

Sociology, B.S.

Program Description

The Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Sociology prepares students to understand and deal with diversity, modernization, and social change ranging from the local to global scale. The core competencies of the program prepare students to enter careers requiring technological facility, communication skills, data gathering and analysis skills, community awareness and involvement, problem-solving, critical thinking, an understanding of the structure and functioning of groups and organizations, greater awareness of their environment, critical self-reflection, and interpersonal and intercultural skills. Besides career preparation, specific concentrations in the major also provide background for graduate study in sociology and other related disciplines.

Students who graduate with a degree in Sociology would be prepared to work as demographers and data analysts, public survey workers, social research assistants, affirmative action officers, employee specialists, cultural diversity trainers, social services specialists, policy analysts, criminologists in law enforcement and corrections, and numerous other occupations.

The program of study offers students both intellectual growth and marketable technical skills. A degree in Sociology is good preparation for graduate study in various disciplines, including Sociology, Public Health, Law, Business, Social Work, and Psychology. Included in the curriculum are concentrations in:

- **Culture and Social Change:** Students will acquire a global perspective and the conceptual tools necessary to work in a variety of professional settings and academic positions.
- **Criminology:** Students will learn about the causes of crime, how to measure the extent of crime, and how to critically examine the approaches used to prevent, sanction, and change criminal behavior.
- **Medical Sociology:** Students will develop a critical understanding of the health care delivery system and its various stakeholders, including patients, organizations, and providers. Other areas with the medical sociology concentration include aging, mental health, human sexuality, biotechnology and ethical issues, and substance abuse.

- **General Sociology:** Students will be able to choose among all Sociology courses to customize a course of study that is specific to their interests and career goals.



This program is a part of Norman J. Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Admission, Enrollment, and Graduation Policies

Admission Requirements

This program does not have specific admission requirements and only admission to Kennesaw State University is required. For more information, please visit the Admissions section of the Catalog.

Graduation Requirements

Each student is expected to meet the requirements outlined in Academic Policies: 5.0 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & GRADUATION.

Program Course Requirements

Core IMPACTS Curriculum (42 Credit Hours)

General Education Core IMPACTS Curriculum

Statistics Pathway

This program recommends the Statistics Pathway with students taking the following courses in the General Education Core IMPACTS: STAT 1401 in Mathematics & Quantitative Skills, and DATA 1501 in Applied Math.

Core Field of Study (18 Credit Hours)

Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in these courses.

Required Courses (9 Credit Hours)

- SOCI 1101: Introduction to Sociology
- SOCI 2210: Professional Development for Sociology Students
- SOCI 2251: Social Problems

Elective Courses (9 Credit Hours)

Select 9 credit hours from the following list of courses:

- BLCK 1101: Introduction to Black Studies

- COMM 2230: Introduction to Mass Communication
- COMM 2240: Communication Law, Ethics and Diversity
- CRJU 2201: Crimes and Defenses
- GEOG 1130: World Regional Geography
- GWST 2000: Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies
- HS 2100: Overview of Human Services
- HS 2200: Fundamentals of Nonprofits
- HS 2300: Cultural Competence in the Human Services
- LDRS 2100: Leadership & Historic Social Movements
- PHIL 2100: Values and Society
- PHIL 2500: Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking
- POLS 2212: State and Local Government
- POLS 2240: Introduction to Comparative Politics
- POLS 2250: Introduction to International Relations

Major Requirements (21 Credit Hours)

Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in these courses.

- SOCI 3300: Foundations of Social Theory
 - SOCI 3305: Research Methods in Sociology
 - SOCI 4499: Senior Seminar in Sociology
- Select two of the following:
- SOCI 3314: Race and Ethnicity *
 - SOCI 3324: Sociology of Gender *
 - SOCI 3350: Intersections of Race, Class, and Gender *
 - SOCI 3354: Social Class and Mobility *
- Select one of the following:
- SOCI 3304: Social Organization *
 - SOCI 3333: Technology and Society *
- Select one from the following options:
- SOCI 3396: Cooperative Study
 - SOCI 3398: Internship
 - SA 4490: Upper-division Study Abroad

Note: *Students cannot use the same upper division level courses for their major requirements or their major concentration.

Major Concentrations (18 Credit Hours)

Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in these courses. Select 18 credit hours in one concentration area:

General Sociology Concentration

- SOCI 3303: Statistics for Sociology
- SOCI 3304: Social Organization
- SOCI 3310: Introduction to Gerontology
- SOCI 3314: Race and Ethnicity
- SOCI 3315: Transnational Sociology
- SOCI 3320: Exploring the Aging Network
- SOCI 3324: Sociology of Gender
- SOCI 3333: Technology and Society
- SOCI 3334: Religion and Society
- SOCI 3344: Biotechnology and Social Change
- SOCI 3350: Intersections of Race, Class, and Gender
- SOCI 3354: Social Class and Mobility
- SOCI 3360: Sociology of Violence
- SOCI 3364: Sociology of the Family
- SOCI 3374: Sociology of Work and Occupations
- SOCI 3380: Society, Community, & Health
- SOCI 4200: Drugs, Alcohol, and Society
- SOCI 4405: Applied Workplace Interpersonal Skills
- SOCI 4410: Advanced Qualitative Research Methods in Sociology
- SOCI 4420: Advanced Quantitative Research Methods in Sociology
- SOCI 4432: Criminology
- SOCI 4434: Emerging Social Issues in Africa
- SOCI 4435: Sociology of South Asia
- SOCI 4442: Deviance and Social Control
- SOCI 4443: Medical Sociology
- SOCI 4444: Social Movements and Social Change
- SOCI 4445: Sociology of Mental Illness
- SOCI 3370: Strategies for Conflict Transformation: Theories and Tools

Criminology Concentration

- CRJU 3305: Technology and Criminal Justice

- CRJU 3352: Juvenile Justice
- CRJU 3365: Profile of the Serial Offender
- CRJU 4430: Victimology
- SOCI 3303: Statistics for Sociology
- SOCI 3360: Sociology of Violence
- SOCI 4200: Drugs, Alcohol, and Society
- SOCI 4405: Applied Workplace Interpersonal Skills
- SOCI 4410: Advanced Qualitative Research Methods in Sociology
- SOCI 4420: Advanced Quantitative Research Methods in Sociology
- SOCI 4432: Criminology
- SOCI 4442: Deviance and Social Control
- SOCI 3370: Strategies for Conflict Transformation: Theories and Tools

Culture and Social Change Concentration

- SOCI 3303: Statistics for Sociology
- SOCI 3304: Social Organization
- SOCI 3310: Introduction to Gerontology
- SOCI 3314: Race and Ethnicity
- SOCI 3315: Transnational Sociology
- SOCI 3324: Sociology of Gender
- SOCI 3333: Technology and Society
- SOCI 3334: Religion and Society
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- SOCI 3370: Strategies for Conflict Transformation: Theories and Tools

Medical Sociology Concentration

- SOCI 3303: Statistics for Sociology
- SOCI 3310: Introduction to Gerontology
- SOCI 3320: Exploring the Aging Network
- SOCI 3344: Biotechnology and Social Change
- SOCI 3360: Sociology of Violence
- SOCI 3380: Society, Community, & Health
- SOCI 4200: Drugs, Alcohol, and Society
- SOCI 4405: Applied Workplace Interpersonal Skills
- SOCI 4410: Advanced Qualitative Research Methods in Sociology
- SOCI 4420: Advanced Quantitative Research Methods in Sociology
- SOCI 4443: Medical Sociology
- SOCI 4445: Sociology of Mental Illness
- SOCI 3370: Strategies for Conflict Transformation: Theories and Tools

University Electives (21 Credit Hours)

In accordance with KSU Graduation Policy, students must earn a grade of "D" or better in these courses while maintaining a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA.

Upper-Division Electives (9 Credit Hours)

Select 9 credit hours of 3000–4000 level coursework from the University Catalog.

Free Electives (12 Credit Hours)

Select 12 credit hours of 1000–4000 level coursework from the University Catalog.

Program Total (120 Credit Hours)