

Requirements for the Bachelors of Arts in Sociology

I. SOCIOLOGY: MINIMUM 30 hours

Required: SOC 1051, 2707, 2708, and 4086

Required: Minimum 9 hours from following core courses: SOC 4094 (Social Change), 4101 (Social Organization), 4107 (Sociology of Gender), 4124 (Social Stratification), 4161 (Political Sociology), 4216 (Advanced Social Psychology), and 4219 (Deviance). Prerequisites for the core courses: 6 hours in sociology.

II. ENGLISH

Students must complete English 1157 and either English 1158 or 1159 with a grade of C or better. A passing grade in the English 1158 Proficiency Exam is required. Students who take 1158 at UNO will take the Proficiency Exam as the final exam in the course. Students with transfer credit in English have the option to either pass the English Proficiency Exam or retake 1158. The Proficiency Exam is given each semester. Students sign up for the Proficiency Exam in the College of Liberal Arts. To receive transfer credit for 1158, students must pass the Proficiency Exam within their first two semesters at UNO. Students without transfer credit in English must take a placement test before enrolling in *any* English course. Depending on the results, a student will be placed in English 0130, 0150, 1157, 1158, or 1159. Students with very high scores may receive credit for English 1158 and/or 1157. Courses below 1157 are remedial courses. (No graduation credit is given for remedial courses).

Literature: After completing 1158 or 1159, a student must then complete 6 hours of literature offered by the English Department. Writing, English usage, and linguistics courses do not fulfill the literature requirement.

III. ARTS

A 3 hour course to be selected from Fine Arts, Music, or theater-related Drama and Communications courses. Most sociology majors meet this requirement with one of the following courses: DRCM 1000 (The Theater), FA 1005 (Monuments of World Art), FA 1010 (Art Appreciation), MUS 1000 (Music Appreciation), MUS 1003 (Early Jazz), MUS 1004 (Contemporary Jazz).

IV. MATHEMATICS

Students without transfer credit **MUST** take either the enhanced ACT or a placement test and will be placed in 0106, 0107, 1031, 1115, 1125, or 1140. The requirement is 6 hours is any combination of 1031, 1032, 1115, 1116, 1125, 1126, 1140 or higher. NOTES: 1) 1021 and 1022 are excluded from this list. 2) Students cannot receive credit for both 1115 and 1125, and for both 1116 and 1126. 3) Courses below 1031 are remedial courses. (No graduation credit is given for remedial courses). 4) Students can take a course lower in the sequence than one already taken to complete the mathematics requirements. For example, a student who had already taken MATH 1115 could take MATH 1031 for credit if s/he wanted.

Most sociology majors fulfill this requirement by taking MATH 1031 and 1032.

V. SCIENCE

The science requirement is 11 hours, including 8 hours of one science (2 lecture and 2 labs) and 3 hours (no labs) of another science. At least 3 hours must be in biology. NOTE: credit toward graduation is not allowed for both Biology 1083 and 1053, 1081 and 1051, 1073 and 1063, or 1071 and 1061.

Students **MUST** be eligible for ENGL 1157 before registering for courses in the College of Science. Also, some science courses require math placement or eligibility for MATH 1031, 1115, or higher.

VI. NON-SOCIOLOGY SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES

Students must complete six hours from their choice of the following disciplines: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology and Urban Studies.

VII. NON-SOCIOLOGY ELECTIVES AT THE 3000 LEVEL OR HIGHER

Students must complete at least 6 hours of non-sociology courses at the 3000 level or higher. Since most courses at the 3000 and 4000 level have prerequisites, meeting this requirement requires a bit of forethought and planning. Pursuing a minor is one strategy students can use to ensure that they are taking the appropriate prerequisites for more advanced courses.

VIII. FOREIGN LANGUAGE

- Option A:* 9 hours of a single foreign language (through 2001).
Option B: 12 hours of two languages (1001 and 1002 in each language).

The language eligible for this requirement include French, Spanish, German, Italian, Latin and Greek. Languages taught through the critical language program are as a general rule *not* eligible.

IX. HUMANITIES

- Option A:* 3 hours in 2000 or higher humanities
Option B: 6 hours in 2000 or higher humanities

Humanities include arts foreign language, literature, and philosophy. Literatures courses cannot be double-counted toward general degree requirements and the humanities requirement.

X. ELECTIVES

- Option A:* 33 hours
Option B: 27 hours

Any course from the following disciplines will count toward elective credit: Accounting; Anthropology; Arts and Sciences; Bacteriology; Biology; Botany; Business Administration; Chemistry; Computer Science; Drama/Communications; Economics; English; Finance; Fine Arts; Foreign Languages; Geography; Geology and Geophysics; History; Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Administration; Humanities; Journalism; Management; Marketing; Mathematics; Music; Philosophy; Physics; Political Science; Psychology; Social Sciences; Sociology; Urban Studies; Women's Studies; and Zoology. Education courses will count if they are in the Departments of Curriculum and Instruction, Educational foundations and Research, Library Science, and Special Education.

Typically, no more than 9 credit hours from disciplines not on this list will be accepted for elective credit. This nine hour limit includes *all* elective courses, including the six hours which must be completed at the 3000 or 4000 level, outside of sociology. This limit may be waived if the student presents to the dean a logical plan clearly showing the relevance of such courses to the major program and to the educational goals of the student. Such permission must be secured before the nine-hour limit is exceeded. A maximum of three hours of and Health-Safety and/or Human Performance course, regardless of level, may be included in the nine credit hours total.

The sociology web page (<http://soci.uno.edu/electives.htm>) lists electives which are potentially useful for the following career interests: social work; criminal justice/law enforcement; personnel management; law; social activism; and international affairs.

Students may also want to apply their elective hours toward acquiring a minor. Most minors require 18 or 21 hours, less than the 33 or 39 hours students have to complete. Another advantage of pursuing a minor is that it ensures students complete the prerequisites necessary for the 6 hours of 3000 or higher electives outside of sociology. A word of caution for students pursuing interdisciplinary minors: the same course cannot be double-counted toward both your major and your minor. Additional information about minors can be found on the sociology web site.

XI. COMPUTER LITERACY

Satisfied by successful completion of SOC 2707 (Descriptive Statistics) and SOC 2708 (Methods in Social Research).

XII. ORAL COMPETENCY

Satisfied by successful completion of SOC 2707 (Descriptive Statistics).

XIII. GRADUATION

To become eligible for a baccalaureate degree in Sociology from UNO, a student must:

- complete all the course requirements listed on the checklist
- complete at least 120 semester hours
- achieve a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) or better in:
 - all work attempted
 - all work taken at UNO
 - all work taken in the College of Liberal Arts
 - all work taken in Sociology
 - the semesters containing the last 60 hours of courses

The requirement that a student needs to have at least a 2.0 GPA or a C average is widely misunderstood. It refers to the above listed categories of courses. It does not mean for each specific course. For a B.A. in Sociology, the grade of D in any specific course does count toward graduation, just so long as the student's GPA is a 2.0 or higher in the five areas listed above.

XIV. TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer students must complete a minimum of 30 hours at UNO. Transfer students must complete at least 12 hours of course work in their major at UNO, at least nine of which are at the 3000 level or higher. To receive a minor, transfer students must complete at least 9 hours of course work in that minor at UNO, at least 6 at the 3000 level or higher. UNO accepts a maximum of 64 transfer credit hours from junior or community colleges.

CURRICULA IN SOCIOLOGY

*Bachelor of Arts in Sociology***Department of Sociology Course Requirements Cr. Hrs**

Sociology 1051	3
Sociology 2707, 2708	7
Sociology 4086	3
Sociology electives	<u>17</u>
Total	30

College of Liberal Arts Course Requirements Cr. Hrs.

English 1157, 1158	6
English Literature*	6
Foreign Language *	9
Humanities (2000+)	3
Arts*	3
Non-Sociology Social Science Electives*	<u>6</u>
Total	33

Non-College of Liberal Arts Course Requirements Cr. Hrs.

Mathematics*	6
Sciences*	<u>11</u>
Total	17

Electives Cr. Hrs.

Non-Sociology at 3000 level or above*	6
Approved Electives*	<u>34</u>
Total	40

Grand Total 120

*See General Course Requirements and Approved Electives in Liberal Arts Section.

Soc 2707 also satisfies oral competency requirements. SOC 2707 and 2708 also satisfy computer literacy requirements.

Students majoring in sociology must complete a minimum of 30 hours in sociology, including 1051, 2707, 2708, and 4086 (and excluding Sociology 1000). At least nine hours must be completed from among the following courses: Sociology 4094, 4101, 4107, 4124, 4161, 4216, and 4219.

The nine hours in foreign language must be in the same language. Alternatively, students may opt to take 12 hours in two foreign languages (6 hours in each of two languages). If the 12-hour option is chosen, reduce approved electives by 3 hours, and be sure that at least one of these is a Humanities courses at or above the 2000 level.

JUSTIFICATION

Recently, a University-level decision was made to give departments the option of reducing the total credit hours required for graduation from 128 hours to 120 hours. One purpose of this proposed curricula change is to implement this University option of reduced hours in the sociology degree program.

Recently, a College-level decision was made to give departments the option of changing their foreign language requirements from 12 hours in a single language to either a) 6 hours each in two different languages, or b) nine hours in one language. One purpose of this proposed curricula change is to implement the College of Liberal Arts new foreign language options in the sociology degree program.

Recently, a College-level decision was made to drop the requirement that departments had to require students to take 48 hours within their concentration. For sociology majors, this meant 18 hours of social science beyond the 30 hours required for a sociology degree. The proposed change is to require sociology majors to complete 6 hours of non-sociology social science electives.