

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

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## YSU Sociology Program Mission

The YSU Sociology Program aims to equip students with sociological knowledge and skills they can use to think critically about and engage with social issues. In doing so, students will be prepared to appreciate social and intellectual diversity as well as meet new national and international challenges.

## YSU Sociology Program Vision

To be an emancipatory social science that seeks to generate scientific knowledge relevant to the collective project of understanding and challenging various forms of human oppression.

## Why Major in Sociology?

A major in sociology is excellent for advanced graduate/professional study of sociology, law, counseling, social work, criminal justice, urban development, education, and other fields requiring work beyond the bachelor's level. A major in sociology also prepares students for employment in:

- government agencies
- businesses
- hospitals
- education
- urban affairs
- personnel

To earn the BA degree, the student must satisfy all the degree requirements in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and take 34 semester hours of courses from the sociology curriculum. Required courses are:

| COURSE  | TITLE                                       | S.H. |
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| <b>FIRST YEAR REQUIREMENT -STUDENT SUCCESS</b>                    |   |      |
| YSU 1500  | Success Seminar                             | 1-2  |
| or YSU 1500S  | Youngstown State University Success Seminar |      |
| or HONR 1500  | Intro to Honors                             |      |
| <b>General Education Requirements</b>                             |   |      |
| ENGL 1550   | Writing 1                                   | 3-4  |
| or ENGL 1549  | Writing 1 with Support                      |      |
| ENGL 1551   | Writing 2                                   | 3    |
| Mathematics Requirement   |   | 3    |
| Arts and Humanities   |   | 6    |
| Natural Sciences (one course must include a lab)                  |   | 7    |
| Social Science  |   | 3    |
| Social Sciences: SOC 1500 (required by Major) fulfills 3 of 6 hrs |   |      |
| General Education Electives                                       |   | 9    |
| <b>Major Requirements</b>   |   |      |
| SOC 1500  | Introduction to Sociology                   | 3    |
| SOC 3701  | Social Statistics                           | 4    |
| SOC 3749  | Sociological Theory                         | 3    |

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| SOC 4850  | Research Methods   | 3              |
| <b>Capstone Course</b>  |  | <b>3</b>       |
| Required - Select one of the following:   |  |                |
| SOC 4860  | Senior Thesis  |                |
| <b>Social Structure and Institutions</b>  |  | <b>6</b>       |
| Select two of the following:  |  |                |
| SOC 3705  | The Family   |                |
| SOC 3707  | Urban Sociology  |                |
| SOC 3708  | Political Sociology                                      |                |
| SOC 3720  | Applied Sociology  |                |
| SOC 3745  | Sociology of Health, Illness, and Healthcare             |                |
| SOC 3740  | Complex Organizations                                    |                |
| SOC 3798V   | Select Topics in Sociology Society, Wellness and Culture |                |
| <b>Social Justice Courses</b>   |  | <b>6</b>       |
| Select two of the following:  |  |                |
| SOC 2640  | Gender in Society  |                |
| or SOC 2690   | Identities and Differences                               |                |
| SOC 3700  | Minority Groups  |                |
| SOC 3743  | Social Stratification and Inequality                     |                |
| SOC 3746  | Sociology of the Body                                    |                |
| SOC 3747  | Sociology of Sexuality                                   |                |
| SOC 3757  | Aging and Social Policy                                  |                |
| SOC 4810  | International Study in Sociology                         |                |
| SOC 4821  | Internship in Sociology                                  |                |
| <b>Social Problems</b>  |  | <b>6</b>       |
| Select two of the following:  |  |                |
| SOC 2601  | Social Problems  |                |
| or SOC 2630   | Criminology  |                |
| SOC 2650  | Human Trafficking  |                |
| SOC 3731  | Social Deviance  |                |
| SOC 3733  | White Collar Crime                                       |                |
| SOC 3735  | Juvenile Delinquency                                     |                |
| <b>Minor</b>  |  | <b>18</b>      |
| <b>Electives</b> Must complete a minimum number of electives to meet the 120sh total graduation requirement |  | <b>33</b>      |
| <b>Total Semester Hours</b>   |  | <b>120-122</b> |

Students are responsible for satisfying all prerequisites and maintaining a "C" or better in all major and minor requirements and cannot take courses on a "CR/NC" basis.

If a student is a double-major in Sociology and another program, a single Capstone Course in either program will satisfy the Capstone requirement. They will need to take an additional upper-division course in either program to fill the hours requirement.

Students wishing to minor in Sociology must complete 15 s.h. by selecting courses from appropriate categories. Students are responsible for satisfying all prerequisites and maintaining a "C" or better in all minor requirements and cannot take courses on a "CR/NC" basis.

\*Please see your advisor in order to ensure that you are on track to graduate.

\*For General Education electives, be sure that you take two courses from each knowledge domain, including a science lab:

For more information, consult General Education Courses by Knowledge Domain (<http://cms.ysu.edu/general-education/general-education-courses-knowledge-domain/>).

| Year 1                                   |  | S.H.         |
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| <b>Fall</b>                              |  |              |
| YSU 1500<br>or YSU 1500S<br>or HONR 1500 | Success Seminar<br>or Youngstown State University Success<br>Seminar<br>or Intro to Honors | 1-2          |
| ENGL 1550<br>or ENGL 1549                | Writing 1 <sup>1</sup><br>or Writing 1 with Support  | 3-4          |
| MATH 2623                                | Quantitative Reasoning <sup>1</sup>  | 3            |
| SOC 1500                                 | Introduction to Sociology  | 3            |
| General Education Elective               |  | 3            |
| <b>Semester Hours</b>                    |  | <b>13-15</b> |
| <b>Spring</b>                            |  |              |
| ENGL 1551                                | Writing 2 <sup>1</sup>   | 3            |
| General Education Course                 |  | 3            |
| General Education elective               |  |              |
| SOC 26XX Course                          |  | 3            |
| General Elective course                  |  | 3            |
| Elective course                          |  | 3            |
| <b>Semester Hours</b>                    |  | <b>15</b>    |
| <b>Year 2</b>                            |  |              |
| <b>Fall</b>                              |  |              |
| SOC 37XX Sociology Course                |  | 3            |
| SOC 37XX Sociology Course                |  | 3            |
| General Education Course                 |  | 3            |
| General Education Course                 |  | 3            |
| General Education NS with Lab            |  | 4            |
| <b>Semester Hours</b>                    |  | <b>16</b>    |
| <b>Spring</b>                            |  |              |
| SOC 37XX Sociology Course                |  | 3            |
| Course in Minor                          |  | 3            |
| General Education Course                 |  | 3            |
| General Education Course                 |  | 3            |
| General Education Course                 |  | 3            |
| <b>Semester Hours</b>                    |  | <b>15</b>    |
| <b>Year 3</b>                            |  |              |
| <b>Fall</b>                              |  |              |
| SOC 37XX Sociology Course                |  | 3            |
| SOC 37XX Sociology Course                |  | 3            |
| Course in Minor                          |  | 3            |
| 37XX Course in Minor                     |  | 3            |
| 37XX Upper Division Elective             |  | 3            |
| <b>Semester Hours</b>                    |  | <b>15</b>    |
| <b>Spring</b>                            |  |              |
| SOC 3701                                 | Social Statistics  | 4            |
| SOC 3749                                 | Sociological Theory  | 3            |
| 37XX Course in Minor                     |  | 3            |
| 37XX Course in Minor                     |  | 3            |
| SOC 37XX Sociology Course                |  | 3            |
| <b>Semester Hours</b>                    |  | <b>16</b>    |
| <b>Year 4</b>                            |  |              |
| <b>Fall</b>                              |  |              |
| SOC 4850                                 | Research Methods   | 3            |
| 37XX Course in Minor                     |  | 3            |
| SOC 37XX Sociology Course                |  | 3            |
| 37XX Upper Division Elective             |  | 3            |

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| Elective Course             |               | 3              |
| <b>Semester Hours</b>       |               | <b>15</b>      |
| <b>Spring</b>               |               |                |
| SOC 4860                    | Senior Thesis | 3              |
| Elective Course             |               | 3              |
| Elective Course             |               | 3              |
| Elective Course             |               | 3              |
| Elective Course             |               | 3              |
| <b>Semester Hours</b>       |               | <b>15</b>      |
| <b>Total Semester Hours</b> |               | <b>120-122</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Placement test in English, math, and foreign languages required before registration for classes.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

The department's learning outcomes for sociology majors are as follows:

- Students will identify how social structures create and reproduce different forms of social inequality in human society through specific processes.
  - Articulate what sociologists mean by social structure and how structural forces affect human action and social life at the micro, meso, and macro levels.
  - Comprehend how social structures reproduce themselves across generations
  - Understand how patterns and processes of cultural, socio-political, and economic change occur
  - Identify the roles and relationships of institutions, ideas, and processes that create, maintain, and reinforce inequality
- Students will be able to critically evaluate explanations of human behavior, social phenomena, and social processes.
  - Explain the relationship between the self and society and how the self is socially constructed and maintained at multiple levels.
  - Understand that people's identities are intersectional
  - Evaluate and respond the inequalities that emerge from a global, integrated, and unequal world
  - Interpret empirical patterns and effects of social inequality
  - Examine taken for granted assumptions about social categories (race, class, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, etc.)
- Students will recognize key theoretical frameworks and assumptions on which the discipline is founded and differentiated from other social sciences.
  - Employ the sociological imagination
  - Identify how sociological theories relate to everyday life
  - Compare and evaluate different theories
  - Apply theoretical frameworks to navigate and engage in social change
- Students will apply social scientific principles to understand the social world.
  - Use disciplinary standards for rigorous qualitative and quantitative analysis of data in sociological research
  - Articulate the importance of evidence and scientific methods for explanations of social phenomenon
  - Identify the characteristics of high-quality data and methods in sociological research as well the limits of the scientific method in understanding social behavior and processes
  - Generate research questions and/or hypotheses based on social research

- Students will be able to use their sociological knowledge and skills to engage with and impact the world around them.
  - Identify how sociological concepts relate to everyday life
  - Possess a critical lens for understanding human behavior and societies
  - Convey sociological concepts and understandings to a broader audience
  - Generate and evaluate solutions to social problems in their context
  - Formulate strategies for resisting inequality through application of knowledge and skills learned