College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences  
Department of Sociology  
Bachelor of Science in Sociology  
Major: Sociology  
Major Option: Women's and Gender Studies  

For students graduating in calendar year 2020

Checksheets: This checksheet specifies the requirements for a major in sociology with a Women's and Gender Studies option.

Number of Credits for a Bachelor of Science in Sociology, 120 credits.  
74 credits must be completed beyond what is required for a sociology major with a Women's and Gender Studies option.

Number of Credits for a Sociology Major with a Women's and Gender Studies Option, 46 credits.  
The 46 credits include 22 credits of sociology core degree courses.

Number of Credits of Free Electives, 38 credits.

Number of Credits for the Curriculum for Liberal Education, 36 credits.  
All students with a sociology major with a Women's and Gender Studies option are required to complete the Curriculum for Liberal Education.

Double Majors in the Department of Sociology: The Department of Sociology offers a major in sociology, with and without options, and a major in criminology. Students are permitted to obtain both majors. Courses in the sociology core degree can meet the requirements of both majors, but none of the required or elective courses taken for either major can count toward the other.

Minimum GPA: A minimum 2.0 in-major GPA and 2.0 overall GPA.  
All courses with a SOC prefix, WGS prefix, or cross-listed with sociology and/or Women's and Gender Studies are included in the calculation of the in-major GPA.

Grade Requirement: All courses used to fulfill the requirements of the sociology major with an option in Women's and Gender Studies must be taken for a letter grade of A-F.

Requirements for Satisfactory Progress: Students must have completed Introductory Sociology (SOC 1004), Social Research Methods (SOC 3204), Sociological Theory (SOC 3104), Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (WGS 1814), Feminist Theory (WGS 2114), and 3 additional credits of sociology prior to attempting 72 credits (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing, and credit by examination).

Upon having attempted 60 credits, students must have an in-major GPA of 2.0 and an in-major GPA of 2.0 thereafter to be considered as making satisfactory progress toward the degree.

If satisfactory progress is not made, procedures will be followed as required by the Academic Eligibility Policy.

Prerequisites: Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites.

Advising: Regular contact with the academic advisor for sociology is not required but strongly encouraged. Call (540) 231-8971 to schedule an appointment. The Department of Sociology main office is located in 560 McBryde.
Sociology Major with a Women’s and Gender Studies Option

Sociology Core Degree Required Courses: 22 credits

In accordance with State Council of Education guidelines, courses used to fulfill the SCHEV approved degree core may not also be used to meet Curriculum for Liberal Education or major requirements.

Sociology: 16 credits. Take in the order listed

- SOC 1004
  Introductory Sociology (3) (including First Year Experience)
- SOC 3104*
  Sociological Theory (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
- SOC 3204
  Social Research Methods (4) (Pre: SOC 1004).
  Recommend taking before STAT 3604.
- SOC 3004
  Social Inequality (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
- SOC 4194
  Senior Seminar (3) (Pre: SOC 3104 and SOC 3204)

Statistics: 3 credits

- STAT 3604
  Statistics for the Social Sciences (3) (Pre: MATH 1014 or higher level Math)

Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, Peace Studies and Violence Prevention, and Women’s and Gender Studies Electives: 3 credits

Select one of the following:

- AFST 1714
  Introduction to African American Studies (3)
- AINS 1104
  Introduction to American Indian Studies (3)
- PSVP 2044 (SOC 2044)
  Peace and Violence (3)
- WGS 1824
  Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies (3)


******Required as part of the Women’s and Gender Studies option; and, therefore, cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.
Women's and Gender Studies Option Required Course: 9 credits.

- WGS 1824  Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (3)
- WGS 2114  Feminist Theory (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)
- WGS 4224  Women's Studies Seminar (3) (Pre: WGS 1824, WGS 2114)

Sociology Electives: 6 credits.

Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites.

3 credits. Select one of the following:

- SOC 3014  Gender Relations (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
- SOC 3614  Gender and Work in the U.S. (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
- SOC 3714  Sociology of Aging (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)

3 credits. Select a sociology course at the 3000-4000 level that has not already been used to fulfill a requirement. SOC 4754 (Internship), SOC 4964 (Field Study), and SOC 4974 (Independent Study) cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.

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Women's and Gender Studies Option Electives: 9 credits.

Select from the list below of Women's and Gender Studies option electives. A course taken as a sociology elective cannot also count as a Women's and Gender Studies elective. Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites.

2000 level: None required. Maximum of 3 credits. Credits from WGS 2754 (internship), WGS 2964 (field study), and WGS 2974 (independent study) cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.

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3000 or 4000 level: Minimum of 6 credits. A maximum of 3 credits from WGS 4754 (Internship), WGS 4964 (Field Study), and WGS 4974 (Independent Study) can be used to fulfill this requirement.

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Women's and Gender Studies Option Electives

2000 Level

WGS 2204 (AFST 2204) (RLCL 2204)
WGS 2224
WGS 2244
WGS 2254 (SOC 2254)
WGS 2264 (SOC 2264) (AFST 2264)
WGS 2274 (SOC 2274)
WGS 2284 (SOC 2284)
WGS 2734 (AFST 2734) (SOC 2734)
WGS 2974
WGS 2984
HD 2314

Race and Gender in Religion and Culture (3)
Women and Creativity (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)
Women and Science (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)
Feminist Activism (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)
Race, Class, Gender, and Sexualities (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)
Women in the Military (3)
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues (3)
(Pre: WGS 1824)
The Black Woman in the U.S. (3)
Independent Study (variable credit)
Special Study (variable credit)
Human Sexuality (3)

3000 Level

WGS 3004
WGS 3014 (RLCL 3014)
WGS 3214
WGS 3324 (SOC 3324) (STS 3324)
WGS 3984
ENGL 3364

HD 3114

Topics in Feminism (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)
Women and Gender in Islam (3)
Global Feminism (3) (Pre: WGS 2264)
Perspectives on the Biology of Women (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)
Special Study (variable credit)
Topics in Literature by Women (3) (Pre: ENGL 1106 or ENGL 1204H or COMM 1016)
Issues in Aging (3) (when the topic is women, gender, and/or
diversity)
Women in U.S. History (to 1865) (3)
Women in U.S. History (since 1865) (3)
Gender Relations (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
Gender and Work in the U.S. (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
Sociology of Aging (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
Study Abroad (3) (with approval of department chair)

4000 Level

WGS 4214 (UAP 4214) (GEOG 4214)
WGS 4334 (SOC 4334) (STS 4334)
WGS 4704 (STS 4704)
WGS 4754
WGS 4974
WGS 4984
WGS 4994
HD 4364

Gender, Environment, and International Development (3) (Pre: junior standing)
Sexual Medicine (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)
Gender and Science (3) (Pre: WGS 2244 or STS 1504)
Internship (variable credit) (Pre: WGS 1824) with approval of
department chair
Independent Study (3)
Special Study (variable)
Undergraduate Research (variable)
Gender and Family Diversity (3) (Pre: HD 2304)
Curriculum for Liberal Education and Foreign Language

Curriculum for Liberal Education: 36 credits
All students must fulfill the requirements of the Curriculum for Liberal Education. Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites.

Area 1: Writing and Discourse
6 credits from the sequence ENGL 1105/1106.

ENGL 1105 (3) ENGL 1106 (3)

Area 2: Ideas, Cultural Traditions, and Values
6 credits selected from Area 2 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses. Courses listed in Areas 2 and 6 may not count for both areas.

(3) (3)

Area 3: Society and Human Behavior
6 credits selected from Area 3 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses.

(3) (3)

Area 4: Scientific Reasoning and Discovery
6 credits of lecture selected from Area 4 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses.

(3) (3)

Area 5: Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning
6 credits selected from Area 5 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses.

Math 1014 or other higher Math (3) (3)

Area 6: Creativity and Aesthetic Experience
3 credits selected from Area 6 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses. Courses listed in Areas 2 and 6 may not count for both areas.

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Area 7: Critical Issues in a Global Context
3 credits selected from Area 7 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses. A course taken to satisfy another area of the Curriculum for Liberal Education that also is included as an Area 7 course will satisfy the Area 7 requirement simultaneously.

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Foreign Language Requirement:
Students who completed 3 years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school have completed this requirement. Students who did not complete 3 years of a foreign, classical, or sign language in high school must complete one of the following:

- 2 years of a foreign, classical, or sign language in high school plus FL 1106 or the equivalent in college. These 3 hours count towards the 120 required for graduation.
- Complete FL 1105-1106 or the equivalent in college. These 6 hours do not count toward the 120 required for graduation.
- Complete either SPAN 1114, GER 1114, RUS 1114, or ITAL 1114. The 4 hours do not count towards the 120 required for graduation.