

SOCIOLOGY, BA

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (385000BA)

More on the Sociology major (<https://www.uakron.edu/sociology/degrees/>)

Department of Sociology Mission and Vision Statement: The Department of Sociology provides all students with the tools to engage, and the skills to solve, real-world problems including issues of health and well-being, social justice, and inequalities. We collaborate across campus and with community members and organizations to develop students with strong analytic and communication skills who can think critically and act creatively to address social problems. By ensuring that all students apply their learning through hands-on research projects and a range of experiential learning opportunities, we graduate informed students who are prepared to work in areas designed to address systemic problems facing our local, regional, and global communities and organizations.

Requirements for Admission

For students enrolled at the University of Akron and for students wishing to transfer directly to Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences from their institutions, the following criteria must be satisfied for admission to the Department of Sociology:

- The student must be admissible to Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences
- A minimum grade point average of 2.0 must be met in all university work, including transfer credits. Only credits earned at an accredited institution of postsecondary education, as recognized by The University of Akron, will be considered for transfer credit, and only those grades will be considered in the grade point average.

Graduation

A Sociology major must earn a cumulative 2.0 grade point average in Sociology and overall to graduate with such a declared major.

The following information has official approval of **The Department of Sociology** and **The Buchtel College of Arts & Sciences**, but is intended only as a supplemental guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of transfer and admission to the degree-granting college. Students should refer to the Degree Progress Report (Stellic) which is definitive for graduation requirements. *Completion of this degree within the identified time frame below is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others.* The transfer process is completed through an appointment with your academic advisor.

Three year accelerated option: for first time students who have earned credits for at least the first year of courses. Credits can be earned through qualifying scores on appropriate Advanced Placement (AP) exams or through [College Credit Plus Program \(CCP\)](#) courses. Credits for qualifying AP scores or CCP courses are determined by the appropriate academic department. Departments may assign varied course credit, depending on the student's score on an AP exam or [grade in a CCP](#) course. Students may also receive credit by examination or via placement tests, where appropriate.

Requirements Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/general-education/)	36
	College of Arts & Sciences Requirements	14
	Sociology Core	18
	Sociology Electives	12
	Additional Credits for Graduation *	40
Total Hours		120

* Bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 120 credit hours for graduation.

Note: A 2.2 cumulative GPA is required for graduation in this major.

Recommended General Education Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Students pursuing a bachelor's degree must complete the following General Education coursework. Diversity courses may also fulfill major or Breadth of Knowledge requirements. Integrated and Applied Learning courses may also fulfill requirements in the major.		
Students are not required to enroll in the specific courses listed below. However, to facilitate successful degree completion, the academic department strongly encourages completion of the following recommendations.		
Academic Foundations		12
<i>Mathematics, Statistics and Logic: 3 credit hours</i>		
<i>Speaking: 3 credit hours</i>		
<i>Writing: 6 credit hours</i>		
Breadth of Knowledge		22
<i>Arts/Humanities: 9 credit hours</i>		
<i>Natural Sciences: 7 credit hours</i>		
<i>Social Sciences: 6 credit hours</i>		
SOCIO 100	Introduction to Sociology	
Diversity		
Domestic Diversity		
SOCIO 100	Introduction to Sociology	
SOCIO 200	Social Justice	
Global Diversity		
SOCIO 321	Population, Environment, and Health	
Integrated and Applied Learning		2
<i>Select one class from one of the following subcategories:</i>		
Complex Issues Facing Society		
SOCIO 320	Social Inequalities	
	or SOCIO 433Sociology of Deviant Behavior	
	or SOCIO 342Sociology of Health & Illness	
	or CHFD 401 American Families in Poverty	
	or PHIL 365 Environmental Ethics	
	or ANTH 320The Anthropology of Food	
	or PSYC 425 Psychology of Hate	
	or ECON 430Labor Market and Social Policy	
	or ANTH 457Medical Anthropology	

or PHIL 361 Biomedical Ethics

Capstone

Review the General Education Requirements page for detailed course listings.

Total Hours **36**

College of Arts & Sciences Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
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Degree requirements in Arts & Sciences include the demonstration of ability to use another language by completion of the second year of a foreign language.

2 Year Language Proficiency	14
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101 Beginning I	
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102 Beginning II	
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201 Intermediate I	
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202 Intermediate II	
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SLPA 222	Survey of Deaf Culture in America (American Sign Language option only)	
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Students must also complete a minimum of 40 credits (excluding workshops) consisting of either:

Upper-level (300/400) courses both in and outside of the student's major;

or other courses outside the major department approved by the student's major department chair (permission should be obtained prior to enrollment); these may not include workshops

Sociology Core

Code	Title	Hours
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SOCIO 100	Introduction to Sociology	3
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SOCIO 301	Social Research Design	3
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SOCIO 302	Data Analysis	3
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SOCIO 320	Social Inequalities	3
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SOCIO 460	Sociological Theory	3
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Select at least 1 of the following (3 credit minimum by program's completion):¹

SOCIO 401	Applied Research Methods	
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or SOCIO 495 Field Internship

or SOCIO 496 Senior Honors Project

Total Hours **18**

Elective Concentrations

Code	Title	Hours
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Complete 12 elective credit hours through one of the following pathways:

(1) *General Concentration (12 credit hours):*²

SOCIO:3xx	
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SOCIO:4xx	
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(2) *Social Justice Concentration (select 9-12 credit hours from the following):*³

SOCIO 200	Social Justice	
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SOCIO 310	Social Problems	
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SOCIO 324	Social Movements	
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SOCIO 325	Sociology of Women in Global Society	
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SOCIO 421	Race & Ethnic Relations	
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SOCIO 428	Victim in Society	
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SOCIO 433	Sociology of Deviant Behavior	
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SOCIO 441	Sociology of Law	
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SOCIO 447	Sociology of Gender, Sex, and Sexualities	
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SOCIO 490	Organizations, Community, and Social Action	
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(3) *Health & Society Concentration (select 9-12 credit hours from the following):*⁴

SOCIO 321	Population, Environment, and Health	
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SOCIO 342	Sociology of Health & Illness	
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SOCIO 343	Sociology of Aging	
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SOCIO 350	Drugs in Society	
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SOCIO 450	Sociology of Mental Illness	
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SOCIO 455	Family Violence	
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APPROVED INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSE LIST

*Social Justice and Health & Society*⁵

CHFD 401	American Families in Poverty
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PHIL 365	Environmental Ethics
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ANTH 320	The Anthropology of Food
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*Social Justice*⁶

PSYC 425	Psychology of Hate
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PHIL 324	Social & Political Philosophy
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PHIL 327	Law and Morality
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HIST 457	The United States since 1945
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HIST 469	African-American Women's History
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ECON 350	Women and the Economy
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ECON 430	Labor Market and Social Policy
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THEA 476	Theatre and Community Action
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WMST 480	Feminist Theory
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*Health & Society*⁷

ANTH 309	Medicine & the Humanities
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ANTH 457	Medical Anthropology
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COMM 438	Health Communication
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PSYC 320	Biopsychology
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PSYC 415	Cognitive Neuroscience
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PSYC 420	Abnormal Psychology
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PSYC 430	Psychological Disorders of Children
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PHIL 361	Biomedical Ethics
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STAT 470	Biostatistics and Epidemiology
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NUTR 480	Community Nutrition I
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ECON 436	Health Economics
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Total Hours **12**

¹ If 495/496 is completed, students have the option to complete 401 as an elective for any concentration.

² Students can complete their choice of any combination of 300-400 level courses within Sociology to fulfill the General concentration.

³ Students have the option to complete one (3-4 credit hours) course from the department-approved, interdisciplinary list to complement 9 hours of sociology coursework from this list for Social Justice.

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⁵ One course on this list may be used to complete either the Social Justice or Health & Society concentration.

⁶ One course on this list may be used to complete the social justice concentration.

⁷ One course on this list may be used to complete the Health & Society concentration.

Recommended Sequence

1st Year

Fall Semester		Hours
SOCIO 100	Introduction to Sociology (Fulfills Domestic Diversity)	3
ENGL 111 or ENGL 110	English Composition I or English Composition I + Workshop	3
STAT 250 or STAT 260	Statistics for Everyday Life or Basic Statistics	4
	Arts/Humanities Requirement	3
	Modern Language Requirement	3
Hours		16

Spring Semester

COMM 105 or COMM 106	Introduction to Public Speaking or Effective Oral Communication	3
SOCIO 320	Social Inequalities (Fulfills Complex Issues)	3
ENGL 112	English Composition II	3
	Natural Science with Lab Requirement	4
	Modern Language Requirement	3
Hours		16

2nd Year

Fall Semester

SOCIO 301	Social Research Design	3
	Natural Science Requirement	3
	Modern Language Requirement	3
	Social Science Requirement	3
	Elective	3
Hours		15

Spring Semester

SOCIO 302	Data Analysis	3
SOCIO 460	Sociological Theory	3
	Arts/Humanities Requirement (if needed or elective)	3
	Global Diversity Requirement (or elective)	3
	Modern Language Requirement	3
Hours		15

3rd Year

Fall Semester

	Sociology Concentration Elective (300/400 level)	3
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	Elective (check with advisor about unfulfilled requirements)	3
	Elective	3

	Elective	3
Hours		15

Spring Semester

SOCIO 401 or SOCIO 495	Applied Research Methods or Field Internship	3
	Sociology Concentration elective (300/400 level)	3
	Arts/Humanities Requirement	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
Hours		15

4th Year

Fall Semester

	Sociology Concentration Elective (300/400 level)	3
	Elective (check with advisor about unfulfilled requirements)	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
Hours		15

Spring Semester

	Sociology Elective (300/400 level)	3
	Sociology elective (300/400 level)	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
Hours		15
Total Hours		122