of the Identity Issue Cross-listed with WGS 317  
Prerequisites: Junior Standing
- **SOC 319 Classic Social Theory** (3)  
**OR SOC 321 Contemporary Sociological Theory** (3)  
Prerequisite for either course: SOC 204 and six credit hours in sociology
- **SOC 495 Senior Seminar in Sociology (Capstone)** (3)  
Prerequisites: Senior standing, SOC 304 or 305, SOC 319 or 321, and prior approval from major advisor

### Elective Requirements (12 credits)

Choose four elective courses in sociology. Whichever of SOC 101 or 105, and SOC 319 or 321 that was not taken for the core can also count as electives.

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### Sociology Elective Courses

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| SOC 180 Special Topics in Sociology (3)               | SOC 333 Sociology of the Civil Rights Movement (3) | SOC 377 Globalization: Structures and Movements (3) |
| SOC 250 Perspectives on Madness (3)                   | SOC 345 Cultural Sociology                         | *Prerequisite Junior Standing                       |
| SOC 251 Criminology (3)                               | *Prerequisites SOC 101 or ANT 204                  | *Part of the Globalization Issue                    |
| SOC 252 Sociology of Drug Use and Abuse (3)           | SOC 350 Family and Gender in Developing World (3)  | SOC 380 Special Topics in Sociology (3)             |
| SOC 285 Families in Society (3)                       | *Cross listed with WGS 350                         | SOC 381 Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality (3)      |
| *Fulfills Cultures – U.S. Diversity                   | *Prerequisites WRT 150 (C or better NOT C-)        | *Prerequisite SOC 101 or 105                        |
| SOC 286 Sociology of Health Care (3)                  | and Junior Standing                                | *Fulfills Cultures – U.S. Diversity                 |
| SOC 287 Sociology of Religion (3)                     | *Fulfills Cultures – World Perspectives            | SOC 386 Death and Dying (3)                         |
| *Fulfills Foundation – Social and Behavioral Sciences | *Part of the Identity Issue                        | *Prerequisite Junior Standing                       |
| *Fulfills Cultures – U.S. Diversity                   | SOC 351 Urban Sociology (3)                        | SOC 387 Sociology of Childhood (3)                  |
| SOC 288 Sociology of Food (3)                         | *Prerequisites SOC 101 and Junior Standing         | *Prerequisite SOC 101                               |
| SOC 289 Sociology of Art (3)                          | *Part of Sustainability Issue                      | SOC 388 Middle Age and Aging (3)                    |
| SOC 290 Sociology of Education (3)                    | SOC 355 Sociology of Work and Employment (3)       | SOC 389 Child Maltreatment (3)                      |
| SOC 304 Quantitative Methods (3)                      | *Prerequisite Junior Standing                      | SOC 390 Advanced Seminar in Sociology (3)           |
| *Prerequisites: STA 215, SOC 101, and                 | *Part of the Globalization Issue                   | SOC 392 Social Deviance and Social Control (3)      |
| 3 additional credits in sociology                     | SOC 360 Social Psychology – Sociology’s View (3)   | SOC 399 Independent Readings (1-3)                  |
| SOC 318 Sociology of Sexuality                        | *Prerequisite SOC 101                              | *Prerequisites SOC 101 and Instructor Consent       |
| *Prerequisite Junior Standing                         | *NOT equivalent to PSY 360                         | SOC 490 Practicum – Career Service (1-9)            |
| *Fulfills Cultures – U.S. Diversity                   | SOC 366 American Society and Media (3)             | *Prerequisites 15 hours course prep and             |
| *Part of the Identity Issue                           | *Prerequisite Junior Standing                      | Instructor consent                                  |
| *Cross listed with WGS 318                            | *Part of Info., Innovation, Tech. Issue            | SOC 499 Independent Study and Research (1-3)        |
| SOC 322 Sociology of Community (3)                    | *Cross listed with LIB 360                         | *Prerequisites 9 SOC credits and Prior Approval     |
| *Prerequisites SOC 101 and Junior Standing            |  |   |
| *Fulfills Cultures – U.S. Diversity                   |  |   |
| *Part of the Identity Issue                           |  |   |

**Sample Plan—BS**

Year One
MTH 110 SOC 101 or SOC 105 WRT 150
Year Two
SOC 204 STA 215 SOC 304 SOC 305 STA 216

Year Three
SOC 313 SOC 315 SOC 317 SOC 319 or 321
Year Four
SOC Elective SOC Elective SOC Elective SOC Elective SOC 495

- Students must complete a total of two courses with an SWS attribute
- You must have a total of 120 credits to graduate from Grand Valley State University (you are encouraged to complete an average of 15 credits per semester)
- Supplement major courses with general education courses when scheduling
- The block tuition rate is for 12-15 credits. You will pay additional tuition for any credits over 15

**Guide for Declaring the Sociology Major:**

1. Log into myBanner from the GVSU homepage
2. Once logged in select "Student", "Student Records", and then, "Change Major"
3. Click on the "Change Major 1/Program" box
4. Click on the down arrow in the box next to "New Major 1/Program," from here scroll down and choose "Sociology-BS" OR "Sociology-BA" depending on your degree
5. Click "Submit" and then "Change to New Program"

**General Education Overlap**

<b>General Education Categories fulfilled by the Sociology Major (depending on elective choices):</b>	
Social and Behavioral Sciences: SOC 201, SOC 105	Issues – Human Rights: SOC 313
Mathematical Sciences: STA 215	Issues – Identity: SOC 317, SOC 318, SOC 322, SOC 350
Cultures – U.S. Diversity: SOC 105, SOC 285, SOC 313, SOC 317, SOC 318	Issues – Sustainability: SOC 351
Cultures – World Perspectives: SOC 350	Issues – Globalization: SOC 355, SOC 377
	Issues – Information, Innovation, Technology: SOC 366

**It is imperative to meet with your faculty advisor and an advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center regularly.**

**The Department of Sociology is located at 2172 ASH, 616-331-3730**

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