

Sociology Major

Total Major hours: 40 Suggested hours per semester: 14 - 16
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Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2025-2026

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.

Fall Semester 1 SOC 115 Intro¹ <i>CORE 101: First Year Seminar</i> <i>CORE 131: Holistic Human Flourishing (1)</i> <i>First-Year CATC options-</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>COMM 101: Oral Comm (2)</i> ▪ <i>ENGW 103: First-Year Writing</i> ▪ <i>Language Core Competency or Thematic Core Course</i> 	Spring Semester 1 SOC 115 Intro¹ – or major elective of interest if complete³ <i>First-Year CATC options (4-6)</i> <i>Language Core Competency</i> <i>BITH 211/ARCH 211: Old Testament</i>	Summer 1 <i>Consider study, 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</i>
Fall Semester 2 SOC 115 Intro¹ – or major elective of interest if complete³ SOC 337 Race^{F, 1, 2 *} or SOC 347 Gender^{F, 2} SOC 383 Statistics^{F, 1} <i>Thematic Core or Core Competency Courses (4-8)</i> <i>BITH 213/ARCH 213: New Testament</i>	Spring Semester 2 Major electives³ <i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>BITH 315: Christian Thought*</i> <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i>	Summer 2 <i>Consider study, internship or research options</i>
Fall Semester 3 Consider semester off campus – GPS, Wheaton in Chicago SOC 337 Race^{F, 1, 2, *} or SOC 347 Gender^{F, 2} SOC 376 Theory⁵ Major electives⁴ <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i> <i>Thematic Core Course</i>	Spring Semester 3 SOC 355 Social Class^{S, 2} SOC 482 Social Research^{S, *} <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i> <i>Thematic Core Course</i>	Summer 3 <i>Consider study, internship or research options</i>
Fall Semester 4 Consider semester off campus – GPS, Wheaton in Chicago, HNGR SOC 491 Thesis * Major electives³ <i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>Complete CATC Courses</i>	Spring Semester 4 SOC 355 Social Class^{S, 2} SOC 493 Thesis * SOC 494 Capstone^{F, *} Major electives (2-4)³ <i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>Complete CATC Courses</i>	Summer 4

Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:

*Course has prerequisite

^F Fall only course

^S Spring only course

¹ Sociology courses that meet CATC tags (with max 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 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.

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