Designated Emphasis Requirements

The Designated Emphasis is a 12-unit interdisciplinary graduate course of study, requiring coursework across at least two departments. Two of the three required courses, if otherwise eligible, may count towards the student’s Ph.D. requirements.

1. All students must take ENGL 247 (4 units), a core course that applies technoculture and science-and-technology studies perspectives to some text or context relevant to the student's discipline. This course culminates in a 25-page research paper, thus fulfilling the research requirement of the Designated Emphasis. Students may petition to substitute another class that also requires a substantial research project in lieu of this core course.

2. Two (2) courses (8 units) selected from ANTH 262, CPLT 272, CPLT 273, CPLT 275, CPLT 276, CWPA 255, ECON 268, ENGL 246, ENGL 248, ETST 243F, HIST 287A, MUS 251, MUS 264, and PHIL 237. Students may ask to count another course with relevant content as approved by the Designated Emphasis Directors. Students must select courses from at least two different departments or programs, one of which may be their home department. Undergraduate courses taken to fulfill these requirements must be accompanied by a 292 course with extra work mutually agreed upon by professor and student.

All requirements for the Designated Emphasis must be satisfied before a student advances to candidacy in their Ph.D. field; a minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for the award of the Designated Emphasis.

Sociology

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Majors

Sociology is the scientific study of human behavior, interaction, and organization. It provides a historical and comparative perspective on human societies and offers a framework for understanding society and the complex social world.

Students majoring in sociology can choose between a B.A. or B.S. degree. The department also offers majors in Sociology/Administrative Studies, and Sociology/Law and Society, as well as a minor in sociology. All students must meet quarterly prior to course enrollment with the student affairs officer or the undergraduate advisor to develop a program of studies.

University Requirements
See Undergraduate Studies section.

College Requirements
See College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, Colleges and Programs section.

Major Requirements

Sociology Major
The major requirements for the B.A. and B.S. degrees in Sociology are as follows:

For the Bachelor of Arts
Sociology Department requirements (14 courses [at least 56 units])
Students will not be admitted into the major until lower-division requirements are satisfied. All courses in the major must be taken for a letter grade.

1. Lower-division requirements (5 courses [at least 20 units])
   a) SOC 001 or SOC 001H with a grade of “C” or better
   b) SOC 004, SOC 005 with a grade of “C” or better in each
   c) An additional four elective courses (at least 16 units) in Sociology (No more than 5 units from any combination of SOC 190, SOC 197, SOC 198-I)

2. Upper-division requirements (11 courses [at least 44 units])
   a) SOC 110, SOC 168, SOC 169
   b) A minimum of one course each selected from four of the following seven areas of emphasis:
      1) Social Organizations: SOC 150, SOC 151, SOC 171, SOC 176/BUS 176
      2) Social Psychology: SOC 173, SOC 174, SOC 175, SOC 177G, SOC 178
      3) Social Inequality: SOC 129, SOC 130, SOC 133, SOC 135
      4) Urban Sociology: SOC 137, SOC 143/URST 143, SOC 182/URST 182, SOC 184
      5) Criminology and Deviance: SOC 144, SOC 147, SOC 149, SOC 159, SOC 180
      6) Social Institutions and Change: SOC 120, SOC 122, SOC 123, SOC 139/MCS 139, SOC 158, SOC 160, SOC 179, SOC 181
      7) Family and Gender: SOC 140, SOC 141, SOC 142, SOC 153

For the Bachelor of Science
Sociology Department requirements (16 courses [at least 64 units])
Students will not be admitted into the major until lower-division requirements are satisfied. All courses in the major must be taken for a letter grade.

1. Lower-division requirements (5 courses [at least 20 units])
   a) SOC 001 or SOC 001H with a grade of “C” or better
   b) SOC 004, SOC 005 with a grade of “C” or better in each
   c) An additional four elective courses (at least 16 units) in Sociology (No more than 5 units from any combination of SOC 190, SOC 197, SOC 198-I)

2. Upper-division requirements (11 courses [at least 44 units])
   a) SOC 110, SOC 168, SOC 169
   b) A minimum of one course each selected from four of the following seven areas of emphasis:
      1) Social Organizations: SOC 150, SOC 151, SOC 171, SOC 176/BUS 176
      2) Social Psychology: SOC 173, SOC 174, SOC 175, SOC 177G, SOC 178
      3) Social Inequality: SOC 129, SOC 130, SOC 133, SOC 135
      4) Urban Sociology: SOC 137, SOC 143/URST 143, SOC 182/URST 182, SOC 184
      5) Criminology and Deviance: SOC 144, SOC 147, SOC 149, SOC 159, SOC 180
      6) Social Institutions and Change: SOC 120, SOC 122, SOC 123, SOC 139/MCS 139, SOC 158, SOC 160, SOC 179, SOC 181
1. Lower-division courses (17 units)

- a) BUS 010, BUS 020
- b) STAT 048 or equivalent (may be used to satisfy breadth requirements)
- c) CS 008 (may be used to satisfy breadth requirements)

2. Upper-division requirements (20 units)

- a) Two courses (8 units) from the list below:
  - (1) ECON 102 or ECON 104A or ECON 130 or BUS 162/ECON 162
  - (2) PSYC 140 or PSYC 142
  - (3) SOC 150 or SOC 151 or SOC 171
  - (4) POSC 181 or POSC 182 or POSC 183
  - (5) ANTH 127 or ANTH 131

These two courses must be outside the discipline of Sociology and cannot be courses included as part of the three-course Business Administration track or their cross-listed equivalents.

- b) A three-course track (12 units) in Business Administration courses from one of the following:
  - (1) Organizations (General): ANTH 105/ BUS 158, BUS 100, BUS 107, BUS 176/SOC 176, SOC 150, SOC 151
  - (2) Human Resources Management/Labor Relations: BUS 100, BUS 107, BUS 153/ECON 153, BUS 155, BUS 157, ECON 152, PSYC 142
  - (3) Business and Society: BUS 100, BUS 102, BUS 107, PHIL 116, POSC 182, POSC 186
  - (4) Marketing: BUS 103, and two from BUS 112, BUS 113, BUS 114, BUS 117
  - (5) Managerial Accounting/Taxation: BUS 108, and two from BUS 166, BUS 168A, BUS 168B
  - (7) Finance: BUS 106/ECON 134 and two from BUS 134, BUS 136, BUS 137, BUS 138, BUS 139
  - (8) Management Information Systems: BUS 101, BUS 171, BUS 173
  - (9) Production Management: BUS 104/STAT 104, and two from BUS 105, BUS 122, BUS 127/STAT 127

Note: in filling the dual requirements of the selected major, students may not count more than two courses toward both parts of their total requirements (Sociology requirements and Administrative Studies requirements).

For the Bachelor of Science

Sociology Department requirements (16 courses [at least 64 units])

- a) SOC 001 or SOC 001H with a grade of “C” or better
- b) SOC 004, SOC 005 with a grade of “C” or better in each
- c) An additional four elective courses (at least 20 units)

1. Lower-division requirements (5 courses [at least 20 units])

- a) SOC 001 or SOC 001H with a grade of “C” or better
- b) SOC 004, SOC 005 with a grade of “C” or better in each
- c) An additional four elective courses (at least 36 units)

2. Upper-division requirements (20 units)

- a) SOC 110, SOC 168, SOC 169
- b) A minimum of one course each selected from four of the following seven areas of emphasis:
  - (1) Social Organizations: SOC 150, SOC 151, SOC 171, SOC 176/BUS 176
  - (2) Social Psychology: SOC 173, SOC 174, SOC 175, SOC 177G, SOC 178
  - (3) Social Inequality: SOC 129, SOC 130, SOC 133, SOC 135
  - (4) Urban Sociology: SOC 137, SOC 143/URST 143, SOC 182/URST 182, SOC 184
  - (5) Criminology and Deviance: SOC 144, SOC 147, SOC 149, SOC 159, SOC 180
  - (6) Social Institutions and Change: SOC 120, SOC 122, SOC 123, SOC 139/MCS 139, SOC 158, SOC 160, SOC 179, SOC 181
  - (7) Family and Gender: SOC 140, SOC 141, SOC 142, SOC 153

- c) An additional four elective courses (at least 16 units) in Sociology (No more than 5 units from any combination of SOC 190, SOC 197, SOC 198-I.)

Administrative Studies requirements (37 units)

1. Lower-division courses (17 units)

- a) BUS 010, BUS 020
- b) STAT 048 or equivalent (may be used to satisfy breadth requirements)

2. Upper-division requirements (20 units)

- a) Two courses (8 units) from the list below:
  - (1) ECON 102 or ECON 104A or ECON 130 or BUS 162/ECON 162
  - (2) PSYC 140 or PSYC 142
  - (3) SOC 150 or SOC 151 or SOC 171
  - (4) POSC 181 or POSC 182 or POSC 183
  - (5) ANTH 127 or ANTH 131

These two courses must be outside the discipline of Sociology and cannot be courses included as part of the three-course Business Administration track or their cross-listed equivalents.

- b) A three-course track (12 units) in Business Administration courses from one of the following:
  - (1) Organizations (General): ANTH 105/ BUS 158, BUS 100, BUS 107, BUS 176/SOC 176, SOC 150, SOC 151
(2) Human Resources Management/Labor Relations: BUS 100, BUS 107, BUS 153/ECON 153, BUS 155, BUS 157, ECON 152, PSYC 142
(3) Business and Society: BUS 100, BUS 102, BUS 107, PHIL 116, POSC 182, POSC 186
(4) Marketing: BUS 103, and two from BUS 112, BUS 113, BUS 114, BUS 117
(5) Managerial Accounting/Taxation: BUS 108, and two from BUS 166, BUS 168A, BUS 168B
(7) Finance: BUS 106/ECON 134 and two from BUS 134, BUS 136, BUS 137, BUS 138, BUS 139
(8) Management Information Systems: BUS 101, BUS 171, BUS 173
(9) Production Management: BUS 104/STAT 104, and two from BUS 105, BUS 122, BUS 127/STAT 127

Note In filling the dual requirements of the selected major, students may not count more than two courses toward both parts of their total requirements (Sociology requirements and Administrative Studies requirements).

Sociology/Law and Society Major
The major requirements for the B.A. and B.S. degrees in Sociology/Law and Society are as follows:

For the Bachelor of Arts

Sociology Department requirements (14 courses [at least 56 units])
The Law and Society major is open to undergraduate students with junior standing who have completed LWSO 100 with a grade of “C” or higher. Students will not be admitted into the major until lower-division SOC requirements are satisfied. All courses in the major must be taken for a letter grade.

1. Lower-division requirements (5 courses [at least 20 units])
   a) SOC 001 or SOC 001H with a grade of “C” or better
   b) SOC 004, SOC 005 with a grade of “C” or better in each
   c) Two additional lower-division Sociology courses with a grade of “C” or better in each

2. Upper-division requirements (9 courses [at least 36 units])
   a) SOC 168 or SOC 169
   b) A minimum of one course each selected from four of the following seven areas of emphasis:
      (1) Social Organizations: SOC 150, SOC 151, SOC 171, SOC 176/BUS 176
      (2) Social Psychology: SOC 173, SOC 174, SOC 175, SOC 177G, SOC 178
      (3) Social Inequality: SOC 129, SOC 130, SOC 133, SOC 135
      (4) Urban Sociology: SOC 137, SOC 143/URST 143, SOC 182/URST 182, SOC 184
      (5) Criminology and Deviance: SOC 144, SOC 147, SOC 149, SOC 159, SOC 180
      (6) Social Institutions and Change: SOC 120, SOC 122, SOC 123, SOC 139/MCS 139, SOC 158, SOC 160, SOC 179, SOC 181
      (7) Family and Gender: SOC 140, SOC 141, SOC 142, SOC 153
   c) An additional four elective courses (at least 16 units) in Sociology (No more than 5 units from any combination of SOC 190, SOC 197, SOC 198-)

Law and Society requirements (36 units)
   a) PHIL 007 or PHIL 007H
   b) LWSO 100 (with a grade of “C” or better)
   c) One course chosen from ECON 111, POSC 114, PSYC 012, SOC 004 (or equivalent course in research methods)
   d) Three courses chosen from ANTH 127, ECON 119, HISE 153, PHIL 165, POSC 175, SOC 159.
   e) Two courses chosen from ENSC 174, HISA 120A, HISA 120B, HISE 123, LWSO 175 (E-Z), PHIL 164, POSC 111, POSC 166, POSC 186, SOC 147, SOC 149, SOC 180.
   f) LWSO 193, Senior Seminar

Note For sections d) and e) combined, not more than two courses may be taken from the same department. In filling the dual requirements of the major, students may not count more than two courses toward both parts of their total requirements (Sociology requirements and Law and Society requirements).

For the Bachelor of Science

Sociology Department requirements (16 courses [at least 64 units])
The Law and Society major is open to undergraduate students with junior standing who have completed LWSO 100 with a grade of “C” or higher. Students will not be admitted into the major until lower-division SOC requirements are satisfied. All courses in the major must be taken for a letter grade.

1. Lower-division requirements (5 courses [at least 20 units])
   a) SOC 001 or SOC 001H with a grade of “C” or better
   b) SOC 004, SOC 005 with a grade of “C” or better in each
   c) Two additional lower-division Sociology courses with a grade of “C” or better in each

2. Upper-division requirements (9 courses [at least 36 units])
   a) SOC 168 or SOC 169
   b) A minimum of one course each selected from four of the following seven areas of emphasis:
      (1) Social Organizations: SOC 150, SOC 151, SOC 171, SOC 176/BUS 176
      (2) Social Psychology: SOC 173, SOC 174, SOC 175, SOC 177G, SOC 178
      (3) Social Inequality: SOC 129, SOC 130, SOC 133, SOC 135
      (4) Urban Sociology: SOC 137, SOC 143/URST 143, SOC 182/URST 182, SOC 184
      (5) Criminology and Deviance: SOC 144, SOC 147, SOC 149, SOC 159, SOC 180
      (6) Social Institutions and Change: SOC 120, SOC 122, SOC 123, SOC 139/MCS 139, SOC 158, SOC 160, SOC 179, SOC 181
      (7) Family and Gender: SOC 140, SOC 141, SOC 142, SOC 153
   c) An additional four elective courses (at least 16 units) in Sociology (No more than 5 units from any combination of SOC 190, SOC 197, SOC 198-)

Law and Society requirements (36 units)
   a) PHIL 007 or PHIL 007H
   b) LWSO 100 (with a grade of “C” or better)
   c) One course chosen from ECON 111, POSC 114, PSYC 012, SOC 004 (or equivalent course in research methods)
   d) Three courses chosen from ANTH 127, ECON 119, HISE 153, PHIL 165, POSC 175, SOC 159.
   e) Two courses chosen from ENSC 174, HISA 120A, HISA 120B, HISE 123, LWSO 175 (E-Z), PHIL 164, POSC 111, POSC 166, POSC 186, SOC 147, SOC 149, SOC 180.
   f) LWSO 193, Senior Seminar

Note For sections d) and e) combined, not more than two courses may be taken from the same department. In filling the dual requirements of the major, students may not count more than two courses toward both parts of their total requirements (Sociology requirements and Law and Society requirements).

Minor
The requirements for the minor in Sociology are as follows:
1. SOC 001, SOC 004, SOC 005
2. Sixteen (16) upper-division units from
   a) SOC 168 or SOC 169
   b) Any three additional upper-division courses in Sociology with no more than 4 units in any combination of SOC 190, SOC 197, SOC 198-

There can be no substitution for the courses listed without prior departmental approval.
2. Performance on the GRE

Admission

Part of a student's required progress toward study for students seeking the Ph.D. degree. The graduate program is designed as a full-time course of study in the discipline of sociology. The graduate program in Sociology is designed to prepare students to participate in SOC 199H, a year-long seminar led by the chair of Undergraduate Affairs Committee, for which they receive a total of 3 additional units of credit.

Education Abroad Program

The EAP is an excellent opportunity to travel and learn more about another country and its culture while taking courses to earn units toward graduation. Students should plan study abroad well in advance to ensure that the courses taken fit with their overall program at UCR. Consult the departmental student affairs officer for assistance. For further details, visit UCR’s Off Campus Academic Experiences at eap.ucr.edu or call (951) 827-2508.

See Education Abroad Program in the Educational Opportunities section of this catalog. A list of participating countries is found under Education Abroad Program in the Programs and Courses section. Search for programs by specific areas at eap.ucop.edu/ourprograms.

Graduate Program

The Department of Sociology offers the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Sociology. The graduate program in Sociology is designed to prepare students for research and teaching careers in the discipline of sociology. The graduate program is designed as a full-time course of study for students seeking the Ph.D. degree. The M.A. degree in Sociology is awarded as part of a student’s required progress toward admittance into the Ph.D. program in Sociology. The Department of Sociology does not award an M.A. degree to a student who already received an M.A. degree in Sociology from another institution.

Doctoral Degree

Admission

Admission into the graduate program is based on the following criteria:

1. Prior academic performance, especially in undergraduate or graduate Sociology classes
2. Performance on the GRE
3. Letters of reference from persons familiar with an applicant’s potential for achieving academic excellence
4. The extent to which an applicant’s areas of expressed interest coincide with teaching and research emphases in the department

Applicants to the graduate program in Sociology are encouraged to submit a copy of a professional or term paper with their application for consideration in the admissions process. In general, students are admitted for the fall quarter of each academic year. Applicants to the graduate program for mid-year admissions are not recommended because the sequence of core courses is designed to begin with the fall quarter. The deadline for an application for admission for the fall quarter is January 5, also the deadline for various university fellowship programs. Applicants who lack adequate undergraduate preparation in sociology must make up such deficiencies before work can be credited toward the graduate program. A detailed statement of degree requirements and procedures for the graduate degree is available at sociology.ucr.edu/academic/graduate.html. General university requirements of the Graduate Division are at www.graduate.ucr.edu and in the Graduate Studies section of this catalog.

The graduate program is designed to allow students to proceed through three distinct stages in their pursuit of the Ph.D. degree: the basic core program, the period of specialization, and writing the dissertation.

Basic Core Program

All students must complete the basic core program regardless of whether they hold a baccalaureate or master’s degree at the time of admission. A student is expected to complete the basic core program in not less than three and not more than six academic quarters. The chair of the graduate affairs committee advises students about the core program.

Course Requirements for the Core Program

1. In the core program, the minimum requirement is 42 units of academic work with no grade less than a “B”. Work in the basic core courses must be distributed as follows:
   a) Core sequence in theory: SOC 202A, SOC 202B
   b) Core course in research design: SOC 200
   c) Core sequence in qualitative methodology: SOC 204A, SOC 204B
   d) Core sequence in statistics: SOC 203A, SOC 203B
   e) Proseminar in Sociology: SOC 232

   Note: Under normal circumstances, the core sequences in theory, SOC 200, SOC 203A, and 204A, and the proseminar are to be completed within the first year. SOC 203B and SOC 204B may be completed within the first two years.
   f) Research colloquium: SOC 293 (required once each year until student is advanced to candidacy)
   g) Research practicum: SOC 250
   h) A minimum of one course from each of two specialization areas

   Students who have had extensive graduate training in a core course area at another graduate school may submit a petition to the graduate affairs assistant for possible course substitution which may exempt students from a core requirement.

M.A. Thesis and Oral Examination

Each student must complete a thesis for completion of the master’s degree. This paper reflects the student’s areas of theoretical and substantive interest since entrance into the program, and it is written in a form, content, and style appropriate for publication or presentation to a sociological audience. A three-person faculty committee oversees the evaluation of the paper and the oral defense of the thesis. The thesis must be completed by the end of the student’s sixth quarter of enrollment. The thesis must be submitted electronically to the Graduate Division, following the formatting guidelines provided on the Graduate Division web page.

On the basis of a favorable recommendation from the three-person faculty committee, the faculty votes to recommend the awarding of the M.A. degree in Sociology. If the M.A. is awarded or if the student already has an M.A. in Sociology, the faculty then votes on whether the student should continue in the Ph.D. program. If a student is allowed to continue in the Ph.D. program, the faculty then votes on whether to accept the two areas of specialization in which the student requests to be examined.

Professional Development Training

Each student must complete the following professional training courses: SOC 232 and SOC 293. Normally SOC 232 (Proseminar in Sociology) is completed in the fall of the first year as part of the core program. SOC 293 (Research Topics in Sociology) is required once each year until a student is advanced to candidacy. In addition, SOC 301: Directed Studies in the Teaching of Sociology is required prior to or concurrent with the completion of teaching assistantships in the program.

Period of Specialization

After admission to two areas of specialization (see M.A. Thesis and Oral Examination, above), students are expected to consult with faculty who constitute the membership of each standing specialization committee. Under the faculty’s guidance, a student is expected to work out a program of graduate seminars, directed reading courses, and research experiences that prepare the student for examination in the chosen two areas of specialization. The primary areas of specialization offered in the department are as follows:

1. Criminology and Sociolegal Studies
2. Social Psychology
3. Gender Studies
4. Organizations and Institutions
5. Political Economy and Global Social Change
6. Race and Class Inequality
7. Sociological Theory and Evolutionary Sociology

A student’s program must include at least one academic quarter of classroom teaching experience at the college level. A student must complete three courses in a primary...