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What is Sociology?

Sociology is the study of social life and the social causes and consequences of human action. It investigates the structure of groups, organizations, and societies ranging from intimate families to hostile mobs; from crime to religion; from the divisions of race, gender, and social class to the shared beliefs of a culture; from the workplace to the intimate corners of private life. The sociology major is designed to provide students with a broad liberal arts education and a greater understanding and insight into the social systems and processes that bear upon everyday lives. The USF Department of Sociology currently has a very diverse group of over 480 majors, and it awards over 100 Bachelor degrees each year.

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Advising Guidelines

The Sociology Department has many students (both those majoring and minoring in sociology) desiring the services provided by the academic advisor. In order to be sure that students have access to the advisor when they really need it, please follow these guidelines:

Step One.
Consult your catalog (http://www.ugs.usf.edu/catalogs.htm). All of the requirements for graduation are outlined, in detail, in the catalog. Students are responsible for meeting the graduation requirements as outlined in the catalog regardless of the advice they get from the advisor or any other office on campus. Please do not use advising time simply to inquire about the requirements for the major or minor or to find out which courses you have already taken. Keep records of the courses taken and the requirements met. Also, it is not the advisor’s responsibility to pick or check your course selection. To determine if a chosen course fulfills a specific program requirement, go to the course description section of the course catalogue on OASIS and click on the course to get the full description. There you will see a list of the program requirements (the course attributes) that the course meets.

Step Two.
Go to the department website homepage (http://sociology.usf.edu/) and click on “make an appointment” to schedule an advising appointment with Renée Jones if you cannot resolve your question or problem by consulting the catalog.

Step Three.
Plan ahead. If you wait until the week before or during registration, you will have difficulty making an appointment. In addition, during these busy time periods, advising appointments might be shortened to accommodate the influx of students. You do not necessarily need to see an advisor each semester, but you should see one at least once a year. Your advisor will be happy to see you at any time you feel you really need advice or help in planning your course work. Please note that advising time during the summer semester is extremely limited and is mostly allocated to new student orientation. You should, therefore, plan your Fall schedule during the Spring semester by making an appointment with an advisor before the end of the Spring term. Also, students with special certification needs (visa requirements, NCAA certifications, VA, etc.) must not wait until the last minute for these services—especially during the summer semester. There might not be an advisor available to assist you if you do not plan ahead.

Step Four.
If you find you are unable to keep an appointment, please go to the department website, click on “make an appointment” and cancel your appointment so that another student can have your appointment time.
The Sociology Undergraduate Curriculum

Requirements for the Major in Sociology:

- The major consists of a minimum of 36 credit hours of Sociology course work plus the Interdisciplinary Social Science course STA 2122 (Social Statistics).

- Twelve (12) of the minimum 36 credit hours consist of four required courses that all Sociology majors must complete. These required courses are usually referred to as the "core courses."

- The remaining courses may be selected from **among the electives offered by the Sociology Department.**

- Sociology course work receiving a grade below "C-" will not count toward the 36 hour minimum.

- Grades of "D" and "F" received in Sociology courses attempted at USF will, however, be included in the calculation of the USF major GPA (which must be 2.0 or higher at the time of graduation).

- A minimum of 30 of the last 60 hours counted toward graduation must be USF Tampa courses.

- Twenty-seven (27) of the last 36 hours of Sociology credits must be USF Tampa courses.

- Sociology courses taken at another institution that are considered “lower level” courses will not count as electives for the Sociology major. For example, the course SYG 2430 “Marriage & the Family” does not count as a Sociology elective.

- Of the 120 hours required for graduation, at least 80 semester hours must be "outside of the major."

- No more than three hours of SYA4910, Individual Research, and no more than three hours of SYA 4949, Sociological Internship, may count toward the 36 hour minimum.

- Students are required to show a proficiency in a language by taking two semesters of a single foreign language or sign language (for advanced placement, exemptions and grade requirements, refer to the undergraduate catalog).

Core Courses (12 hours):

**SOC SYG 2000  Introduction to Sociology.**
May be replaced with an upper level Sociology elective with department approval if a total of 12 or more hours of Sociology course work are completed prior to declaring Sociology as one's major.

**SOC SYA 3110  Classical Theory.**

**SOC  SYA 3300  Research Methods.**
NOTE: ISS STA 2122 (Social Science Statistics) or a comparable statistics course is a prerequisite for this course.

**SOC SYA 4935  Senior Seminar.**
NOTE: This course will fulfill three of the six hours of Major Works/Major Issues exit course work required by the university and the Capstone exit requirement as well as the core requirement in Sociology.
Elective Courses in Sociology (24 hours):

The remaining 24 hours of sociology course work may be comprised of any of the courses offered by the Sociology Department. Students are encouraged to make an appointment with the Sociology Department's Undergraduate Advisor if they have questions regarding which of the sociology electives offered each semester would best meet their interests and career goals. No more than 3 hours of SYA 4910 (Individual Research) and no more than three hours of SYA 4949 (Sociological Internship) may count toward the 24 hours of sociology electives.

The following courses count as Sociology electives:

SOC SYA 3310 Qualitative Inquiry
SOC SYA 4304 Sociology Research Experience (permit required)
SOC SYA 4910 Individual Research (permit required)
SOC SYA 4930 Topics in Sociology (may be repeated for credit if course titles are different from courses already taken. Examples include: Crowds, Cults and Social Movements; Sustainable Consumption; Media Culture; Social Inequality through Film; Transitions to Adulthood; Religion and Sexuality; Animals and Society; Elite Deviance; Social Networks; Religion and Immigration; Gender, Sport and the Body; Inequality and Social Justice; Women and Social Justice; Social Movements; Sociology of Childhood and Youth)
SOC SYA 4949 Sociological Internship (permit required)
SOC SYD 3700 Racial and Ethnic Relations
SOC SYD 4410 Urban Sociology
SOC SYD 4411 Urban Life
SOC SYD 4800 Gender and Society
SOC SYG 2010 Contemporary Social Problems
SOC SYG 3011 Social Problems Through Film
SOC SYG 3235 Latina Lives
SOC SYO 3120 Sociology of Families
SOC SYO 3200 Sociology of Religion
SOC SYO 3500 Social Organization
SOC SYO 3530 Social Inequalities in a Global Society
SOC SYO 4250 Sociology of Education
SOC SYO 4300 Political Sociology
SOC SYO 4370 Occupations and Professions
SOC SYO 4400 Medical Sociology
SOC SYO 4430 Disability and Society
SOC SYO 4534 Poverty and Society
SOC SYP 3000 Social Psychology
SOC SYP 3004 Constructing Social Problems
SOC SYP 3060 Sociology of Sexualities
SOC SYP 3562 Family Violence
SOC SYP 4012 Sociology of Emotions
SOC SYP 4111 Identity and Community
SOC SYP 4420 Consumer Culture
SOC SYP 4510 Sociological Aspects of Deviance
SOC SYP 4530 Sociology of Juvenile Delinquency
SOC SYP 4550 Drugs and Society
SOC SYP 4640 Leisure in Society
SOC SYP 4650 Sport in Society
Requirements for the Minor in Sociology:

- A minimum of 18 credit hours in Sociology (at least 12 hours must be USF hours)
- Six (6) hours of required courses: SYG 2000 (Introduction to Sociology) and SYA 3110 (Classical Theory).
- Twelve (12) hours may be comprised of any courses offered by the Sociology Department.
- No more than three hours of SYA 4910, Individual Research, and no more than three hours of SYA 4949, Sociological Internship, may count toward the 18 hour minimum.
- Only courses in which a grade of "C-" or better is attained will count toward the minimum hours.

Students do not "declare" a minor until the time of application for graduation. At that time, they will be asked to list all sociology course work taken (along with the corresponding grades). While we do not require that students minoring in sociology see an advisor, they are very welcome to make an appointment with the advisor if they have questions about which sociology courses might best contribute to their future career plans.
Two opportunities for Honors in the Department of Sociology

The USF Department of Sociology offers two potential ways of obtaining honor’s status: 1) Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD), and 2) the Sociology Honors Program. The first option costs $50.00 for a lifetime membership, offers a one-year subscription to the AKD journal Sociological Inquiry, allows you to purchase an honor’s cord from the Undergraduate Program Director, does not require a thesis, and does not appear on your transcript or diploma. The second option provides outstanding students with opportunities to work closely with faculty members on shared research interests. This option has no fee, requires a one-semester Individual Research course with a faculty member in which you prepare your honor’s thesis, enables you to purchase an honor’s sash for graduation when you order your cap and gown, and does appear on your transcript and diploma. Students may receive both types of honors simultaneously. Applications are available in the Sociology office, 209 Cooper Hall.

1. Alpha Kappa Delta: International Honor Society in Sociology

**Eligibility Minimum Requirements:**
- Sociology Major
- Junior or Senior Class Standing
- USF Overall GPA and Major GPA of 3.25 or higher
- Completed at least 12 semester credits in Sociology prior to semester in which application is submitted

**Completion Requirements:**
- Submit application, summary pages from DegreeWorks report, and a $50.00 check made out to AKD to Dr. Laurel Graham, Undergraduate Program Director, 209 Cooper Hall.

2. Honors Program in Sociology

**Eligibility Minimum Requirements:**
- Sociology Major
- Junior Class Standing (apply for admission well before the fall of your senior year)
- USF Overall GPA minimum of 3.00 or higher, depending on availability of slots as determined by the Undergraduate Committee
- Completed at least 12 semester credits in Sociology by the end of the semester in which application is submitted

**Completion Requirements:**
- Submit your application to the Undergraduate Program Director (Dr. Laurel Graham) for consideration by the Undergraduate Committee in Sociology
- Find a faculty mentor who is willing to develop a project with you and to guide you along the way
- Complete a Senior Year Course Plan form approved by your faculty mentor and submitted to the Undergraduate Program Director
- Complete all requirements for the major and maintain both a USF Overall GPA and a USF Major GPA of 3.00 or higher
- Complete a special honor’s assignment within the required Senior Seminar course (SYA4935)
- Successfully complete the Individual Research course (SYA4910) with your mentor
- Provide a copy of your completed thesis to your mentor and be certain that your mentor has notified the Undergraduate Program Director of your successful completion of the thesis.
AWARD / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The USF Department of Sociology offers two award / scholarship opportunities:

The Outstanding Senior in Sociology Award
The Outstanding Senior in Sociology Award is given to a senior sociology major who has distinguished himself or herself while attending the University of South Florida. The $500 award is presented to the recipient in their last year of undergraduate work, most often near the end of the fall semester. Applications are available in the Sociology main office.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Declared major in Sociology
- Currently enrolled at USF (during the semester in which application is made)
- Senior Status (have completed 90 hours prior to semester in which application is made)
- USF GPA of 3.00 or higher
- GPA of 3.00 in Sociology at USF
- Completed at least 12 hours of Sociology coursework at USF prior to the semester in which application is made

The Richard J. Wallace Scholarship in Sociology
The Richard J. Wallace Scholarship in Sociology is offered to students with financial need who are committed to the field of sociology and have demonstrated academic excellence within this major. Each award is approximately $1,500.00. This annual scholarship is most often awarded early in the spring semester. Applications are available in the Sociology main office (CPR 209).

SOCIOLOGY CLUB

In recent years, we have had a very active and engaged Sociology Club! In the 2010-2011 academic year, we had a variety of fun events including an ice cream social, two volunteer days at Feeding America, a volunteer morning at MOSI’s forest, and other intriguing events for learning/service/socializing. The current leadership is very strong and this should be a very productive year for the club. Please come and check it out!! To access information about the club, please get onto your Blackboard page at myusf and find the link at the top of the screen that says “My Places.” Scroll down to “Sociology Majors.” On that page, you will find a link on the left to “Sociology Club” giving its address. Also, you can learn more at:
http://sociologyclubusf.wordpress.com/
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What can I do with a degree in Sociology?
Employment opportunities for students with Bachelor's degrees in Sociology are quite varied. Some go on to work for human service agencies; others work in personnel, criminal justice, and urban planning; others enter graduate programs in sociology, education, law medicine, or social work.

How do I get a job after I graduate with a degree in Sociology?
One excellent source of advice is the Career Resource Center located in the Student Services Center Building. Many services are available including a computerized career guidance program, job placement files, on-campus interviews, career counseling, resume preparation assistance, and a career planning library. It is best to begin exploring the Career Resource Center early in your college career and to continue using its resources as you approach graduation. Services are available to alumni only if they have enrolled while still students at USF. Another excellent source of advice is the American Sociological Association. Please visit their website: http://www.asanet.org/students/resources_majors.cfm

What does the Academic Advisor do?
The role of the Academic Advisor is to serve undergraduate students by informing them of the technical requirements for graduation. In the sociology department, the undergraduate advisor is also the departmental advocate for undergraduate students, and she/he represents their interests, needs and wishes to the faculty at large. The undergraduate advisor in the Sociology Department serves as the bridge between the department's undergraduate majors, its faculty, and graduate program.

How often do I need to speak with the Academic Advisor?
There are no set patterns regarding Academic Advising. While all of the necessary information is presented in the Sociology Handbook, the Undergraduate Catalog, and the Schedule of Classes, we recommend that students visit at least once a year.

What is a DegreeWorks report and how do I get one?
DegreeWorks is the new degree audit and tracking system for the University of South Florida System that is replacing our old Degree Auditing System, SASS. DegreeWorks provides a more accessible, convenient, and organized way for students to know where they are academically and how they can plan the rest of their college careers. DegreeWorks can be used to plan for future classes, keep track of requirements, and see the objectives that have to be met to reach an academic goal. Visit: http://degreeworks.usf.edu/

When will I get my final transfer evaluation?
The transfer evaluation is a two step process. The university evaluates transcripts to determine which courses will be accepted by the university. The college then applies these accepted courses to an actual degree plan. Most transfer evaluations will be sent to students at some time during their first semester at USF (usually during the 8th-12th week). Students will receive their evaluations before the advisor will. When you receive your evaluation in the mail, we suggest that you make an appointment with the advisor if you have any questions. The advisor has no control over the speed with which these evaluations are processed.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (- continued -)

How do I declare a Major in Sociology?
To declare a major or change your major, go to:
http://www.cas.usf.edu/declare/
New to USF or Transfer or Returning student who wants to declare a major should go to
http://usfweb2.usf.edu/orientation/

How do I declare a Minor in Sociology?
Students do not declare a minor in sociology until they file for graduation. When filing for graduation, students will be asked to list the courses and grades for all sociology courses.

How do I file for graduation?
Students may file for graduation by going to Room 201 of the Behavioral Building (BEH). It is there that they pick up the application for graduation and turn it in. Students must file by the fourth week of the semester in which they desire to graduate. *Deadline to Register to Walk in the ceremony is usually 10 days prior to the ceremony, but please confirm that at: http://usfweb2.usf.edu/commencement/* Please note that you may participate in the graduation ceremony before you have completed all your required courses. But a graduation audit must be completed before your graduation requirements are verified and your official transcripts can report that your degree has been awarded.
http://www.registrar.usf.edu/data_display.php?link_type=Forms

Didn’t I satisfy the foreign language requirements by gaining admission to USF?
Yes. Admission requirements demand that you have two (2) high school years of a foreign language prior to being accepted. However, the College of Arts and Sciences has additional requirements. Consult the undergraduate catalog for specific details; To demonstrate this competency, students may take either two semesters of a beginning college-level foreign language or one semester of a higher-level course and earn a letter grade of “C” (no “S” grades) or above in the appropriate level course or demonstrate equivalent competency by passing an examination.

How do I find out which Major Works/Major Issues exit courses are outside of the Social Sciences cluster?
Please consult the Liberal Arts Requirements as listed in the undergraduate catalog. There you will find a list of courses corresponding with each liberal arts cluster as well as a list of courses that meet the Major Works/Major Issues Requirement. Look for one course that is outside of the Social Sciences cluster in order to fulfill this requirement.

How do I get a permit for those courses that are for "Sociology Majors only"?
Students needing permits to register for "Majors only" classes should talk with the instructor of the desired class. A permit for the class is given by the instructor only and at the instructor’s discretion. Instructors will provide a permit form where you write your name, U#, course number, course section, and reference number; the instructor must sign this form. Deliver this form to CPR 209 where a staff member will put the electronic permit into the computer so that the student can then register for the class later in the day.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (- continued -)

How do I register for Individual Research (SOC SYA 4910)?
Students must make arrangements with the individual faculty member with whom they wish to take the course well in advance of the semester in which the course will be taken. Departmental approval of the contract agreed upon by the student and faculty is required before the student can register for the course.

How do I register for Sociology Internship (SOC SYA 4949)?
At the present time, the Sociology Internship is offered only if the student is concurrently enrolled in “Disability and Society” (SYO 4430) or “Sustainable Consumption” (SYA 4930) and only with permission of the instructor of that course. This course is taught for an S/U (Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory) grade only.

Where do I go for Cross Enrollment, Overload, Transient and Letter of Completion Requests?
Students go to BEH 201 to pick up these forms. Or they can go to the College of Arts and Sciences website and look in the student forms section.
http://web1.cas.usf.edu/MAIN/contentDisplay.cfm?contentID=252