

**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			
General Education or <sup>1</sup> WRT 120 (self-placement)	3	<sup>1</sup> WRT 130 or WRT 150 Strategies in Writing	3-4
<b>SOC 101</b> Introduction to Sociology or <b>SOC 105</b> Social Problems	3	MTH 110 Algebra	4
Language 101-BA Cognate	4	Language 102-BA Cognate	4
General Education	3	General Education	3
<sup>3</sup> Electives	2	<sup>3</sup> Elective, if needed	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>
Year Two			
STA 215 Introductory Applied Statistics Prerequisite: MTH 110 or equivalent	3	SOC 305 Qualitative Methods in Sociology Prerequisites: STA 215, SOC 101 or 105, and 3 additional credits in sociology	3
SOC 204 Introduction to Social Theory Prerequisite: SOC 101 or SOC 105	3	General Education	3
Language 201-BA Cognate	4	General Education	3
<sup>2</sup> Minor/Elective	3	<sup>2</sup> Minor/Elective	3
<sup>3</sup> Electives	2	<sup>2</sup> Minor/Elective	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>
Year Three			
SOC 315 Social Class Inequality Prerequisite: Junior Standing	3	SOC 317 Sociology of Gender Prerequisite: Junior Standing	3
<sup>5</sup> Social Theory course or Elective Social Theory Prerequisite: SOC 204 and six additional hours in sociology	3	SOC 313 Race and Ethnicity Prerequisite: Junior Standing	3
General Education	3	<sup>5</sup> Social Theory course or Elective Social Theory Prerequisite: SOC 204 and six additional hours in sociology	3
Issues	3	General Education	3
<sup>2</sup> Minor/Elective	3	<sup>2</sup> Minor/Elective	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>
Year Four			
SOC Elective	3	SOC 495 SWS Senior Seminar in Sociology (Capstone) Prerequisite: Senior Standing and (either SOC 304 or 305 AND either SOC 319 or SOC 321) and prior approval	3
General Education	3	SOC Elective	3
Issues	3	General Education or Minor/Elective	3
<sup>2</sup> Minor/Elective	3	<sup>2</sup> Minor/Elective	3
<sup>2</sup> Minor/Elective	3	<sup>2, 4</sup> Minor/Elective-Second SWS (if needed)	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. Students who self-place into 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 is required in WRT 130 or 150 in order to satisfy the WRT requirement at GVSU.

<sup>2</sup> Minor/elective- Students often have enough credits to select a minor to complement the major. Otherwise, students can select elective courses to reach the 120 credits for graduation.

<sup>3</sup> Students must have a minimum of 120 credits to graduate with 58 of the 120 credits being from a senior level institution and the final 30 of the 120 credits completed at GVSU. Elective refers to any course that will help meet these requirements.

<sup>4</sup> Students must complete two courses with an SWS attribute.

<sup>5</sup> Students will take SOC 319 Classic Social Theory (fall only) OR SOC 321 Contemporary Sociological Theory (winter only). Whichever semester you do not take a Social Theory course, you can take an Elective.

\*The block tuition rate is for 12-15 credits. You will pay additional tuition for any credits over 15. A total of 120 credits is required to graduate.

\*A major GPA of 2.0 or higher is required.

**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**

<b>General Education Categories fulfilled by the Sociology Major (depending on elective choices):</b>	
Social and Behavioral Sciences: SOC 101, SOC 105, SOC 286, SOC 287	Issues – Globalization: SOC 377
Mathematical Sciences: STA 215	Issues – Human Rights: SOC 306, SOC 313
U.S. Diversity: SOC 105, SOC 285, SOC 286, SOC 287, SOC 313, SOC 317, SOC 318, SOC 322, SOC 381	Issues – Identity: SOC 317, SOC 318, SOC 322, SOC 350
Global Perspectives: SOC 350	Issues – Information, Innovation, Technology: SOC 366
	Issues – Sustainability: SOC 351

**Sociology Major (33 credits\*)**

**Core Courses (27 credits)**

<p>— <b>SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3)</b> <b>OR SOC 105 Social Problems (3)</b></p> <p>— <b>SOC 204 Introduction to Social Theory (3)</b> Prerequisites: SOC 101 or 105</p> <p>— <b>STA 215 Introductory Applied Statistics (3)</b> Prerequisites: MTH 110 or equivalent</p> <p>— <b>SOC 305 Qualitative Methods in Sociology (3)</b> Prerequisites: STA 215, SOC 101, and 3 additional credits in sociology</p> <p>— <b>SOC 313 Race and Ethnicity (3)</b> Prerequisites: Junior Standing</p>	<p>— <b>SOC 315 Social Class Inequality (3)</b> Prerequisites: Junior Standing</p> <p>— <b>SOC 317 Sociology of Gender (3)</b> Prerequisites: Junior Standing</p> <p>— <b>SOC 319 Classic Social Theory (3)</b> <b>OR SOC 321 Contemporary Sociological Theory (3)</b> Prerequisite for either course: SOC 204 and six credit hours in sociology</p> <p>— <b>SOC 495 Senior Seminar in Sociology (Capstone) (3)</b> Prerequisites: Senior standing, SOC 304 or 305, SOC 319 or 321, and prior approval</p>
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**Elective Requirements (6 credits)**

Choose two 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**

SOC 180 Special Topics in Sociology (3)	SOC 333 Sociology of the Civil Rights Movement (3)	SOC 377 Globalization: Structures and Movements (3) *Prerequisite SOC 101 or 105
SOC 250 Perspectives on Madness (3)	SOC 345 Cultural Sociology (3)	SOC 379 Sociology of Love (3) *Prerequisite Junior Standing
SOC 251 Criminology (3)	*Prerequisite SOC 101 or ANT 204	SOC 380 Special Topics in Sociology (3)
SOC 252 Sociology of Drug Use and Abuse (3)	SOC 350 Family and Gender in Developing World (3)	SOC 381 Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality (3) *Prerequisite SOC 101 or 105
SOC 285 Families in Society (3) *Fulfills Cultures-U.S. Diversity	*Cross listed with WGS 350 *Prerequisites WRT 150 (C or better NOT C-) and Junior Standing	*Fulfills Cultures- U.S. Diversity
SOC 286 Heath and Society (3)*Fulfills USD and SBS		SOC 386 Death and Dying (3) *Prerequisite Junior Standing
SOC 287 Sociology of Religion (3) *Fulfills Foundations- Social Behavioral Science *Fulfills Cultures- U.S. Diversity	*Fulfills Cultures- Global Perspectives *Part of Identity Issue	SOC 387 Sociology of Childhood (3) *Prerequisite SOC 101
SOC 288 Sociology of Food (3)	SOC 351 Urban Sociology (3) *Prerequisites SOC 101 and Junior Standing	SOC 388 Middle Age and Aging (3)
SOC 289 Sociology of Art (3)	*Part of Sustainability Issue	SOC 389 Child Maltreatment (3)
SOC 290 Sociology of Education (3)	SOC 355 Sociology of Work and Employment (3) *Prerequisite Junior Standing	SOC 390 Advanced Seminar in Sociology (3)
SOC 304 Quantitative Research Methods *Prerequisites: STA 215, SOC 201 and 3 additional credits in sociology	*Part of Globalization Issue	SOC 392 Social Deviance and Social Control (3)
SOC 318 Sociology of Sexuality (3) *Prerequisite Junior Standing *Fulfills Cultures-U.S. Diversity *Part of Identity Issue *Cross listed with WGS 318	SOC 360 Social Psychology-Sociology's view (3) *Prerequisite 3 credits in SOC or PSY *NOT equivalent to PSY 360	SOC 399 Independent Readings (1-3) *Prerequisite SOC 101 and instructor consent
SOC 322 Sociology of Community *Prerequisites SOC 101 & Junior Standing *Fulfills Cultures- U.S. Diversity *Part of the Identity Issue	SOC 366 American Society and Media (3) *Prerequisite Junior Standing *Part of Info, Innovation and Tech Issue *Cross listed with LIB 360	SOC 490 Practicum- Career Service (1-9) *Prerequisites 15 hours of course prep and instructor consent
		SOC 499 Independent Study (1-3) *Prerequisites 9 SOC credits and Prior Approval

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

For Sociology majors, the B.A. degree requires third-semester proficiency in a modern, spoken foreign language. This may be fulfilled through language placement ( <http://www.gvsu.edu/mlt/language-placement-exam-108.htm>) or by completing the courses listed below:

- **Language 101 (4)**
- **Language 102/150 (4)** (150 is a hybrid of 101 & 102 and is only recommended for students with previous language background)
- **Language 201 (4)**

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