

Sociology and Human Services: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Degree Type

Bachelor of Arts

The sociology and human services major complements and strengthens the introduction to the liberal arts our students receive. All majors receive a foundation in sociology through required courses addressing cultural diversity and structural inequalities, the reciprocal relationship between individuals and communities, as well as research design and analysis. Students may choose the sociology track for additional depth in social theory and advanced sociological analysis of social issues or the human services track that prepares them as generalist helping professionals. All majors will use a social justice perspective in applying critical analysis to social life and social problems in the United States and will be qualified to work in a variety of entry-level occupational settings and organizations, including but not limited to clinics, hospitals, nonprofit agencies, substance and mental health facilities, schools, family and community agencies, as well as the criminal justice system.

Learning Outcomes

- Apply sociological analysis to social phenomena.
- Explain how social institutions create and reproduce social inequality.
- Analyze social scientific data.
- Apply appropriate theories to social life in the contemporary U.S.
- Communicate effectively in both written and oral communication.
- Apply academic course content to an internship placement in a social organization.

Sociology and Human Services B.A. Progress to Completion Requirements:

Required Courses for Sociology Track:

Total: 44 credits

[SHS 485](#): minimum 4 credits

Item #	Title	Credits
SHS 101	Introduction to Sociology	4.0
SHS 217	U.S. Social Problems	4.0
SHS 304	Race and Ethnic Relations	4.0
SHS 316	Social Theory	4.0
SHS 322	Gender and Society	4.0
SHS 333	Research Methods in the Social Sciences	4.0
SHS 485	Sociology and Human Services Internship	12.0
SHS 486	Capstone for the Social Sciences	4.0
	Sociology Track Electives	12

Required Courses for Human Services Track:

Total: 48 credits

SHS 485: minimum 4 credits

Item #	Title	Credits
SHS 101	Introduction to Sociology	4.0
SHS 105	Introduction to Human Services	4.0
SHS 217	U.S. Social Problems	4.0
SHS 310	Human Service Policy	4.0
SHS 333	Research Methods in the Social Sciences	4.0
SHS 485	Sociology and Human Services Internship	12.0
SHS 486	Capstone for the Social Sciences	4.0
	Human services track electives	20

Suggested Registration Sequence

B.A. Sociology, Sociology Track

First Year - Fall

Item #	Title	Credits
SHS 101	Introduction to Sociology	4.0
WRT 101	Introduction to Academic Writing	4.0
FYE 101	First Year Experience	4.0
	Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course	4

First Year - Spring

Item #	Title	Credits
	200-Level Sociology Elective Course	4
	Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course	4
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	MAT - Quantitative Literacy Proficiency	4

Sophomore Year - Fall

Item #	Title	Credits
	200-Level Sociology Elective Course	4
SHS 217	U.S. Social Problems	4.0
	Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course	4
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Sophomore Year - Spring

Item #	Title	Credits
	300-Level Sociology Elective	4
	Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4

Junior Year - Fall

Item #	Title	Credits
	SHS 316 or 300-Level Sociology Elective Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4
	SHS 304 or 300-Level Sociology Elective Course	3-4
	Free Elective Course or Integrative Experience Course	4

Junior Year - Spring

Item #	Title	Credits
SHS 333	Research Methods in the Social Sciences	4.0
	SHS 322 or Free Elective Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4
	Free Elective Course or Integrative Experience Course	4

Senior Year - Fall

Item #	Title	Credits
SHS 486	Capstone for the Social Sciences	4.0
	SHS 316 or 300-Level Sociology Elective Course	4
	SHS 304 or Free Elective Course	2

Senior Year - Spring

Item #	Title	Credits
SHS 485	Sociology and Human Services Internship	12.0
	SHS 322 or Free Elective Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4

B.A. Sociology, Human Services Track

First Year - Fall

Item #	Title	Credits
SHS 105	Introduction to Human Services	4.0
WRT 101	Introduction to Academic Writing	4.0
FYE 101	First Year Experience	4.0
	Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course	4

First Year - Spring

Item #	Title	Credits
SHS 101	Introduction to Sociology	4.0
	Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course	4
	Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course	4
	MAT - Quantitative Literacy Proficiency	4

Sophomore Year - Fall

Item #	Title	Credits
SHS 217	U.S. Social Problems	4.0
	Lower-Level DEI Course or Liberal Education Core Course	4
	Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course	4
	Lower-Level Concentration Course or Liberal Education Core Course	4

Sophomore Year - Spring

Item #	Title	Credits
	Lower-Level DEI Course or Liberal Education Core Course	4
	Lower-Level Concentration Course or Liberal Education Core Course	4
	Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4

Junior Year - Fall

Item #	Title	Credits
	300-Level DEI Course or Integrative Experience Course	4
	300-Level Concentration Course or Free Elective Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4

Junior Year - Spring

Item #	Title	Credits
SHS 333	Research Methods in the Social Sciences	4.0
SHS 310	Human Service Policy	4.0
	300-Level DEI Course or Integrative Experience Course	4
	300-Level Concentration Course or Free Elective Course	4

Senior Year - Fall

Item #	Title	Credits
SHS 486	Capstone for the Social Sciences	4.0
	300-Level Concentration Course or Free Elective Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4

Senior Year - Spring

Item #	Title	Credits
SHS 485	Sociology and Human Services Internship	12.0
	300-Level Concentration Course or Free Elective Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4