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Sociology Majors Blackboard Page: Through myusf, enter BlackBoard. At the top of the screen, click on the words “My Places.” Scroll down to “organizations,” and find “Sociology Majors.” Here you will find many announcements about relevant events and opportunities for scholarships, internships, etc..

Department of Sociology Facebook Page: http://www.facebook.com/USFSociology

Sociology Department Website: http://sociology.usf.edu/
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.

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). Most of our courses are three credit hour courses.

• 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 24 credit hours (usually that means 8 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. A course (e.g., Sociological Internship SYA4949) in which a student earns the grade of “S” will count as an elective in Sociology ONLY if that course is not also offered for a regular letter grade.

• 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 should 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 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 complete two semesters of a single foreign language or sign language (for advanced placement, exemptions and grade requirements, refer to the undergraduate catalog).
Sociology Major 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 the FKL CAPSTONE LEARNING EXPERIENCE course requirement mandated by the university 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; Self and Society; Women and Social Justice; Social Movements; Sociology of Global Islam;
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/o 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
Sociology courses that also count toward USF’s Foundations of Knowledge and Learning (FKL) Requirements:

**Category: Social and Behavioral Sciences**
SOC SYO 4400 Medical Sociology
SOC SYO 4430 Disability and Society
SOC SYO 4534 Poverty and Society
SOC SYP 4573 Social Networks
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 4110 Self and Society
SOC SYP 4111 Identity and Community
SOC SYP 4420 Consumer Culture
SOC SYP 4422 Sustainability & Consumption
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
SOC SYP 4675 Animals & Society
SOC SYP 4763 Sociology of Childhood & Youth

**Category: Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning**
MAT STA 2122 Social Science Statistics (required for sociology majors)

**Category: Upper-Level Requirement Writing Intensive Capstone Courses**
SOC SYG 3235 Latina Lives (soon to become “Latina/o Lives”)
SOC SYO 4430 Disability & Society
SOC SYP 4420 Consumer Culture

**Category: Upper-Level Capstone Experience Courses**
SOC SYA 4935 Senior Seminar (required for sociology majors)
SOC SYD 4411 Urban Life

Note: Urban Life is an elective course that is optional for sociology majors. Sociology minors and ISS majors sometimes take it to fulfill their Capstone Learning Experience course requirement.
Optional Area of Concentration for interested Sociology Majors:
Inequality and Social Justice

Beginning in Fall 2012, the Department of Sociology is offering an optional area of concentration in “Inequality and Social Justice” for sociology majors. Courses included in this area of concentration focus on the political, social, and academic intersections between inequalities and the strategies we can implement to address them in a just manner. This area of concentration will be listed on your official transcript and can be useful as you market your skills to potential employers after graduation. Students choosing to complete this area of concentration will take one required course (Inequality and Social Justice—SYA4930) and three elective courses (all with a grade of C- or higher) listed below.

**Required Course (3hrs):** Inequality and Social Justice (SYA4930)
This course will be offered once each academic year and will have a cap of 30 students. It will contain either a substantial service learning component or a substantial original research component (the instructor will choose which to pursue).

**Prior to graduation, take three courses from the following list of electives (9hrs):** Women and Social Justice (SYA4930), Racial and Ethnic Relations (SYD3700), Gender and Society (SYD4800), Social Inequality in a Global Society (SYO3530), Sociology of Sexualities (SYP3060), Medical Sociology (SYO 4400), Disability and Society (SYO4430), Religion & Immigration (SYA4930), Family Violence (SYP3562), Immigrants to America (SYD4238), Constructing Social Problems (SYP3004), Hidden Structures of Social Life (SYA4930), Sociology of Families (SYO3120), Queer Theory (SYA4121), Social Problems Through Film (SYG 3011), Social Inequality Through Film (SYA4930), Sustainable Consumption (SYA4930), Elite Deviance (SYA4930), Gender, Sport and the Body (SYO4230), Sociology of Education (SYO4250), Sociological Research Experience with approval (SYA 4304), Independent Research with approval (SYA4910), and Internship with approval (SYA4949).

Any questions about the area of concentration option can be directed to Dr. Laurel Graham, Undergraduate Program Director: lgraham2@usf.edu
Requirements for the Minor in Sociology:

- A minimum of 18 credit hours in Sociology (at least 12 hours should be USF Tampa hours)

- Six (6) hours of required courses: SYG 2000 (Introduction to Sociology) and SYA 3110 (Classical Theory).

- Twelve (12) elective credit hours that may include any courses offered by the Sociology Department.

- 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.

- Only courses in which a grade of "C-" or better is attained will count toward the minimum hours.

Students wishing to minor in sociology are not required to "declare" that minor until the time of application for graduation, however, students are now allowed to submit a minor declaration request by following the minor link on the sociology department website. When they apply for graduation, sociology minors 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.
ADVISING GUIDELINES

The Sociology Department has many students (both those majoring and minoring in sociology) desiring the services provided by the academic advisor. You do not necessarily need to see an advisor each semester, but you should see one at least once a year. In order to be sure that you 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](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/](http://sociology.usf.edu/)) and click on “make an appointment” to schedule an advising appointment with our advisor, 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. 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. If you miss appointments habitually, you may be blocked by the e-scheduler.
TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR HONORS IN 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 special 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. The Undergraduate Program Director, Dr. Laurel Graham, will be happy to answer any questions you might have about honors options.

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 and complete the Individual Research courses (SYA4910) with that mentor
- 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 Senior Seminar (SYA4935)
- Provide a copy of your completed thesis to your mentor & e-mail a copy to the Undergraduate Program Director
AWARD / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Many award, scholarship, and internship opportunities are announced via the Sociology Majors page in Blackboard. In addition, the USF Department of Sociology itself offers two award/scholarship opportunities:

1) 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 (Cooper rm 209).

**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

2) 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 including a list of eligibility requirements are available in the Sociology main office (CPR 209).

USF SOCIOLOGY CLUB

In recent years, we have had a very active and engaged Sociology Club! In the past two academic years, the club has hosted a variety of fun events including an ice cream social, two volunteer days at Feeding America, a volunteer morning at MOSI’s forest, movie nights, 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 website address.
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. It is up to you to tailor your coursework in a way that will best position you for various fields of employment. Your advisor, your professors, and the Career Resource Center at USF can all assist you in this process.

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 enrolled in the Career Resource Center 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

Who is my advisor?
The official advisor for all sociology majors is Ms. Renée Jones. Mr. Brandon Kroll, the advisor for students in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, also advises sociology majors occasionally.

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 an advisor at least once a year.

What is a DegreeWorks report and how do I get one?
DegreeWorks is the degree audit and tracking system for the University of South Florida System that replaced our old Degree Auditing System, SASS. DegreeWorks provides an 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 sometime 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.

How do I declare a Major in Sociology?
To declare a major or change your major, go to:
http://www.cas.usf.edu/declare/
A 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 wishing to minor in sociology are not required to "declare" that minor until the time of application for graduation, however, students are now allowed to submit a minor declaration request by following the minor link on the sociology department website. When they apply for graduation, sociology minors will be asked to list all sociology course work taken (along with the corresponding grades).

How do I file for graduation?
Students may file for graduation by going to Room 201 of the Behavioral Sciences 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?  
**Admission** requirements demand that you have two (2) high school years of a foreign language prior to being accepted to USF. However, in order to graduate from the College of Arts and Sciences, there are additional foreign language requirements. Consult the undergraduate catalog for specific details. To demonstrate foreign language 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).

If I was admitted under the older general education requirements that required “Exit Courses,” 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 for the year you are using. 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 or e-mail 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.

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 for 1-3 credit hours.

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**