BA in Sociology

Program Requirements

A minimum total of 120 credit hours is required for the BA in sociology. In addition to meeting the requirements of the WSU General Education Program (http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/academic-information/general-education-program/) and the requirements of Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, students must meet the following requirements:

The study of society mandates specific skills for interpreting information and observations. Therefore, students majoring in sociology are required to enroll in the courses below.

Course	Title	Hours
General Education		
Select courses to meet General Education requirements [1]		34-35
College Requirements		
Select courses to complete all LAS Competency Areas [1]		36
Major Requirements		
SOC 111	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 311	Introduction to Sociological Theory	3
SOC 312	Introduction to Social Research	3
SOC 313	Introduction to Social Statistics	3
SOC 514	Sociology Capstone	3
Major Electives		
Select 15 credit hours of electives		15
Open Electives		
Select enough electives to reach 120 credit hours		19-20
Total Credit Hours		**120**

[1] Required major courses may also count towards General Education and/or LAS Competencies. Students will need to select additional electives to reach 120 credit hours required for graduation with assistance from an advisor.

Outside of the required courses listed above, students have flexibility in selecting content specific areas of concentration such as deviant behavior, intimate relations and family life, social stratification and inequality, gender and sexuality, aging studies, social organization, urban sociology, and the social determinants of health — or some combination of these specialties. Depending on a student’s interests and goals, certain courses in related departments that meet their particular needs, if approved by the sociology department's undergraduate advisor, may be counted toward a sociology major, though no more than 6 credit hours of such courses may be included. Transfer students should note that at least 9 credit hours of sociology coursework must be earned at Wichita State.

Applied Learning

Students in the BA in sociology program are required to complete an applied learning or research experience to graduate from this program. The requirement can be met by taking SOC 514. Successful completion of this course will serve as fulfillment of the university's applied learning/research experience requirement.