

# 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 (45 credits)

### Core Courses (24 credits)

— **SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3)**

**OR SOC 105 Social Problems (3)**

— **SOC 204 Introduction to Social Theory (3)**

Prerequisites: SOC 101 or 105

— **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)**

Prerequisites: Junior Standing

— **SOC 315 Social Class Inequality (3)**

Prerequisites: Junior Standing

— **SOC 317 Sociology of Gender (3)**

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

### Elective Requirements (12 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 250 Perspectives on Madness (3)

SOC 251 Criminology (3)

SOC 252 Sociology of Drug Use and Abuse (3)

SOC 285 Families in Society (3)

\*Fulfills Cultures-U.S. Diversity

SOC 286 Sociology of Health Care (3)

SOC 287 Sociology of Religion (3)

\*Fulfills Foundations- Social Behavioral Science

\*Fulfills Cultures- U.S. Diversity

SOC 288 Sociology of Food (3)

SOC 289 Sociology of Art (3)

SOC 290 Sociology of Education (3)

SOC 304 Quantitative Research Methods

\*Prerequisites: STA 215, SOC 201 and 3 additional credits in sociology

SOC 318 Sociology of Sexuality (3)

\*Prerequisite Junior Standing

\*Fulfills Cultures-U.S. Diversity

\*Part of Identity Issue

\*Cross listed with WGS 318

SOC 322 Sociology of Community

\*Prerequisites SOC 101 & Junior Standing

\*Fulfills Cultures- U.S. Diversity

\*Part of the Identity Issue

SOC 333 Sociology of the Civil Rights Movement (3)

SOC 345 Cultural Sociology (3)

\*Prerequisite SOC 101 or ANT 204

SOC 350 Family and Gender in Developing World (3)

\*Cross listed with WGS 350

\*Prerequisites WRT 150 (C or better NOT C-) and Junior Standing

\*Fulfills Cultures- Global Perspectives

\*Part of Identity Issue

SOC 351 Urban Sociology (3)

\*Prerequisites SOC 101 and Junior Standing

\*Part of Sustainability Issue

SOC 355 Sociology of Work and Employment (3)

\*Prerequisite Junior Standing

\*Part of Globalization Issue

SOC 360 Social Psychology-Sociology's view (3)

\*Prerequisite 3 credits in SOC or PSY

\*NOT equivalent to PSY 360

SOC 366 American Society and Media (3)

\*Prerequisite Junior Standing

\*Part of Info, Innovation and Tech Issue

\*Cross listed with LIB 366

SOC 377 Globalization: Structures and Movements (3)

\*Prerequisite SOC 101 or 105

SOC 379 Sociology of Love (3)

\*Prerequisite Junior Standing

SOC 380 Special Topics in Sociology (3)

SOC 381 Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality (3)

\*Prerequisite SOC 101 or 105

\* Fulfills Cultures- U.S. Diversity

SOC 386 Death and Dying (3)

\*Prerequisite Junior Standing

SOC 387 Sociology of Childhood (3)

\*Prerequisite SOC 101

SOC 388 Middle Age and Aging (3)

SOC 389 Child Maltreatment (3)

SOC 390 Advanced Seminar in Sociology (3)

SOC 392 Social Deviance and Social Control (3)

SOC 399 Independent Readings (1-3)

\*Prerequisite SOC 101 and instructor consent

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 Science (9 credits)

Complete the following three courses for the B.S. Degree Requirements:

— **STA 215 Introductory Applied Statistics (3)**

Prerequisites: MTH 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

**Sample Plan—BS**

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| Year One  |
| SOC 101 or 105<br>MTH 110<br>WRT 150 or 120/130     |
| Year Two  |
| SOC 204<br>STA 215<br>STA 216<br>SOC 304<br>SOC 305 |

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| Year Three  |
| SOC 313<br>SOC 315<br>SOC 317<br>SOC 319 or 321                         |
| Year Four   |
| SOC Elective<br>SOC Elective<br>SOC Elective<br>SOC Elective<br>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"
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> |   |
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| Social and Behavioral Sciences: SOC 101, SOC 105, 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 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                      |

It is imperative to regularly meet with your faculty advisor and a professional advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center, located in C-1-140 MAK and C-1-120, 616-331-8585. Your advisors in the CLAS Academic Advising Center are Michelle Redmond ([redmond2@gvsu.edu](mailto:redmond2@gvsu.edu)) and Dani Lauer ([lauerd@gvsu.edu](mailto:lauerd@gvsu.edu)).  
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