



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Sociology is the study of group life: its characteristics, changes, causes and consequences. It combines scientific and humanistic perspectives in the study of urban and rural life, family patterns and relationships, social change, intergroup relationships, social class, environment, technology and communications, health seeking behavior, as well as social movements.

A bachelor's degree and even more so, a Master's degree, in Sociology can help to open doors to all sorts of possibilities and experiences. Click on the tabs below to read actual testimony from current and past Sociology students.

The mission of the Department of Sociology is to offer students a multifaceted learning experience that provides an understanding of how individuals and institutions interact to shape our social world. In addition, by conducting empirical and theoretical research, faculty members aim to advance and expand sociological knowledge, and use sociological theory and research findings to inform understanding of social problems and offer potential solutions. The focal areas of CU Denver faculty research include family sociology, health, and criminology and law.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a dual-advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major/faculty advisor.

For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:

CLAS Academic Advising

clas_advising@ucdenver.edu

Find your CLAS Advisor [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) Building 1030
303-315-7100

For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:

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303-315-2138

GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours passed
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) semester hours
4. Complete all college and major requirements
5. Residency: complete a minimum of 30 CLAS hours at CU Denver

Credits exceeding the following maximum hour restrictions will not be applied toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:

- 56 semester hours in major department/prefix courses
- 16 semester hours Pass/Fail
- 12 semester hours of Independent Study
- 9 semester hours of internship credit
- 8 semester hours of physical education credit

CAREER RESOURCES

The Sociology B.A. degree prepares students for diverse careers in the corporate, nonprofit, and government worlds, and more. Sociology students are able to create evidence-based arguments, they develop critical thinking skills, they can apply knowledge in real-world settings, and are able to articulate how ascribed social characteristics such as ethnicity, gender, and class impact individuals' experiences. These skills prepare students for a variety of occupations such as working in social services, counseling, and administrative support. Others use their sociology degree to work as directors of research, policy analysts, consultants, human resource managers, and program managers. Still others work as survey researchers, statisticians, urban planners, community developers, criminologists, or demographers. For those completing advanced study in sociology, college teaching is an option. College and university positions may also include advising students, conducting studies, and publishing research. Related occupations for Sociology graduates include:

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| • Case Worker | • Criminologist | • Demographer | • Economist |
| • Educator | • Historian | • Job Analyst | • Labor Statistician |
| • Market Research Analyst | • Psychologist | • Researcher | • Urban Planner |

Some careers and occupations require additional training or education. Interested in learning more about career and occupational options for this major? Visit the CU Denver Career Center located in the Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 267 to speak with a career counselor. The Career Center also provides *Career Briefs*, overviews of careers related to specific CU Denver majors, which include related links and resources to the particular field and show potential jobs related to the major. Access Career Briefs [here](#).

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

Students are responsible for meeting with the major/faculty advisor in the department to confirm major requirements. Students completing the Sociology B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Complete a minimum of 32 semester hours in Sociology. At least 16 of the 32 hours must be upper-division (3000- to 4000-level).
2. Complete 20 semester hours of required courses with a grade of C (2.0 or better) in each course.
3. Complete at least 12 additional semester hours of Sociology electives with at least 3 semester hours at the 4000-level. Complete Sociology elective courses with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
4. Complete at least 13 SOCY semester hours with CU Denver faculty.
5. Note: SOCY3111 and SOCY3121 will only be offered through Fall 2016. SOCY3119 and SOCY3115 will be offered beginning Spring 2017.

Courses	Credits	Notes
* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *		
Required Courses	19 - 20	
SOCY 1001 Introduction to Sociology	3	
SOCY 2001 Inequalities in Social World	3	<i>*Prerequisite: SOCY1001</i>
SOCY 3111 Research Methods or SOCY 3119 Qualitative Methods	3 or 4	<i>*Prerequisite: SOCY1001 and sophomore standing</i>
SOCY 3121 Statistics or SOCY 3115 Quantitative Methods & Analysis	4	<i>*Prerequisite: SOCY1001 and sophomore standing</i>
SOCY 3140 Sociological Theory	3	<i>*Prerequisite: SOCY1001</i>
SOCY 4830 Senior Capstone: Worklife Practices and Policies	3	
SOCY Electives	12	<i>*See department for approved courses</i>
Total Program Hours:	32	

SAMPLE ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY

The following academic plan is a *sample* pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

Year One	Milestones	Fall	CRS	Grade	✓	Spring	CRS	Grade	✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet your advisors Introduce yourself to faculty in your department Create an academic plan and check your Degree Audit with your advisors Visit campus resources 	ENGL1020 – Core Composition I	3			ENGL2030 – Core Composition II	3		
		CU Core Mathematics	3			CU Core Humanities	3		
		SOCY1001	3			SOCY2001	3		
		CU Core Arts	3			CU Core Behavioral Science	3		
		General Elective	3			General Elective	3		
Year Two	Milestones	Fall	CRS	Grade	✓	Spring	CRS	Grade	✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with your advisors to complete a 60-hour check Join a student club or organization Begin to research internships Visit the Career Center Explore additional major(s) or minors 	SOCY3111 or 3119	3/4			SOCY3121 or 3115	4		
		CLAS Communicative Skills	3			CU Core Biol/Phys Science without lab	3		
		CU Core Biol/Phys Science with lab	4			CU Core Cultural Diversity ^M	3		
		General Elective	3			CLAS Behavioral Science	3		
		General Elective	3			Upper-Division General Elective	3		
Year Three	Milestones	Fall	CRS	Grade	✓	Spring	CRS	Grade	✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore research opportunities in your major Apply for internships Begin to research professional or graduate programs 	SOCY3140	3			Upper-Division SOCY Elective	3		
		CU Core International Perspectives ^M	3			Upper-Division General Elective	3		
		CLAS Foreign Language Semester I	5			CLAS Foreign Language Semester II	5		
		Upper-Division General Elective	3			CLAS Humanities	3		
Year Four	Milestones	Fall	CRS	Grade	✓	Spring	CRS	Grade	✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See advisors for a grad check the semester before you plan to graduate Explore independent studies in your major Submit professional or graduate program applications 	Upper-Division SOCY Elective	3			SOCY4830	3		
		CLAS Biol/Phys Science with lab	4			Upper-Division SOCY Elective	3		
		Upper-Division General Elective	3			Upper-Division SOCY Elective	3		
		Upper-Division General Elective	3			Upper-Division General Elective	3		
		General Elective	3			General Elective	3		