

# **USF Department of Sociology Undergraduate Information 2018-2019**

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## SOCIOLOGY OFFICES, PHONE NUMBERS, AND WEBSITE INFORMATION

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*Sociology Majors CANVAS Page:* Through **myusf**, enter CANVAS. Through your Dashboard, click on ORG 1588 Sociology Majors, then click on Announcements. 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 200 majors, and it awards over 90 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).
- At least twenty-seven (27) of the 36 hours of Sociology credits must be USF Tampa courses. SYA 4935, Senior Seminar, must be taken at USF Tampa.
- A minimum of 30 of the last 60 hours counted toward graduation 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. The only exception to this rule is SYG 2010 Contemporary Social Problems which DOES count as an elective toward the Sociology major, regardless of where it is taken.
- 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. (course approved for the Global Citizens Pathway certificate)*

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.(course approved for the Global Citizens Pathway certificate)*

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 4121	Queer Theory
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. <u>Some</u> examples include: LGBT Youth in Education; Media Culture; Social Inequality through Film; Self and Society; Contemporary Bodies; Religion and Sexuality; Gender, Sport and the Body; Social Movements; Children of Immigration; Sociology of Education
SOC	SYA 4949	Sociological Internship (permit required)
SOC	SYD 3700	Racial and Ethnic Relations (course approved for the Global Citizens Pathway Certificate)
SOC	SYD 4238	Immigrants to America
SOC	SYD 4410	Urban Sociology
SOC	SYD 4411	Urban Life
SOC	SYD 4512	Sustainable Consumption
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 3460	Sociology of the Media
SOC	SYO 3500	Social Organization
SOC	SYO 3530	Social Inequalities in a Global Society
SOC	SYO 4204	Religion & Immigration
SOC	SYO 4250	Sociology of Education
SOC	SYO 4400	Medical Sociology
SOC	SYO 4430	Disability and Society
SOC	SYO 4534	Poverty and Society
SOC	SYO 4572	Hidden Structures of Social Life
SOC	SYO 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 4111	Identity and Community
SOC	SYP 4420	Consumer Culture
SOC	SYP 4422	Sustainable Consumption
SOC	SYP 4510	Sociological Aspects of Deviance
SOC	SYP 4513	Elite 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 4651	Gender, Sport, and the Body
SOC	SYP 4675	Animals & Society
SOC	SYP 4763	Sociology of Childhood & Youth

\*\*Additional SYA 4930 Special Topics course are offered each semester. Please check the semester course schedule. These courses will count as electives

## **Sociology courses that also count toward USF's Foundations of Knowledge and Learning (FKL) Requirements:**

### **Category: Social and Behavioral Sciences**

SOC	SYD 3700	Race and Ethnic Relations
SOC	SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology (required for sociology majors)
SOC	SYG 2010	Contemporary Social Problems
SOC	SYP 3000	Social Psychology

### **Category: Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning**

MAT	STA 2122	Social Science Statistics (required for sociology majors)
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### **Category: Upper-Level Requirement Writing Intensive Capstone Courses**

SOC	SYG 3235	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

## Sociology 8-Semester Plan

\*Make an appointment to see an advisor in early March. During your first 2 semesters, a meeting with an advisor is *mandatory*

### Advisor Contact Information

Shani Garza and Brandon Kroll

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escheduler.usf.edu for appointments

### Four-Year Graduation Plan-Sociology

<b>Semester 1 (15/15)</b>	<b>Credits</b>		<b>Semester 5 (15/77)</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ENC 1101: Composition 1	3		Research Methods	3
FKL-H/C Diversity	3		Major Elective Course	3
MGF 1106	3		Major Elective Course	3
SYG 2000	3		Upper-Level Elective or Minor	3
SLS 2901: Academic Foundations	3		Upper-Level Elective or Minor	3
<b>Semester 2 (15/30)</b>			<b>Semester 6 (15/92)</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ENC 1102: Composition 2	3		FKL-Writing Intensive (SYG 3235, SYO 4430, SYP 4420)	3
FKL-Fine Arts	3		Major Elective Course	3
STA 2122	3		Major Elective Course	3
FKL-Humanities	3		Upper-Level Elective or Minor	3
SYG 2010	3		Upper-Level Elective or Minor	3
<b>Semester 3 (16/46)</b>			<b>Summer (Optional)</b>	
Foreign Language 1	4			
FKL-Humanities	3			
FKL-Life Science	3			
Major Elective Course	3		<b>Semester 7 (15/107)</b>	
Upper-Level Elective or Minor	3		Major Elective Course	3
			Major Elective Course	3
<b>Semester 4 (16/62)</b>			Major Course	3
Foreign Language 2	4		Upper-Level Elective or Minor	3
FKL-Physical Sciences	3		Upper-Level Elective	3
Classical Theory	3			
Major Elective Course	3		<b>Semester 8 (15/122)</b>	
Upper-Level Elective or Minor	3		SYA 4935	3
			Upper-Level Elective	3
<b>Summer (optional)</b>			Upper Level Elective	3
			Upper-Level Elective	3
			Elective	3

## Two Optional Areas of Concentration Available to Sociology Majors

**Note:** Students may count any particular elective course toward only ONE area of concentration.

### Area of Concentration #1: Inequality and Social Justice

The Department of Sociology offers 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 among 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 (SYO 4536)

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):** 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 (SYO4204), Family Violence (SYP3562), Immigrants to America (SYD4238), Constructing Social Problems (SYP3004), Hidden Structures of Social Life (SYO4572), Sociology of Families (SYO3120), Queer Theory (SYA4121), Social Problems Through Film (SYG 3011), Sustainable Consumption (SYD4512), Elite Deviance (SYP4513), LGBT Youth in Education (SYA 4930), Gender, Sport and the Body (SYO4230), Sociology of Education (SYO4250), Sociology of Deviance (SYP4510), Children of Immigration (SYA4930), Environmental Sociology (SYA4930), Political Sociology (SYA4930), Women, Sex, and Knowledge (SYA4930), Consumer Culture (SYP4420), Latina/o Lives (SYG3235), Gender and Social Movements (SYA4930), Stratification and Mobility (SYA 4930), Sociology of Globalization (SYA 4930), Sociology of the Media (SYA 4930), Afro-Brazilian Culture & Society (SYA4930—study abroad course), Sociological Research Experience with approval (SYA 4304), Independent Research with approval (SYA4910), and Internship with approval (SYA4949).

\*Additional courses may be added each semester. Please check with your advisor for more information\*





## Area of Concentration #2: Identity and Community

The Department of Sociology offers an optional area of concentration in “Identity and Community” for sociology majors. Courses included in this area of concentration focus on the changing relationships among individuals and their communities in light of technological advances, globalization, environmental crises, political developments, and social problems. 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 (Identity and Community—SYP 4111) and three elective courses (all with a grade of C- or higher) listed below.

### **Required Course (3 hrs):** Identity and Community (SYP4111)

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 (9 hrs):** Childhood and Youth (SYP4763), Qualitative Inquiry (SYA3310), Sociology of Families (SY03120), Family Violence (SYP3562), Racial and Ethnic Relations (SYD3700), Emotions in Society (SYP4012), Queer Theory (SYA4121), Self and Society (SYA4930), Immigrants to America (SYD4238), Animals and Society (SYP4675), Sociology of Religion (SYO3200), Social Networks (SYO4573), Religion & Immigration (SYO4204), Sport in Society (SYP4650), Urban Sociology (SYD4410), Urban Life (SYD4411), Consumer Culture (SYP4420), Sociology of the Media (SYA3460), Latina/o Lives (SYG3235), Sociology of Deviance (SYP4510; Children of Immigration (SYA4930), Contemporary Bodies (SYA4930), Sociology of Culture (SYA 4930), Afro-Brazilian Culture & Society (SYA4930-study abroad course), Sociological Research Experience (SYA4304), Independent Research (SYA4910), and Internship (SYA4949).

\*Additional courses may be added each semester. Please check with your advisor for more information\*



## **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 18 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.

## **INTERNSHIP/SERVICE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

The Sociology Department offers upper-level elective credit (1-3 credit hours) for service learning internships in which students apply what they have learned in a regularly scheduled or completed class through volunteer work in the community. We seek to prepare students for life-long involvement in community service, while also helping them gain skills and community contacts that enhance success in the job market. The process to establish a service learning internship and a list of potential community and advocacy organizations is explained in detail on the department's website (<http://sociology.usf.edu/>). From the website click on *undergraduate program* and then *service learning*.

## **CAREER PREPARATION**

The Sociology Department infuses career planning and preparation into the required courses for the major through sequenced career modules. The career modules provide resources to help students prepare for successful employment after graduation. Students are learn how to utilize the vast resources offered by the university's Career Services ([www.usf.edu/career-services](http://www.usf.edu/career-services)). Furthermore, students are encouraged to participate in the Career Readiness Badging Program. Learn more about this on-line program by visiting: [www.careerready.usfcs.info/](http://www.careerready.usfcs.info/)

## ADVISING GUIDELINES

The Sociology Department has many students (both those majoring and minoring in sociology) desiring the services provided by our two academic advisors: Brandon Kroll and Shani Garza. You should see an advisor once a semester, or at the very 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> 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 departmental website's welcome page <http://sociology.usf.edu/welcome> and click on "make an appointment" to schedule an advising appointment with one of our advisors, Brandon Kroll or Shani Garza. This is extremely important as your advisors will be essential to your timely graduation. Get to know them! Make an appointment!

### Step Three.

Plan ahead. If you wait until the week before or during registration, you will have difficulty making an appointment with an advisor. 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 welcome page again, 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 a faculty member 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. Maralee Mayberry (mayberry@usf.edu), will be happy to answer any questions you might have about either option.

### 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 the Undergraduate Program Director.

### 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, including SYA 3300 Research Methods

#### *Completion Requirements:*

- Submit your application to the Undergraduate Program Director (Maralee Mayberry, CPR 229) 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 and e-mail a copy to the Undergraduate Program Director

*Applications for either option are available by email (mayberry@usf.edu), in the Sociology department's Kiosk, and are also sent periodically to majors via CANVAS.*

## **AWARD / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Opportunities for many awards, scholarships, and internships are announced via the Sociology Majors page on Canvas. 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 annually to one 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 by email (mayberry@usf.edu), in the Sociology department's Kiosk, and are also sent periodically to majors via CANVAS.*

#### ***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. Approximately 4-5 awards (\$1000-\$2000) are made each Spring. Applications including a list of eligibility requirements are available by email (mayberry@usf.edu), in the Sociology department's Kiosk, and are also sent periodically to majors via CANVAS.

## USF SOCIOLOGY/ISS CLUB

In recent years, we have had a very active and engaged Sociology/ISS Club! In the past two academic years, the club has hosted a variety of events including an ice cream social, a food drive for Puerto Rico hurricane Maria victims, two volunteer days at Feeding America, a volunteer morning at MOSI's forest, movie nights, and other intriguing social and activist events. The club also sponsors a Majors Expo each Spring. 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 CANVAS page at MyUSF and go to USF Bullsinc. Sign in with your campus ID and password, the search under "student organizations" for "Sociology Club" and request to join. You can also visit the club's Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/5600734929> or email [SocAdvisor@usf.edu](mailto:SocAdvisor@usf.edu) and say that you are interested in joining the club.

## 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 and extensive depending upon how well the student supplements their studies with experiences suitable for particular lines of work. Some sociology graduates 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. We will help you tailor your coursework in a way that will best position you for various fields of employment. Your advisor, your professors, and the Career Services at USF can all assist you in this process.

How do I get a job after I graduate with a degree in Sociology?

In addition to the department's Career Modules which are infused into its course of study, one excellent source of advice is Career Services located in the Student Services Center Building. Many services are available including a Career Readiness Badging Program,

computerized career guidance program, job placement files, on-campus interviews, career counseling, resume preparation assistance, and a career planning library. A look at the vast resources offered by career services visit their home page (CareerServices@usf.edu). It is best to begin exploring the Career Services early in your college career and to continue using its resources as you approach graduation. Services are available also to alumni. Another excellent source of advice is the American Sociological Association. Please visit their website: [http://www.asanet.org/students/resources\\_majors.cfm](http://www.asanet.org/students/resources_majors.cfm)

Who is my advisor?

We have two academic advisors serving sociology majors: Brandon Kroll and Shani Garza

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 advisors 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 an 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 highly recommend that students visit an advisor once a semester if possible.

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 student to USF, 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](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"?

If you are a Sociology Major you will NOT need a permit to register. Students who are not majors and need 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 **you 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 from well in advance of the semester in which the course will be taken. Department approval of the contract agreed upon by the student and faculty is required before the student can register for the course.

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>**