



Sociology Major

Total Major hours: 40
Suggested hours per semester: 14 - 16

Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2026-2027

The catalog is the final authority on CATC and major requirements; this is intended as a tool for planning purposes. Student course sequencing may vary depending on course offerings and other variables.

<p>Fall Semester 1 SOC 115 Intro¹</p> <p>CORE 101: First Year Seminar CORE 131: Holistic Human Flourishing (1) First-Year CATC options-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ COMM 101: Oral Comm (2) ▪ ENGW 103: First-Year Writing ▪ Language Core Competency or Thematic Core Course 	<p>Spring Semester 1 SOC 115 Intro¹ – or major elective of interest, if complete³</p> <p>First-Year CATC options (4-6) Language Core Competency BITH 211/ARCH 211: Old Testament</p>	<p>Summer 1 Consider study abroad, internship, or research options – Wheaton-In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, job experience, summer research, Wolfram Summer School, or talk to BRIDGE director</p>
<p>Fall Semester 2 SOC 115 Intro¹ – or major elective of interest if not completed³ SOC 337 Race^{F, 1, 2*} or SOC 347 Gender^{F, 2} SOC 383 Statistics^{F, 1}</p> <p>Thematic Core or Core Competency Courses (4-8) BITH 213/ARCH 213: New Testament</p>	<p>Spring Semester 2 Major electives³</p> <p>Thematic Core Course BITH 315: Christian Thought* Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</p>	<p>Summer 2 Consider study abroad, internship, or research options</p>
<p>Fall Semester 3 Consider semester off campus – GPS, Wheaton in Chicago</p> <p>SOC 337 Race^{F, 1, 2*} or SOC 347 Gender^{F, 2} SOC 376 Theory⁵ Major electives⁴</p> <p>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</p> <p>Thematic Core Course</p>	<p>Spring Semester 3 SOC 355 Social Class^{S, 2} SOC 482 Social Research^{S, *}</p> <p>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</p> <p>Thematic Core Course</p>	<p>Summer 3 Consider study abroad, internship, or research options</p>
<p>Fall Semester 4 Consider semester off campus – GPS, Wheaton in Chicago, HNGR</p> <p>SOC 491 Thesis * Major electives³</p> <p>Thematic Core Course Complete CATC Courses</p>	<p>Spring Semester 4 SOC 355 Social Class^{S, 2} SOC 493 Thesis * SOC 494 Capstone^{F, *}</p> <p>Major electives (2-4)³</p> <p>Thematic Core Course Complete CATC Courses</p>	<p>Summer 4</p>

Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:

*Course has a prerequisite

^F Fall only course

^S Spring only course

¹ Sociology courses that meet CATC tags (with a maximum of 3 from Sociology major counting for graduation): SOC 115 (DUS, SI), SOC 251 (SI, VPAV), SOC 337 (DUS), SOC 383 (AAQR), and SOC 385 (GP, SI).

² The required core electives, which students need to take two of three (but can take all three), are offered once a year and generally in the same semester: SOC 337 Fall, SOC 347 Fall, SOC 355 Spring.

³ An Anthropology course (2 or 4 credits) and Sociology courses (4 to 6 hours) make up the 8 hours of electives for the major.

-SOC 376 Theory, SOC 383 Statistics, and SOC 482 Social Research should be done by the end of junior year.

-A semester of study off-campus will require shifting around foundation sociology courses. The foundation courses are offered in these semesters: SOC 376 Spring, SOC 383 Fall, SOC 482 Spring, SOC 494 Fall, SOC 492 Spring. Please consult with your faculty advisor about potential changes to these courses. Students who choose to study abroad must complete GPS 231 or 233 before they leave and GPS 232 when they return.

-An optional Social Work Emphasis can be added. See the Course Catalog for more information.