**Prerequisite Course**

Sociology majors must take one introductory sociology course to prepare for advanced coursework in the discipline. The following courses fulfill the prerequisite: SOC 100: Introduction to Sociology; SOC 102: Introduction to Sociology: Special Topics; SOC 195: Honors Introduction to Sociology; or SOC 300 Principles and Problems of Sociology. The credits from the prerequisite course cannot be included in the 33 credits required to complete the major. Students must take the introductory course and earn a grade of at least a C- before declaring.

**Required Courses**

To complete a major in sociology, a student must take at least 33 credit hours of SOC coursework at the 200 level or above (excluding SOC 300) earning at least a C- or better in each course. These 33 credit hours must include three upper-level courses, one in each statistics, sociological research methods, and sociological theory. The Department offers the following courses to fulfill the required coursework in each area. **Students must earn at least a C- in every course they intend to include in the major, including the prerequisite.**

**Statistics**

SOC 210: Elementary Statistics or STATS 250 (or 350): Introduction to Statistics and Data Analysis. Both also fulfill a major’s LSA Quantitative Reasoning Requirement. SOC 210 and STATS 250 are typically offered each fall, winter, and at least one spring or summer half semester. Students who are also majoring in economics may fulfill Sociology’s statistics requirement with ECON 404: Statistics for Economists or ECON /STATS 405: Introduction to Statistics. A student who has taken a statistics course at another institution should talk with the Sociology major advisor.

**Sociological Research Methods**

SOC 310: Introduction to Sociological Research Methods OR SOC 312: Evaluating Evidence in Sociology. Both also fulfill a major’s LSA Quantitative Reasoning Requirement. SOC 310 or 312 is typically offered each fall and winter and at least one spring or summer half semester. This course must be taken on the U-M—Ann Arbor campus in order to be included in the major plan.

**Sociological Theory**

SOC 305: Introduction to Sociological Theory. SOC 305 is typically offered each fall and winter full term and at least one spring or summer half semester. This course must be taken on the U-M—Ann Arbor campus in order to be included in the major plan.

**Optional Subplan in “Law, Justice, and Social Change”**

Students have the option of adding a subplan in “Law, Justice, and Social Change” to their Sociology major. Courses in the Law, Justice, and Social Change subplan emphasize the ways in which legal and other social institutions reproduce and exacerbate social inequalities, and the capacity of social groups to challenge such institutions in ways that produce fundamental social change. A wide range of courses will explore how we understand the concept of justice and apply it and will develop knowledge in criminology, law, social movements, human rights.

Requirements: To have a notation of the subplan completion appear on your transcript, you must successfully complete a minimum of 12 credit hours from the list of relevant classes:

- SOC 225: Project Community in a Criminal Justice Setting
- SOC 270: Gender and the Law
- SOC 354: Law and Society
- SOC 368: Criminology
- SOC 461: Social Movements
- SOC 465: Sociological Analysis of Deviance
- SOC 476: Sociology of Bioethics
- SOC 489: Community Organizing and Social Change *(SOC 488 does not count toward the subplan)*

A maximum of six credits for the subplan may come from Experiential Learning or Independent Study style courses. Students with a subplan in Law, Justice and Social Change are not permitted to also elect a minor in Law, Justice, and Social Change.

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**COURSE PLANNING**

No particular order of coursework is required; however the Department strongly recommends that majors take statistics in the sophomore year or early in the junior year and complete the required courses in research methods and theory by the end of the first semester of the senior year. A student who declares a sociology major with two or three terms remaining before graduation should talk with the major advisor about specific plans for finishing these required courses in an appropriate order and time frame.

**POLICY GUIDELINES**

**Minimum Grades and Grade Point Average**

Students must earn at least a C- in every course they intend to include in the major, including the prerequisite. Grades below a C- will still be included in the major GPA, but will not count toward the 33 credits required for the major. In order to graduate, Sociology majors must have a major GPA of at least a 2.0. The major GPA includes the prerequisite, all required, and all elective courses (including STATS 250 and cross-listed courses, and any SOC courses taken at the Dearborn or Flint campuses).

**Credit Requirements and Limitations**

The theory and methods requirements must be taken in-residence, on the U-M—Ann Arbor campus. Only 15 of the 33 credit hours required for the sociology major can be transfer credit from other institutions.

A limit of 8 credits from courses earning experiential (i.e. EXPERIENTIAL) or independent study (i.e. INDE) credits (as determined by the College of LSA) may be counted toward the major. These classes include SOC 321: Practicum in Facilitating Intergroup Dialogues; SOC 324: Advanced Practicum in Facilitating Intergroup Dialogues; SOC 225: Practicum in Sociology (i.e. Project Community); 394: Undergraduate Research; 395: Independent Study; 396: Undergraduate Internship.

Only 4 credits from SOC 225: Practicum in Sociology (i.e. Project Community) may be included in the major.

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**Track Your Progress**

(You can download a pdf of this checklist from the Sociology website)

**Prerequisite Course**

Check one of the following:  
- SOC 100  
- SOC 102  
- SOC 195  
- SOC 300

**Required Courses**

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