

SOCIOLOGY (BA)

Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
SOCL 205	Sociological Thought ¹	3
SOCL 206	Principles of Social Research	3
SOCL 301	Statistics for Social Research	3
SOCL 365	Social Theory & Social Research ²	3
Electives		
Complete seven total electives; five must be from SOCL 210-SOCL 380. ^{3,4,5}		21
Total Hours		33

¹ Any Sociology 100-level course is considered to be a prerequisite for SOCL 205 Sociological Thought, except by special permission of the instructor.

² SOCL 205 Sociological Thought, SOCL 206 Principles of Social Research, and SOCL 301 Statistics for Social Research are prerequisites for SOCL 365 Social Theory & Social Research. These courses provide social science students with the theory and methodology background needed for more advanced work.

³ Only one semester of SOCL 380 Internship may be counted toward the major (although this is a six credit hour course, it counts as one course).

⁴ In choosing electives, majors should consult with their department advisor. One course from another social science may be substituted with departmental permission.

⁵ A list of all Sociology (SOCL) course descriptions can be found here (<https://catalog.luc.edu/course-descriptions/socl/>).

Suggested Sequence of Courses

The below sequence of courses is meant to be used as a suggested path for completing coursework. An individual student's completion of requirements depends on course offerings in a given term as well as the start term for a major or graduate study. Students should consult their advisor for assistance with course selection.

In the suggested sequence, courses can either be taken in Fall or Spring semester dependent on student's schedules.

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman		
Fall		
SOCL 100-Level Course		3
Hours		3
Spring		
Sociology Elective		3
Hours		3
Sophomore		
Fall		
SOCL 205	Sociological Thought	3
SOCL 301	Statistics for Social Research	3
Hours		6

Spring		
SOCL 206	Principles of Social Research	3
Sociology Elective		3
Hours		6

Junior		
Fall		
Sociology Elective ¹		3
Hours		3

Spring		
Sociology Elective ¹		3
Hours		3

Senior		
Fall		
Sociology Elective ¹		3
SOCL 365	Social Theory & Social Research	3
Hours		6

Spring		
Sociology Elective ¹		3
Hours		3
Total Hours		33

¹ During this semester, students may pursue a possible internship as an elective credit.

Double Majors

For students with a broad range of interests, a double major may offer a desirable option.

Sociology is most frequently combined with another social science (political science, psychology, etc.), but students in philosophy, biology, and languages have also found a second major in Sociology useful.

Optional Concentrations

Health in Society Concentration

The "Health in Society" Concentration gives students a broad background in the discipline overall while allowing students to focus their coursework on the substantive areas of healthcare institutions, medical sociology, and the social sources of health-related inequalities, including attention to race, ethnicity, gender, and social class. The Health in Society Concentration is well suited for students interested in a broad range of careers and courses of graduate study in health-related fields, including: medical school, medicine, and other careers in medical care (terrific MCAT prep); healthcare administration and healthcare policy; graduate study in medical sociology and/or gerontology; graduate study and careers in counseling; advocacy and/or non-profit work focused on populations facing health-based risks and inequalities both in the U.S. and overseas.

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Intro		
SOCL 101	Society in a Global Age	3
Health Care		
SOCL 225	Sociology of Health Care	3
Race, Ethnicity, Gender		
Select one of the following:		3
SOCL 122	Race and Ethnic Relations	
SOCL 171	Sociology of Sex and Gender	

SOCL 210	Gender and Work	
SOCL 228	Sociology of the African-American Experience ¹	
Life Course		
Select one of the following:		3
SOCL 220	Topics in the Life Cycle ¹	
SOCL 221	Sociology and Culture of the Life Course ¹	
SOCL 230	Self & Society (Social Psych)	
SOCL 231	Childhood and Society ¹	
SOCL 236	Population Studies	
SOCL 240	Families	
Poverty and Inequality		
Select one of the following:		3
SOCL 222	Poverty & Welfare in America	
SOCL 250	Inequality in Society	
SOCL 252	Global Inequalities	
Sociology of Science or Special Topics in Health		
Select one of the following:		3
SOCL 226	Science, Technology, & Society	
SOCL 270	Sociology of Science	
SOCL 272	Environmental Sociology	
SOCL 276	The Sociology and Politics of Food	
SOCL 280	Topics in Contemporary Sociology	
SOCL 370	Undergrad Seminar-Special Topics (Global Health)	
SOCL 370	Undergrad Seminar-Special Topics (Health, Medicine, and Society)	
SOCL 380	Internship ²	
Total Hours		18

¹ Indicates courses that are infrequently offered

² Indicates experiential learning

Social Justice in Society Concentration

The "Social Justice in Society" Concentration gives students a broad background in the discipline overall, and in keeping with the centrality of social justice to Loyola's mission, this concentration allows students to focus their coursework on the substantive topics of social inequality, social change, and social justice. The Social Justice in Society Concentration is well suited for students interested in a broad range of careers, advocacy, and courses of graduate study in fields including: law school and legal practice in areas such as civil rights law, gender-based violence, immigration law; public policy and public administration concerning issues for marginalized populations (e.g., homelessness, education, job training/placement, housing, residency status, post-incarceration reentry, voting rights, etc.); social work and human services; teaching and educational leadership and policy; higher education and student affairs; advocacy and non-profit management in organizations that serve marginalized populations; labor organizing and collective bargaining; research for labor unions, social service agencies, and/or non-profit organizations.

Code	Title	Hours
Intro		
SOCL 101	Society in a Global Age	3
Stratification and Inequality		
SOCL 250	Inequality in Society	3
Race, Ethnicity, Gender		

Select one of the following:		3
SOCL 121	Social Problems	
SOCL 122	Race and Ethnic Relations	
SOCL 171	Sociology of Sex and Gender	
SOCL 210	Gender and Work	
SOCL 228	Sociology of the African-American Experience ¹	
Deviance, Social Control, and Law		
Select one of the following:		3
SOCL 212	Patterns of Criminal Activity ¹	
SOCL 215	Law & Society	
SOCL 216	The Sociology of Violence	
SOCL 255	Deviance and Social Control	
Poverty and Inequality		
Select one of the following:		3
SOCL 222	Poverty & Welfare in America	
SOCL 252	Global Inequalities	
SOCL 258	Confronting Homelessness: Local to Global ²	
Social Change		
Select one of the following:		3
SOCL 260	Power in Society ¹	
SOCL 261	Social Movements & Social Change	
SOCL 262	Movements for Social Justice: 60s & Beyond ¹	
SOCL 272	Environmental Sociology	
SOCL 280	Topics in Contemporary Sociology	
SOCL 335	Urban Semester Seminar ²	
SOCL 380	Internship ²	
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Transferring Credit

In completing major requirements, not more than five (5) courses or 15 semester hours will be accepted in transfer from other colleges and universities.

College of Arts and Sciences Graduation Requirements

All Undergraduate students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to take two Writing Intensive courses (6 credit hours) as well as complete a foreign language requirement at 102-level or higher (3 credit hours) or a language competency test. More information can be found here (<https://www.luc.edu/cas/college-requirements/>).

Additional Undergraduate Graduation Requirements

All Undergraduate students are required to complete the University Core, at least one Engaged Learning course, and UNIV 101. SCPS students are not required to take UNIV 101. Nursing students in the Accelerated BSN program are not required to take core or UNIV 101. You can find more information in the University Requirements (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/university-requirements/>) area.

Learning Outcomes

- Critical Thinking - demonstrate the ability to analyze and evaluate multiple and competing social, political, and/or cultural arguments.
- Sociological Imagination - the ability to articulate and evaluate how individual biographies are shaped by social structures, social institutions, cultural routines, and multiple of elements of social difference and/or inequality.
- Communication - the ability to formulate effective and convincing written and verbal arguments.
- Diversity – an awareness of how people of different cultural, religious, and political belief systems interpret the world around them through those beliefs.
- Sociological Theory - the ability to use and evaluate both classical and contemporary perspectives in sociological theory.
- Methodology - the ability to interpret and evaluate several of the major social science research methodologies, as well as the relationship between research questions and appropriate methods.
- Substantive Areas - the ability to demonstrate knowledge of multiple key substantive areas within the field of sociology and evaluate competing perspectives.
- Social Justice in the Jesuit Tradition - the ability to articulate and evaluate how sociological insights should inform a commitment to social justice.