

SOCIOLOGY, B.A.

Overview

Mission

The mission of the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (<https://www.biola.edu/degrees/u/sociology-ba/>) is to develop Christian scholars who can critically analyze the effects of social structures on human life and who can apply this knowledge to work toward a world that embodies God's justice and shalom.

Degree Program

A Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology is offered upon completion of the University baccalaureate and major requirements. The sociology major requires the completion of 36 credits, 24 of which must be upper-division.

Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, students will be able to:

1. Identify the causes and consequences of social divisions and inequalities (ULO 1).
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the role of evidence in both qualitative and quantitative methods in sociology (ULO 1).
3. Explain the biblical concepts of peace and justice and identify their connections with contemporary social issues (ULO 2).
4. Explain central concepts of social theory and apply them to social life (ULO 3).

Each Program Learning Outcome (PLO) listed above references at least one of the University Learning Outcomes (ULO 1, 2, 3), which may be found in the General Information section (<https://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/#UniversityLearningOutcomes>) of this catalog.

Program Requirements

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Sociology majors meet the Core Curriculum requirement of 3 credits in behavioral science within the major.		
Program Courses		
SOCI 220	Introduction to Sociology ¹	3
SOCI 441	Social Theory	3
SOCI 443	Methods of Sociological Research	3
Select one Inequality course from the following:		3
SOCI 302	Sociology of Gender	
SOCI 336	Unequal Justice: Race, Class, Gender and Crime ²	
SOCI 340	Political Sociology	
SOCI 342	Ethnic and Minority Groups	
SOCI 352	Social Inequality: Race, Class and Gender	
SOCI 389	Sociology of Wealth and Poverty	

SOCI 397	Sociology of Disabilities	
SOCI 454	Film, Television, and the Arts: Racial and Gender Issues	
Select 24 credits of upper-division Sociology courses, if not choosing a concentration detailed below		24
Program Course Requirements: 36 credits		
Core Curriculum Requirements³		71
General Electives		13
Total Credits		120

¹ Fulfills the Behavioral Science Core Curriculum requirement.

² Criminology Concentrations must take SOCI 336 to complete the Inequality Core Requirement.

³ See Core Curriculum Program section (<https://catalog.biola.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-core-curriculum-program/>) for details.

Concentrations

Criminology

This concentration provides students an opportunity to study crime and related issues from a social scientific perspective, infusing themes of social justice, Christian ethics, and recognizing social inequalities present within the criminal justice system. Students in the Criminology concentration must take SOCI 336 as their Inequality course listed under the Program Courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration Courses		
SOCI 333	Criminology	3
SOCI 334	Juvenile Delinquency	3
or SOCI 350	Sociology of Violence	
SOCI 366	Sociology Internship	3
Select 15 credits of upper-division Sociology courses		15
Total Credits		24

Social Work

This concentration is organized as a broad preparation for students who desire to enter the helping professions.

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration Courses		
SOCI 300	Social Work	3
SOCI 366	Sociology Internship	3
Select one of the following:		3
SOCI 302	Sociology of Gender	
SOCI 320	Marriage and the Family	
SOCI 453	Sociology of Sexuality	
Select 15 credits of upper-division Sociology courses		15
Total Credits		24

Course Sequence

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between year levels. Please contact your major department advisor to discuss flexible alternatives in scheduling the sequence of your classes.

Taking coursework during the summer session may also be an option to accelerate your degree path.

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Sociology, B.A. (SOC)

First Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 103 or 165	3 BBST 103 or 165	3
ENGL 100 or 112	3 HIST 100 or 101	3
GNST 102	1 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
SOCI 220 (fulfills Behavioral Science Core Curriculum requirement)	3 Fine Arts (see Core Curriculum)	3
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4 Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
KNES Activity (see Core Curriculum)	1	
	15	16
Second Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 209	3 BBST 210	3
BBST 251	3 SOCI Inequality Course (see Program Requirements)	3
HIST 200, 201, or POSC 225	3 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3 Communication (see Core Curriculum)	3
Math (see Core Curriculum)	3 Philosophy (see Core Curriculum)	3
	15	15
Third Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 300/400 Bible Elective	3 BBST 365	3
BBST 354	3 KNES 107	1
SOCI 441	3 SOCI 443	3
SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
Science (see Core Curriculum)	3 Literature (see Core Curriculum)	3
	General Elective	1
	Graduation Application due in Registrar's Office	
	15	14
Fourth Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 300/400 Bible Elective	3 BBST 465	3
ENGL 313	3 SOCI 366	3
SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
	15	15
Total Credits 120		

Sociology, B.A. Criminology (SOCR)

First Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 103 or 165	3 BBST 103 or 165	3
ENGL 100 or 112	3 HIST 100 or 101	3
GNST 102	1 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
SOCI 220 (fulfills Behavioral Science Core Curriculum requirement)	3 Fine Arts (see Core Curriculum)	3
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4 Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
KNES Activity (see Core Curriculum)	1	
	15	16
Second Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 209	3 BBST 210	3
BBST 251	3 SOCI 334 or 350	3
HIST 200, 201, or POSC 225	3 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
SOCI 333	3 Math (see Core Curriculum)	3
Science (see Core Curriculum)	3 Philosophy (see Core Curriculum)	3
	15	15
Third Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 300/400 Bible Elective	3 BBST 365	3
BBST 354	3 KNES 107	1
SOCI 443	3 SOCI 336	3
SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3 SOCI 441	3
Communication (see Core Curriculum)	3 Literature (see Core Curriculum)	3
	General Elective	1
	Graduation Application due in Registrar's Office	
	15	14
Fourth Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 300/400 Bible Elective	3 BBST 465	3
ENGL 313	3 SOCI 366	3
SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
	15	15
Total Credits 120		
Sociology, B.A. Social Work (SOWK)		
First Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 103 or 165	3 BBST 103 or 165	3
ENGL 100 or 112	3 HIST 100 or 101	3
GNST 102	1 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
SOCI 220 (fulfills Behavioral Science Core Curriculum requirement)	3 Fine Arts (see Core Curriculum)	3
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4 Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
KNES Activity (see Core Curriculum)	1	
	15	16
Second Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 209	3 BBST 210	3

BBST 251	3 SOCI Inequality Course (see Program Requirements)	3
HIST 200, 201, or POSC 225	3 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
SOCI 302, 320, or 453	3 Math (see Core Curriculum)	3
Science (see Core Curriculum)	3 Philosophy (see Core Curriculum)	3
15		15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 300/400 Bible Elective	3 BBST 365	3
BBST 354	3 KNES 107	1
SOCI 443	3 SOCI 441	3
SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
Communication (see Core Curriculum)	3 Literature (see Core Curriculum)	3
	General Elective	1
	Graduation Application due in Registrar's Office	
15		14

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 300/400 Bible Elective	3 BBST 465	3
ENGL 313	3 SOCI 366	3
SOCI 300	3 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
15		15

Total Credits 120

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Sociology, B.A. (SOCI)

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 101	4 HNRS 105	4
HNRS 102	4 HNRS 106	4
GNST 102	1 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
SOCI 220	3 Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4	
16		15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 210	4 HNRS 230	4

HNRS 215	4 HNRS 231	4
Math (see Core Curriculum)	3 KNES 107	1
SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3 SOCI 443	3
KNES Activity (see Core Curriculum)	1 SOCI Inequality Course (see Program Requirements)	3
15		15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 324	4 HNRS 337	4
HNRS 326	2 HNRS 339	2
SOCI 441	3 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
Science (see Core Curriculum)	3 General Elective	3
15		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 443	4 HNRS 458	4
BBST 465	3 HNRS 467	2
SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
General Elective	3 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
General Elective	1 General Elective	3
14		15

Total Credits 120

Sociology, B.A. Criminology (SOCR)

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 101	4 HNRS 105	4
HNRS 102	4 HNRS 106	4
GNST 102	1 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
SOCI 220	3 Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4	
16		15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 210	4 HNRS 230	4
HNRS 215	4 HNRS 231	4
SOCI 333	3 KNES 107	1
KNES Activity (see Core Curriculum)	1 SOCI 334 or 350	3
Math (see Core Curriculum)	3 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
15		15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 324	4 HNRS 337	4
HNRS 326	2 HNRS 339	2
SOCI 443	3 SOCI 336	3
SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3 SOCI 441	3
Science (see Core Curriculum)	3 General Elective	3
15		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 443	4 HNRS 458	4
BBST 465	3 HNRS 467	2
SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3 SOCI 366	3
General Elective	1 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
14		15

Total Credits 120

Sociology, B.A. Social Work (SOWK)

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 101	4 HNRS 105	4
HNRS 102	4 HNRS 106	4
GNST 102	1 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
SOCI 220	3 Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4	
	16	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 210	4 HNRS 230	4
HNRS 215	4 HNRS 231	4
SOCI 302, 320, or 453	3 KNES 107	1
KNES Activity (see Core Curriculum)	1 SOCI Inequality Course (see Program Requirements)	3
Math (see Core Curriculum)	3 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
	15	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 324	4 HNRS 337	4
HNRS 326	2 HNRS 339	2
SOCI 443	3 SOCI 441	3
SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
Science (see Core Curriculum)	3 General Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 443	4 HNRS 458	4
BBST 465	3 HNRS 467	2
SOCI 300	3 SOCI 366	3
General Elective	1 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
	14	15

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