

SOCIOLOGY, BA

Sociology is the “study of social life, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior” (www.asanet.org (<http://www.asanet.org>)). Sociologists study topics from welfare to health care reform, from organized religion to cults, from poverty to concentrations of wealth, from war to natural disasters, from aging to population change, from social media to music and film, from deviance to social order, from law to crime, from divisions of race/class/gender to shared cultural meanings. Students may go on to careers in areas such as social services (juvenile justice system, battered women shelters, disaster planning/relief), administrative support (information technology, human resources, employee training), social science researcher and/or analyst, law, education (graduate school, professor), marketing (copy writing, technology or software), and law enforcement.

Department Honors

Department honors are awarded to majors who attain:

- a 3.2 GPA or higher GPA;
- a 3.5 GPA in all Sociology courses;
- a successful Washburn Transformational Experience (WTE)

More information about departmental honors is available from the department chair or academic advisor.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the requirements stated below, students must complete 34-35 hours of General Education (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/programs-degrees-graduation-requirements/general-education-requirements/>), all requirements for a Bachelor of Arts (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/degrees/bachelor-arts/>) degree, and any additional hours needed to reach the minimum 120 credit hours required for graduation. Some of the courses below may also fulfill general education or other degree requirements. Please see your academic advisor for more information.

In addition, all Sociology majors must complete a minor, certificate, and/or additional major; students must declare the minor, certificate, and/or additional major with the department that grants it.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses Inside the Department ¹		
SO 100	Introduction to Sociology	3
SO 101	Social Problems	3
SO 360	Sociological Theory	3
SO 362	Methods of Social Research	3
SO 495	Sociology Senior Capstone	3
SO 3XX	Sociology Upper-Division Electives	18
Total Hours		33

¹ Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in all courses applied to the major(s) and minor or certificate. Majors working toward the BA degree are strongly encouraged to take courses in statistics and computer science.