

# SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

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## DEGREES/PROGRAMS OFFERED

**3-Year BA**  
**4-Year BA**  
**Honours BA**  
**Research Methods Certificate**  
**Minor**

## INTRODUCTION

Sociology is an examination of the relations between the individual and society. Studying sociology can help you to develop a “sociological imagination” which is a quality of mind that provides us with the ability to understand our own personal experiences as they are shaped by the society in which we live. Sociologists help us to understand how common sense comes to be common sense. In other words, sociology tells us how and why certain ideas are taken for granted and become popular and dominant during different social, economic, and historical time periods.

Sociology is often referred to as the “queen of the social sciences” because it uses history, philosophy, economics and statistics to understand social phenomena like crime rates, social inequality, student protest, and changes taking place in capitalist democracies. Undergraduate sociology students learn a variety of rigorous methods used by contemporary sociologists to understand and explain the social world. In part, this involves developing foundational skills in statistical reasoning, qualitative research methods, and sociological theory. A degree in sociology will provide you with the analytical tools required for engaged citizenship.

The Sociology Department offers 3-Year BA, 4-Year BA, and Honours degree programs plus a Minor and a Research Methods Certificate. A student whose major lies in a different area may still study Sociology as an elective. Courses in Sociology complement such areas as Politics, History, Psychology, Education, Criminal Justice, Women's and Gender Studies, and Environmental Studies. Some interdisciplinary majors require certain Sociology courses as part of their programs.

An undergraduate degree in Sociology enables one to pursue a variety of vocations in such areas as social welfare, criminal justice, government, research, industrial relations and administration. Provincial and federal government offices hire a large number of persons with a Sociology background. For those who wish to proceed to studies at the graduate level, a career in university teaching and research is also an option.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR A 3-YEAR BA IN SOCIOLOGY

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| <b>ADMISSION REQUIREMENT</b>      | Students are advised, but not required to consult with the Department Chair in planning their course of study.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>GRADUATION REQUIREMENT</b>     | 90 credit hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT</b>      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Degree:                           | Minimum 30 credit hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Major:                            | Minimum 18 credit hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Humanities:                       | 12 credit hours in Humanities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Science:                          | 6 credit hours in Science                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Writing:                          | Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Indigenous:                       | 3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Maximum Introductory Courses:     | Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 48 credit hours at the 2000-level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses. |
| Distribution:                     | Minimum three (3) credit hours from each of five (5) different subjects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>MAJOR REQUIREMENT</b>          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Single Major:                     | Minimum 30 credit hours/Maximum 48 credit hours.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Double Major:                     | 30 credit hours in Sociology and specified number of credit hours in the other department/program.                                                                                                                                                                                             |

Required courses:

**SOC-1101(6)** Introduction to Sociology.

**SOC-2010(3)** Classical Sociological Theory plus either **SOC-2011(3)** 20<sup>th</sup> Century Sociological Theory or **SOC-2012(3)** Contemporary Sociological Theory; or the former **SOC-2114(6)** Sociological Theory.

**SOC-2125(3)** Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods.

**SOC-2126(3)** Introduction to Research Design and Qualitative Research.

**Note:** These requirements apply to students who registered at the University of Winnipeg during or after the 1992-93 academic year.

Combined Major: Minimum 48 credit hours from two different majors with not less than 18 credit hours from each major subject.

Prescribed courses:

**SOC-1101(6)** Introduction to Sociology.

**SOC-2010(3)** Classical Sociological Theory plus either **SOC-2011(3)** 20<sup>th</sup> Century Sociological Theory or **SOC-2012(3)** Contemporary Sociological Theory; or the former **SOC-2114(6)** Sociological Theory.

**SOC-2125(3)** Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods.

**SOC-2126(3)** Introduction to Research Design and Qualitative Research.

Other required courses depend on the second major area.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR A 4-YEAR BA IN SOCIOLOGY

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| <b>ADMISSION REQUIREMENT</b>      | Students are advised, but not required to consult with the Department Chair in planning their course of study. Students must have completed at least 30 credit hours.                                                                                                                          |
| <b>GRADUATION REQUIREMENT</b>     | 120 credit hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT</b>      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Degree:                           | Minimum 60 credit hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Major:                            | Minimum 30 credit hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Humanities:                       | 12 credit hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Science:                          | 6 credit hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Social Science:                   | 12 credit hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Writing:                          | Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Indigenous:                       | 3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Maximum Introductory Courses:     | Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 78 credit hours at the 2000-level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses. |
| Distribution:                     | Minimum three (3) credit hours from each of five (5) different subjects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>MAJOR REQUIREMENT</b>          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Single Major:                     | Minimum 48 credit hours/Maximum 66 credit hours.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Double Major:                     | 48 credit hours in each Major subject as specified by the department/program.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

Required courses:

**SOC-1101(6)** Introduction to Sociology.

**SOC-2010(3)** Classical Sociological Theory plus either **SOC-2011(3)** 20<sup>th</sup> Century Sociological Theory or **SOC-2012(3)** Contemporary Sociological Theory; or the former **SOC-2114(6)** Sociological Theory.

**SOC-2125(3)** Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods.

**SOC-2126(3)** Introduction to Research Design and Qualitative Research.

Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA (C).

Combined Major: Minimum 60 credit hours from 2 different majors with not less than 24 credit hours from each major subject.

Prescribed courses:

**SOC-1101(6)** Introduction to Sociology.

**SOC-2010(3)** Classical Sociological Theory plus either **SOC-2011(3)** 20<sup>th</sup> Century Sociological Theory or **SOC-2012(3)** Contemporary Sociological Theory; or the former **SOC-2114(6)** Sociological Theory.

**SOC-2125(3)** Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods.

**SOC-2126(3)** Introduction to Research Design and Qualitative Research.

# REQUIREMENTS FOR AN HONOURS BA IN SOCIOLOGY

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

Entry into the program after completing a minimum of 30 credit hours.

Entry, continuing and graduation minimum GPA is 3.0 (B) in Honours Subject courses and 2.5 (C+) in non-Honours Subject courses.

The minimum 3.0 GPA (B) will be based on all attempts (including course repeats and failures) in Honours Subject courses.

The minimum 2.5 GPA (C+) in all Non-Honours Subject courses will be calculated as for the general degree (i.e., F's are not included, and in the case of repeated courses, only the highest grade will be used).

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENT** Minimum 120 credit hours

## RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT

Degree: Minimum 60 credit hours

Honours: Minimum 30 credit hours, including a minimum of 18 credit hours at the upper level (3000/4000) of which a minimum of 9 credit hours must be at the 4000 level.

## GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT

Humanities: 12 credit hours in Humanities

Science: 6 credit hours in Science

Social Science: 12 credit hours

Writing: Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing.

Indigenous: 3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses.

Maximum Introductory Courses: Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 78 credit hours at the 2000-level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses.

Distribution: Minimum three (3) credit hours from each of five (5) different subjects.

## HONOURS REQUIREMENT

Single Honours: Minimum 54 credit hours/Maximum 78 credit hours in the Honours subject.  
Minimum 30 credit hours in 4000-level Honours courses.

Double Honours Minimum 36 credit hours in each Honours subject  
Minimum 24 credit hours in 4000-level Honours courses in the Sociology component of the double Honours. For the requirements of the other Honours subject, consult the department involved.

Required courses Single Honours:

**SOC-1101(6)** Introduction to Sociology.

**SOC-2010(3)** Classical Sociological Theory plus either **SOC-2011(3)** 20<sup>th</sup> Century Sociological Theory or **SOC-2012(3)** Contemporary Sociological Theory; or the former **SOC-2114(6)** Sociological Theory.

**SOC-2125(3)** Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods.

**SOC-2126(3)** Introduction to Research Design and Qualitative Research.

**SOC-4405(6)** Honours Research Paper.

Suggested Pattern of Study:

Year 1: **SOC-1101(6)** Introduction to Sociology

Year 2: **SOC-2010(3)** Classical Sociological Theory plus either **SOC-2011(3)** 20<sup>th</sup> Century Sociological Theory or **SOC-2012(3)** Contemporary Sociological Theory; or the former **SOC-2114(6)** Sociological Theory. 6 additional credit hours at the 2000 or 3000 level in Sociology.

Year 3: **SOC-2125(3)** Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods, **SOC-2126(3)** Introduction to Research Design and Qualitative Research, 12 credit hours at the 4000 level in Sociology.

Year 4: **SOC-4405(6)** Honours Research Paper, 12 additional credit hours at the 4000 level in Sociology.

Recommended: Single Honours students are strongly advised to include **SOC-4401(6)**, **SOC-4116(3)** and **SOC-4126(3)** in their Honours courses.

Double Honours:

**SOC-1101(6)** Introduction to Sociology.

**SOC-2010(3)** Classical Sociological Theory plus either **SOC-2011(3)** 20<sup>th</sup> Century Sociological Theory or **SOC-2012(3)** Contemporary Sociological Theory; or the former **SOC-2114(6)** Sociological Theory.

**SOC-2125(3)** Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods.

**SOC-2126(3)** Introduction to Research Design and Qualitative Research.

**SOC-4405(6)** Honours Research Paper.

Suggested Pattern of Study:

Year 1: **SOC-1101(6)** Introduction to Sociology.

- Year 2: **SOC-2010(3)** Classical Sociological Theory plus either **SOC-2011(3)** 20<sup>th</sup> Century Sociological Theory or **SOC-2012(3)** Contemporary Sociological Theory; or the former **SOC-2114(6)** Sociological Theory. 6 additional credit hours at the 2000 or 3000 level in Sociology.
- Year 3: **SOC-2125(3)** Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods, **SOC-2126(3)** Introduction to Research Design and Qualitative Research, 12 credit hours at the 4000 level in Sociology.
- Year 4: **SOC-4405(6)** Honours Research Paper, 12 additional credit hours at the 4000 level in Sociology.

Recommended: Double Honours students are strongly advised to include **SOC-2010(3)** Classical Sociological Theory and **SOC-2011(3)** 20<sup>th</sup> Century Sociological Theory or **SOC-2010(3)** Classical Sociological Theory and **SOC-2012(3)** Contemporary Sociological Theory as preparation for **SOC-4401(6)** Seminar in Sociological Theory and to include **SOC-4401(6)**, **SOC-4116(3)** and **SOC-4126(3)** in their honours courses.

**Note:** 6 credit hours at the 4000 level may be taken in Year 2.  
Maximum 12 credit hours at the 4000 level may be taken as Tutorials, not including **SOC-4405(6)** Honours Research Paper.

## RESEARCH METHODS CERTIFICATE

Sociology offers an 18 hour *Research Methods Certification* to students who graduate with SOC-2125(3), SOC-2126(3), plus 12 other methods credits from the following: SOC-4116(3), SOC-4126(3) and SOC-4800(6). An average grade of B is required for the certificate.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR IN SOCIOLOGY

- Degree: Students completing any undergraduate degree program are eligible to complete the Minor.
- Requirements: 18 credit hours, at least 12 credit hours of which are above the first-year level, and at least 12 credit hours of which are taken at The University of Winnipeg.
- Required courses: 6 credit hours: the prerequisite is a grade of "C" or better in SOC-1101(6) Introduction to Sociology. 12 credit hours in Sociology courses at or above the 2000 level.
- Restriction: Students majoring in Sociology cannot also complete a minor in this area of study.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Prerequisites

**SOC-1101(6)** Introductory Sociology is a prerequisite for registration in all Sociology courses at the 2000 level and higher.  
**SOC-2107(3)** Criminological Theory is a prerequisite for all other criminology courses.

### Course Offerings

2000- and 3000-level courses may be lecture, seminar or laboratory format, or some combination of these, depending on the orientation of the Instructor and the course enrolment. Usually they are lecture format.  
4000-level courses are designed to offer the opportunity for in-depth discussion and analysis of issues and ideas on topics in which the Department members have special interest and expertise. Although 4000-level courses assume some prior experience with the subject under study, previous work experience, a keen interest in the topic or merely a strong desire to gain valuable experience from participating in a small group setting may be enough to outweigh lack of previous course experience. Students must consult with the Sociology Honours Advisor to receive program approval.

**4000-Level Courses:** Minimum 3.0 GPA (B) in major courses. (Students lacking the requisite 3.0 GPA should consult the department concerned regarding eligibility to take 4000-level courses.) Permission of the Department is required for each 4000-level course.

## COURSE LISTINGS

The Sociology Department has organized its courses into six areas of study. These divisions are provided as guidelines to areas of study available for concentration. Students can move freely between the areas of study if they do not want to develop a concentration.

Students are advised to consult with Academic Advising in planning their course of study. Please refer to WebAdvisor or the Timetable available on the university website for courses to be offered in an upcoming term.

### Area 1: CRIMINOLOGY & SOCIO-LEGAL STUDIES

|             |                                 |             |                                                           |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| SOC-1006(3) | Beginnings in Law & Criminology | SOC-3002(3) | Comparative Genocide                                      |
| SOC-2107(3) | Criminological Theory           | SOC-3003(3) | Gendercide                                                |
| SOC-2108(3) | Sociology of Deviance           | SOC-3123(3) | Crime, Victimization, & Justice in Aboriginal Communities |
| SOC-2119(6) | Sociology of Law                |             | White Collar & Corporate Crime                            |
| SOC-3201(3) | Sociology of Youth Justice      | SOC-3213(3) | Green Criminology                                         |
| SOC-3203(3) | Theories of Penalty             | SOC-3223(3) |                                                           |

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|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------|
| SOC-3205(3) | Policing, Governance & Security | SOC-4406(6) | Seminar in Sociology of Law & Criminology |
| SOC-3208(3) | Women, Crime, & Social Justice  |             |                                           |

**Area 2: GLOBALIZATION & POLITICAL ECONOMY**

|             |                                               |             |                                |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| SOC-2104(3) | Sociology of Work                             | SOC-3115(3) | Political Sociology            |
| SOC-2109(3) | Social Policy & Social Welfare                | SOC-3204(3) | The Sociology of Power & Money |
| SOC-2404(3) | Sociology of Development & Underdevelopment   | SOC-3303(3) | Globalization & Families       |
| SOC-2502(3) | Sociology of the Environment                  | SOC-3305(3) | International Migration        |
| SOC-3104(6) | Globalization & Societies in the World System |             |                                |

**Area 3: POWER & SOCIAL INEQUALITY**

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|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| SOC-2101(6) | Social Inequality in the Era of Globalization | SOC-3333(3) | Liberation Sociology               |
| SOC-2105(6) | Race, Ethnic, & Aboriginal Relations          | SOC-3401(3) | Animals in Society                 |
| SOC-2118(6) | Sex & Gender Relationships                    | SOC-4101(6) | Seminar in Social Stratification   |
| SOC-3118(6) | Women in Society                              | SOC-4413(6) | Seminar in Race & Ethnic Relations |
| SOC-3128(3) | Sociology of Sexuality                        | SOC-4414(6) | Seminar on Women in Society        |
| SOC-3233(3) | Green Justice                                 |             |                                    |

**Area 4: SOCIAL MEDIA & CULTURE**

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|-------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| SOC-2000(3) | Sociology of Sport     | SOC-2501(3) | Technology & Society            |
| SOC-2001(3) | Sociology of Leisure   | SOC-3214(3) | Mass Communication & Media      |
| SOC-2307(3) | Sociology of Youth     | SOC-3215(3) | Popular Culture                 |
| SOC-2308(3) | Critical Social Issues | SOC-4415(6) | Seminar on Sociology of Culture |

**Area 5: SOCIALIZATION, HEALTH & MEDICINE**

|             |                                           |             |                                                            |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| SOC-2103(3) | Sociology of Families                     | SOC-3212(6) | Sociology of the Body                                      |
| SOC-2115(6) | Sociology of Socialization & Development  | SOC-3304(3) | Immigrant Families                                         |
| SOC-2201(3) | Sociology of Aging                        | SOC-4408(6) | Seminar in Socialization & Development                     |
| SOC-2202(3) | Changing Patterns of Aging                | SOC-4409(6) | Seminar in the Sociology of Science, Medicine & Technology |
| SOC-3102(6) | Sociology of Medicine                     | SOC-4412(6) | Seminar in Sociology of Families                           |
| SOC-3210(6) | Critical Studies in Medicine & Psychiatry |             |                                                            |

**Area 6: THEORY & METHODS**

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|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------|
| SOC-2010(3) | Classical Sociological Theory                          | SOC-4116(3) | Seminar in Quantitative Research Methods |
| SOC-2011(3) | 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Sociological Theory           |             |                                          |
| SOC-2012(3) | Contemporary Sociological Theory                       | SOC-4126(3) | Seminar in Qualitative Research Methods  |
| SOC-2125(3) | Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods          |             |                                          |
| SOC-2126(3) | Introduction to Research Design & Qualitative Research | SOC-4401(6) | Seminar in Sociological Theory           |
|             |                                                        | SOC-4800(6) | Field Research Placement                 |

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

All course descriptions for all undergraduate programs can now be found in one large PDF called "All course descriptions" in the "Academic Calendar" section of the University website:

<http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/index.html>