

College Document # CCC35UCC Document # 103Review Type: Edit Exp XX Full**CATALOG YEAR 2016-2017**COLLEGE/SCHOOL: College of Arts and Sciences**BA SOCI****Course:** Add: Delete: Delivery: (check all that apply) Change: Number Title SCH Description Prerequisite **Response Required:** New course will be part of major minor as a required
or elective course**Response Required:** New course will introduce , reinforce , or apply concepts**Response Required:** Grade Type: Normal (A-F) CR/NC P/F **Shortened Course Format: Equivalent Student Learning outcomes verified:**

If new, provide Course Prefix, Number, Title, **Measurable** Student Learning Outcomes, SCH Value, Description, prerequisite, and lecture/lab hours if applicable. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red and provide a brief justification.

Program: Delete: Add: Change: X Attach new/changed Program of Study description and 4-year plan. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red.

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs): Add: Change: Attach listing of PLOs.

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BACHELOR OF ARTS MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is the study of social life and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. A major in Sociology complements many career paths by developing students' understanding of the nature of society and social relationships as these affect them in their personal and professional lives. The general objectives of this major are to provide students with: 1) An understanding of the causes and consequences of social inequality, including those of race, gender, sexuality, and social class, 2) An understanding of the forces of social change and social stability, and 3) An array of job skills applicable to a wide variety of labor force positions.

Following is a suggested four-year degree plan. Students are encouraged to see their advisor each semester for help with program decisions/enrollment; responsible for reviewing the **Program of Study Requirements**; and must meet **foreign language** and **writing intensive course** requirements for graduation. See Academic Regulations-Undergraduate online.

*See *Appendix A Core Curriculum and Optional Course Information*.

** See *Appendix C* for approved list of minors and requirements. Instead of a minor, students may complete 18 SCH of electives, 12 SCH of which must be at the 3000-4000 level, from any discipline, except the major field, outside the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

FALL				HOURS	SPRING				HOURS
FRESHMAN YEAR					FRESHMAN YEAR				
ENGL	1301	English Composition I		3	ENGL	1302	English Composition II		3
HIST	1301	The U.S. To 1877		3	HIST	1302	The U.S Since 1877		3
MATH	1314	College Algebra		3	MATH		Math Elective ¹		3
SOCI	1301	Introduction to Sociology		3	SOCI	1306	Contemporary Social Probs		3
UNIV	1101	Learning in a Global Context I		1	UNIV	1102	Learning in a Global Context II		1
		Soc/Behavioral Science*		<u>3</u>			Creative Arts*		<u>3</u>
Total				16					16
SOPHOMORE YEAR					SOPHOMORE YEAR				
PSCI	2305	American National Govt		3	PSCI	2306	American State Govt		3
CAO III		Communication*		3			For Lang/Study Abroad ²		3
		For Lang/Study Abroad ²		3			General elective		2
		Language, Philosophy&Culture*		3			Minor/General Elective**		3
		Life & Physical Science*		3			Life & Physical Science*		3
		Life & Physical Science Lab*		<u>1</u>			Life & Physical Science Lab		<u>1</u>
Total				16					15
JUNIOR YEAR					JUNIOR YEAR				
SOCI	3304	Sociological Theory		3	SOCI	3305	Research Meths Soc Sci ⁴		3
SOCI		Restricted SOCI Elective ³		3	SOCI		Restricted SOCI Elective ³		3
SOCI		Restricted SOCI Elective ³		3			Adv General Elective		3
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		Minor/General Elective**		<u>3</u>			Adv Minor/General Elective**		<u>3</u>
Total				15					15
SENIOR YEAR					SENIOR YEAR				
SOCI		Inequality/Race Rels ⁵		3	SOCI	4380	Senior Pro Seminar		3
SOCI		Restricted SOCI Elective ³		3			Adv Minor/Gen Elective**		3
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		Advanced General Elec		3			Adv General Elective		<u>3</u>
		Adv Minor/Gen Elective**		<u>3</u>					
Total				15					12
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 120									

¹Math elective, select 3 SCH from any math course above the level of College Algebra.

²Foreign Language/Study Abroad: 6 SCH in course work (not credit by exam) above the university's foreign language graduation requirement. Thus students who meet the university's foreign language graduation requirement by earning 6 hours of credit by exam, may take 6 SCH in the same language but at the intermediate level or above, or they may take 6 SCH of another foreign language at the introductory level. This requirement may also be met by earning 6 SCH in any subject while participating in a TAMU-approved Study Abroad program while living for at least 4 weeks in another country.

³Restricted Sociology electives, select 15 SCH from SOCI 3302, 3304, 3305, 3307, 3308, 3310, 3316, 3336, 4311, 4318, 4320, 4325, **4330**, **4385**, 4370, 4375, 4390 or 4616. SOCI 4375 may be repeated when topic changes.

⁴Research Methods, select 3 SCH from SOCI 3305, CRIJ 3305 or PSCI 3301.

⁵Inequality or Race Relations, select 3 SCH from SOCI 4310 or SOCI 4317.

Note: Students who do not elect to have a minor curriculum may use up to 9 hours of their available electives in additional courses in their major curriculum.

Note: See information on the combined BA/MA in Sociology.

*Actual degree plans may vary depending on availability of courses in a given semester.
Some courses may require prerequisites not listed.*

Degree Requirements for the BA with a Major in Sociology

- 1. Hours Required:** A minimum of **120** semester credit hours (SCH): 45 hours must be advanced, and fulfillment of degree requirements as specified in the "Requirements for Graduation" section of this catalog.
- 2. University Core Curriculum:** **42** SCH as outlined in the suggested plans and as specified in the "Requirements for Graduation".
- 3. MATH Elective:** **3** SCH selected from any math course above the level of College Algebra.
- 4. Life & Physical Science Lab:** **1** SCH compatible with a Life & Physical Science course.
- 5. Foreign Language/Study Abroad:** **6** SCH in course work (not credit by exam) above the university's foreign language graduation requirement. Thus, students who meet the university's foreign language graduation requirement by earning 6 hours of credit by exam, may take 6 SCH in the same language but at the intermediate level or above, or they may take 6 SCH of another foreign language at the introductory level. This requirement may also be met by earning 6 SCH in any subject while participating in a TAMIU-approved Study Abroad program while living for at least 5 weeks in a non-English speaking country.
- 6. Major:** **33** SCH including SOCI 1301, 1306, 3304, 3305, 4310/4317 and 4380; 15 SCH from SOCI 3302, 3304, 3305, 3307, 3308, 3310, 3316, 3336, 4311, 4318, 4320, 4325, **4330, 4385**, 4370, 4375, 4390, or 4616.
- 7. Minor:** A minimum of **18** SCH from one discipline at least twelve of which must be at the 3000-4000 level. See Appendix C. Instead of a minor, students may complete 18 SCH of electives, 12 SCH of which must be at the 3000-4000 level, from any discipline, except the major field, outside the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.
- 8. Electives:** **17** SCH at least 15 of which must be at the 3000-4000 level.
- 9. BA/MA Option:** See Combined BA/MA Programs in this section.

Justification:

The above changes to the Sociology program add two courses, Sociology of Sexualities, and Child Maltreatment. These two topics are reflective of the research interests of Dr. Judith Warner. The two course additions are part of a process seeking to add courses that are related to vocational training. Several of our recent Sociology graduates are employed by Texas Child Protective Services and many other youth-protection related agencies. Additionally, the topic of Sexualities has become a topic of great interest in contemporary society. We believe that both of these courses would have significant demand from our students.