

SOCIOLOGY, BACHELOR OF ARTS

Sociology Major Requirements

(Also see Requirements for a Bachelor's Degree (<http://e-catalog.jhu.edu/arts-sciences/full-time-residential-programs/undergraduate-policies/academic-policies/requirements-for-a-bachelors-degree/>)).

A major in sociology offers undergraduates a variety of post-graduation opportunities. Graduates from the department have found positions in financial institutions, education, non-governmental organizations focusing on international development, research departments of major corporations, and local government social service agencies. Others continue to graduate school in sociology, public health, law, urban planning, and education. A major in sociology can also be combined with the pre-medical course sequence, resulting in a medical school candidate who is well versed in the hard science of the human body and the social science of the human experience. For more details, please visit <http://soc.jhu.edu/undergraduate/>.

The required courses for a major in sociology provide students with a fundamental understanding of sociological theory, methods, and social statistics. Beyond these core requirements, elective courses are offered on a range of important sociological themes, including gender and family, social structure and personality, education, race and ethnicity, immigration, political sociology, international development, and the evolution of a world social system. All courses must be taken for a letter grade and a grade of C or better is required. Nine of the eleven required Sociology classes must be taken at JHU. In some cases, students may request for eight of the eleven required Sociology courses to be taken at JHU. Foreign language study is not required, but it is strongly encouraged, especially for students considering graduate or professional study.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
AS.230.101	Introduction to Sociology	3
AS.230.202	Research Methods for the Social Sciences	3
AS.230.205	Introduction to Social Statistics	4
AS.230.213	Social Theory	3
AS.230.322	Quantitative Research Practicum	3
or AS.230.323	Qualitative Research Practicum	
or AS.230.325	Global Social Change and Development Practicum	
Sociology Electives ¹		18
Six elective courses in sociology, at least four must be non-introductory courses (at the 200-level or above)		
Additional Social Science Electives		9
Three non-sociology courses at any level carrying an "S" area designator in at least two other departments or programs		
Total Credits		43

¹ One elective course may be fulfilled by combining 1 or 2 credit courses for a total of at least 3 credits. All other elective courses must be at least 3 credit courses. Up to three of the six sociology electives and one of the three other social science electives may be independent study or independent research courses (at least 3 credits) supervised by Hopkins faculty. Six elective courses within the department and three elective social science courses in other departments enable students to customize their program of study. Depending on a student's interests and objectives, these courses may focus on a single theme, concentrate on a small set of themes, or sample the specific interests of the department's faculty. Whichever approach is taken, the goal is to craft an individualized program of study that will be a fulfilling intellectual experience. Constructing a personally satisfying roadmap through the major is ultimately the student's responsibility, but the student's faculty advisor stands ready to assist as a willing and eager partner in the process.

Sample Program of Study

A typical program might include the following sequence of courses:

First Year

First Semester	Credits	Second Semester	Credits
AS.230.101	3	Lower-level sociology elective	3
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	3		6

Second Year

First Semester	Credits	Second Semester	Credits
AS.230.205	4	AS.230.202	3
Upper-level sociology elective	3	"S" credit from non-sociology elective	3
	7		6

Third Year

First Semester	Credits	Second Semester	Credits
AS.230.213	3	AS.230.322	3
Upper-level sociology elective	3	"S" credit from non-sociology elective	3
	6		6

Fourth Year

First Semester	Credits	Second Semester	Credits
Upper-level sociology elective	3	Upper-level sociology elective	3
"S" credit from non-sociology elective	3	Upper-level sociology elective	3
	6		6

Total Credits 46

Senior Honors Program

The senior year Honors Program affords highly motivated and qualified students the opportunity to pursue, with faculty guidance, a research project of their own design. The Honors Program culminates in an honors thesis; a substantial work of original scholarship. Prerequisites and requirements for the program are as follows:

- All the requirements of a traditional major in sociology.
- Minimum 3.5 GPA in all sociology courses.
- Declaration of intention to enroll in Senior Honors Program to faculty advisor and all prerequisites for this program must be fulfilled by the end of the junior year.
- At least two 300-level courses in sociology by the end of the junior year.
- Enrollment in the year-long AS.230.502 Senior Thesis Program.
- Completion and faculty approval of honors thesis.

For more information on the Senior Honors Program, contact your faculty advisor.

Global Social Change and Development Track

The Global Social Change and Development (GSCD) Track (<http://krieger.jhu.edu/arrighi/undergraduate/gscd/>) is geared towards students interested in understanding critical issues surrounding contemporary processes of globalization and international development. The track provides students with a sophisticated set of research and critical-thinking skills, prepares students for twenty-first century professions and helps them to become thoughtful global citizens. Ultimately, students pursuing the Global Social Change and Development track will receive a double major in both International Studies and Sociology.