

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology

Department of Sociology

Major: Sociology

Major Option: Research Methods

For students graduating in calendar year 2016

**Checksheet:** This checksheet specifies the requirements for a major in sociology with a research methods option.

**Number of Credits for a Bachelor of Science Degree: 120 credits.**

77 credits must be completed beyond what is required for a sociology major with a research methods option.

**Number of Credits for a Sociology Major with a Research Methods Option: 43 credits.**

The 43 credits consist of 22 credits of sociology core degree courses and 21 credits of additional courses for a sociology major with a research methods option.

**Number of Credits of Free Electives: 41 credits.**

**Number of Credits for the Curriculum for Liberal Education: 36 credits.**

All students with a sociology major with a research methods option are required to complete the Curriculum for Liberal Education.

**Minimum GPA:** A minimum 2.0 in-major GPA and 2.0 overall GPA.

All courses with a SOC prefix or cross-listed with sociology are included in the calculation of the in-major GPA.

**Grade Requirement:** All courses taken as part of the sociology core degree and sociology major with a research methods option must be taken for a 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), and an additional 9 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 maintain an in-major GPA of 2.0 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 at 560 McBryde.

## Sociology Major

### Sociology Core Degree Required Courses: 22 credits.

**A course used to fulfill the sociology core degree requirements cannot be used to fulfill other requirements of the major with a research methods option, except for STAT 3604.**

#### **Sociology: 16 credits.**

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

#### **Statistics: 3 credits.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ STAT 3604 Statistics for the Social Sciences (3) (Pre: MATH 1015)  
Recommend taking after SOC 3204.

#### **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/SOC 2044 Peace and Violence (3)
- WGS 1824 Introduction to Women's Studies (3)

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**Sociology Major with a Research Methods Option: 21 credits.**

**Research Methods Option Courses: 9 credits.**

Select 9 credits from the list below. A course used to meet this requirement cannot also be used as sociology elective. Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog Academic Policies for prerequisites.

- \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 3954 Study Abroad (variable), in related area with approval by the sociology department chair. No more than 3 credits.
- \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 4094 (APS 4094) Appalachian Community Research
- \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 4204 Applied Research (3) (Pre: SOC 3204, STAT 3604)
- \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 4304 Research Methods Topics (3) (Pre: SOC 3204, STAT 3604)  
Can be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits if different topics.
- \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 4754 Internship (variable) in related area with approval by the department chair. No more than 3 credits. (Pre: Junior or Senior standing)
- \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 4974 Independent Study (variable), in related area with approval by the department chair. No more than 6 credits. (Pre: Junior or Senior standing)
- \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 4994 Undergraduate Research (variable) No more than 9 credits.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other statistics and/or methods courses with approval by the sociology department chair.

**Sociology Electives: 12 credits.**

A course not used as a research methods option course can be used to fulfill this requirement. Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites.

1000-2000 level courses. None required. Maximum of 6 credits. A maximum of 3 credits from SOC 2754 (internship), SOC 2964 (field study), and SOC 2974 (independent study) can be used to fulfill this requirement.

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3000-4000 level courses. Minimum of 6 credits. A course not taken in the above list of research methods option courses can be used to meet this requirement. A maximum of 3 credits from SOC 4754 (internship), SOC 4964 (field study), and SOC 4974 (independent study) can be used to fulfill this requirement.

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## Curriculum for Liberal Education

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### Curriculum for Liberal Education: 36 credits.

All students must fulfill the requirements of the Curriculum for Liberal Education

Foreign Language Requirement: Passing three years of a single language in high school satisfies the requirement. If a student has not completed at least two years of a single foreign language in high school, foreign language credits are required and are in addition to the 120 credits required for graduation.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 1105 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 1106 (3)

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

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Area 3: 6 credits selected from Area 3 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses.

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Area 4: 6 credits of lecture selected from Area 4 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses.

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Area 5: 6 credits. MATH 1015 and another course selected from Area 5 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses.

\_\_\_\_\_ MATH 1015 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

Area 6: 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: 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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