

# SOCIOLOGY, BACHELOR OF ARTS (775)

## Program Coordinator

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The program is designed to further awareness and understanding of social life including the social causes and consequences of human behavior in groups, organizations, societies, and various cultures. Completion provides a broad background for students pursuing a variety of careers by helping them develop valuable skills.

## Concentrations

- General (No Concentration)
- Applied Community Activism/Community and Environment focus (SACE)
- Applied Community Activism/Social Inequality Focus (SACI)
- Family, Gender, & Sexuality (SFGS)

## Program Requirements (32 hours)

A baccalaureate degree requires a minimum of 120 unduplicated semester hours. More information can be found at [www.wku.edu/registrar/degree\\_certification.php](http://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php). ([https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree\\_certification.php](https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php))

Students who began WKU in the Fall 2014 and thereafter should review the Colonnade requirements located at: <https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>. (<https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>)

The major in sociology requires a minimum of 32 credit hours and leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. At least half the total semester hours earned must be in upper-division courses (courses numbered 300-499). A minor, certificate, or second major is required.

Students may choose one of three thematic concentrations or they may choose a general major.

## Core Courses

The following courses are required for every sociology major:

Code	Title	Hours
A grade of C or better is required in SOCL 300, SOCL 302 and SOCL 304.		
SOCL 100	Introductory Sociology	3
SOCL 199	College & Careers in Criminology & Sociology	1
or CRIM 199	College & Careers in Criminology & Sociology	
SOCL 250	Systems of Social Inequality	3
SOCL 300	Social Statistics	3
SOCL 301	Social Statistics Lab	1
SOCL 302	Social Research Methods	3

SOCL 304	Sociological Theory: Perspectives on Society	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>17</b>

Additional core requirements and restricted electives depend on the major and/or concentration selected (see below). Non-restricted electives must be chosen from the following courses:

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Electives:</b>		
CRIM 330	Criminology	3
CRIM 332	Juvenile Delinquency	3
CRIM 361	Race, Class, and Crime	3
CRIM 370	Issues in Policing	3
CRIM 380	Punishment and Society	3
CRIM 432	Sociology of Criminal Law	3
CRIM 434	Organized Crime	3
CRIM 446	Gender, Crime, and Justice	3
CRIM 448	International Justice and Crime	3
CRIM 451	White-Collar Crime	3
SOCL 210	Interaction: Self in Society	3
SOCL 220	Marriage and Family	3
SOCL 240	Global Social Problems	3
SOCL 245	Sociology of Popular Culture	3
SOCL 260	Race and Ethnic Relations	3
SOCL 309	Social Deviance	3
SOCL 310	Behavior in Small Groups	3
SOCL 312	Collective Behavior and Social Movements	3
SOCL 315	Public Problem Solving	3
SOCL 322	Religion in Society	3
SOCL 324	Sociology of Sport	3
SOCL 342	Aging in Society	3
SOCL 345	The Sociology of Popular Music	3
SOCL 346	Special Topics	3
SOCL 352	Technology, Work and Society	3
SOCL 355	Sociology of Gender	3
SOCL 359	Sexuality and Society	3
SOCL 360	The Community in Rural and Urban Settings	3
SOCL 362	Social Institutions: Race, Class, and Gender	3
SOCL 363	Population, Society, and Development	3
SOCL 375	Diversity in American Society	3
SOCL 376	Sociology of Globalization	3
SOCL 389	Stigma and Society	3
SOCL 402	Evaluation Research Tech	3
SOCL 404	Qualitative Research Methods	3
SOCL 408	Survey Applications	3
SOCL 410	Socialization: Changes Through Life	3
SOCL 435	Family Violence	3
SOCL 440	Sociology of Health and Illness	3
SOCL 442	Sociology Research Project	3

SOCL 450	Occupations and Professions	3
SOCL 452	Social Change	3
SOCL 455	Theory and Practice of Community Development	3
SOCL 466	Gender, Family, and Society	3
SOCL 470	Environmental Sociology	3
SOCL 480	Sociology of Agri-Food Systems	3
SOCL 489	Sociology Study Abroad	1-6
SOCL 494	Internship in Sociology	1-6
SOCL 495	Directed Study	1-3
SOCL 496	Directed Study	1-3
CSJ 200	Introduction to Social Justice	3

Not more than 3 hours earned in SOCL 495 / SOCL 496 "Directed Study" in Sociology may be counted toward the first 32 hours required for the major.

## General Sociology Major

This major allows students to choose courses from among all sociology electives to design a program of study that best fits their particular needs and interests.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
A "C" or better is required in 300, 302 and 304.		
SOCL 100	Introductory Sociology	3
SOCL 199	College & Careers in Criminology & Sociology	1
or CRIM 199	College & Careers in Criminology & Sociology	
SOCL 250	Systems of Social Inequality	3
SOCL 300	Social Statistics	3
SOCL 301	Social Statistics Lab	1
SOCL 302	Social Research Methods	3
SOCL 304	Sociological Theory: Perspectives on Society	3
<b>Electives</b>		
Select 15 hours from among all approved electives listed above		15
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>32</b>

## Applied Community Activism: Community and Environment Concentration

This concentration emphasizes the causes, dynamics, and consequences of socioeconomic change for people, how they live in communities, and how they relate to the natural world.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
A "C" or better is required in 300, 302 and 304		
SOCL 100	Introductory Sociology	3
SOCL 199	College & Careers in Criminology & Sociology	1
or CRIM 199	College & Careers in Criminology & Sociology	
CSJ 200	Introduction to Social Justice	3
SOCL 250	Systems of Social Inequality	3
SOCL 300	Social Statistics	3

SOCL 301	Social Statistics Lab	1
SOCL 302	Social Research Methods	3
SOCL 304	Sociological Theory: Perspectives on Society	3
SOCL 315	Public Problem Solving	3
<b>Concentration Courses</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Choose 9 hours from the following</b>		
SOCL 312	Collective Behavior and Social Movements	
ENV/GEOG 280	Introduction to Environmental Science (Choose 3 from the following)	
SOCL 240	Global Social Problems	
SOCL 360	The Community in Rural and Urban Settings	
SOCL 363	Population, Society, and Development	
SOCL 372	Causes and Consequences of Human-Wildlife Conflict	
SOCL 376	Sociology of Globalization	
SOCL 452	Social Change	
SOCL 455	Theory and Practice of Community Development	
SOCL 470	Environmental Sociology	
SOCL 480	Sociology of Agri-Food Systems	
or ANTH 388	Foodways	
or FLK 388	Foodways	
or GEOG 378	Food, Culture, and Environment	
SOCL 494	Internship in Sociology	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>32</b>

## Family, Gender, and Sexuality Concentration

This concentration emphasizes the ways in which gender, sexuality, and kinship relations shape individual and group experiences.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
A "C" or better is required in 300, 302 and 304		
SOCL 100	Introductory Sociology	3
SOCL 199	College & Careers in Criminology & Sociology	1
or CRIM 199	College & Careers in Criminology & Sociology	
SOCL 220	Marriage and Family	3
SOCL 250	Systems of Social Inequality	3
SOCL 300	Social Statistics	3
SOCL 301	Social Statistics Lab	1
SOCL 302	Social Research Methods	3
SOCL 304	Sociological Theory: Perspectives on Society	3
<b>Concentration Courses</b>		
Select 12 hours from the following:		12
CSJ 200	Introduction to Social Justice	
SOCL 315	Public Problem Solving	
CRIM 446	Gender, Crime, and Justice	

SOCL 342	Aging in Society
SOCL 355	Sociology of Gender
SOCL 359	Sexuality and Society
SOCL 362	Social Institutions: Race, Class, and Gender
SOCL 410	Socialization: Changes Through Life
SOCL 435	Family Violence
SOCL 466	Gender, Family, and Society
SOCL 494	Internship in Sociology
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>32</b>

### Applied Community Activism: Social Inequality Concentration

This concentration emphasizes inequalities, such as those of race, class, and sex, the manner in which such inequalities become structurally rooted in society, and the ways in which individuals and groups seek to reverse inequalities.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
A "C" or better is required in 300, 302 and 304		
SOCL 100	Introductory Sociology	3
SOCL 199	College & Careers in Criminology & Sociology	1
or CRIM 199	College & Careers in Criminology & Sociology	
CSJ 200	Introduction to Social Justice	3
SOCL 250	Systems of Social Inequality	3
SOCL 300	Social Statistics	3
SOCL 301	Social Statistics Lab	1
SOCL 302	Social Research Methods	3
SOCL 304	Sociological Theory: Perspectives on Society	3
SOCL 315	Public Problem Solving	3
<b>Concentration Courses</b>		
Chose 9 hours from the following		
SOCL 342	Aging in Society	
CRIM 361	Race, Class, and Crime	
CRIM 370	Issues in Policing	
CRIM 446	Gender, Crime, and Justice	
SOCL 240	Global Social Problems	
SOCL 355	Sociology of Gender	
SOCL 362	Social Institutions: Race, Class, and Gender	
SOCL 375	Diversity in American Society	
SOCL 376	Sociology of Globalization	
SOCL 440	Sociology of Health and Illness	
SOCL 452	Social Change	
SOCL 466	Gender, Family, and Society	
SOCL 494	Internship in Sociology	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>32</b>

### Finish in Four Plans General, No Concentration

First Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 100		3 ENG 200	3
SOCL 100		3 SOCL 250	3
SOCL 199 or CRIM 199		1 SOCL 304	3
MATH 183 (or other Colonnade math)		3 General Elective	3
Colonnade: Arts & Humanities		3 Colonnade: Natural & Physical Science with Lab	3
General Elective--consider CSJ 200		3	
			<b>16</b>
			<b>15</b>

Second Year				
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	
SOCL 302		3 SOCL 300	3	
SOCL Elective		3 SOCL 301 <sup>1</sup> Should be taken the same semester as SOCL 300	1	
HIST 101 or HIST 102		3 Sociology Elective	3	
COMM 145		3 Colonnade: Connections <sup>1</sup>	3	
Colonnade: Natural & Physical Science		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3	
			General Elective	3
			<b>15</b>	
			<b>16</b>	

Third Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 300		3 Any Sociology Elective	3
Colonnade: Connections <sup>2</sup>		3 Any Sociology Elective	3
Any Sociology Elective		3 Colonnade: Connections <sup>3</sup>	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 General Elective	3
			<b>15</b>
			<b>15</b>

Fourth Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Any 300-400 level SOCL Elective		3 General Elective	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 Any 300-400 level SOCL Elective (suggested SOCL 494)	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
			<b>15</b>
			<b>15</b>

Total Hours 122

### Applied Community Activism: Community and Environment Concentration (SACE)

First Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 100		3 ENG 200	3
SOCL 100		3 SOCL 250	3
SOCL 199 or CRIM 199		1 SOCL 304	3

MATH 183 (or other Colonnade math)	3 General Elective	3
Colonnade: Arts & Humanities	3 Colonnade: Natural & Physical Science with Lab	3
CSJ 200	3	
		<b>16</b>

Second Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
SOCL 302		3 SOCL 300	3
SOCL 315		3 SOCL 301 (to be taken same semester as SOCL 300)	1
COMM 145		3 Colonnade: Connections <sup>1</sup>	3
HIST 101 or HIST 102		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
Colonnade: Natural & Physical Science		3 General Elective	3
		General Elective	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>

Third Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 300		3 Approved SOCL concentration course	3
Approved SOCL concentration course		3 Colonnade: Connections <sup>3</sup>	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 General Elective	3
Colonnade: Connections <sup>2</sup>		3 General Elective	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

Fourth Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Approved SOCL concentration course		3 General Elective	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 Any 300-400 level SOCL Elective (suggested SOCL 494)	3
General Elective		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

Total Hours 122

## Applied Community Activism: Social Inequality Concentration (SACI)

First Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 100		3 ENG 200	3
SOCL 100		3 SOCL 250	3
Colonnade: Arts & Humanities		3 SOCL 304	3
MATH 183 (or other colonnade math)		3 Colonnade: Natural & Physical Science with Lab	3
CSJ 200		3 General Elective	3
SOCL 199 or CRIM 199		1	
		<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>

Second Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
SOCL 302		3 SOCL 300	3
COMM 145		3 SOCL 301	1
Colonnade: Natural & Physical Sciences		3 Colonnade: Connections <sup>1</sup>	3
HIST 101 or HIST 102		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
SOCL 315		3 General Elective	3
		General Elective	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>

Third Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 300		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
Approved SOCL concentration course		3 Approved SOCL concentration course	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 Colonnade: Connections <sup>3</sup>	3
Colonnade: Connections <sup>2</sup>		3 General Elective	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 General Elective	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

Fourth Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Approved SOCL concentration course		3 General Elective	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 Any 300-400 level SOCL Elective (suggested SOCL 494)	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

Total Hours 122

## Family, Gender & Sexuality (FGS)

First Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 100		3 ENG 200	3
SOCL 100		3 SOCL 250	3
SOCL 199 or CRIM 199		1 SOCL 304	3
MATH 183 (Or other Colonnade Math)		3 Colonnade: Natural & Physical Science with Lab	3
Colonnade: Arts & Humanities		3 General Elective	3
General Elective--consider CSJ 200		3	
		<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>

Second Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
SOCL 302		3 SOCL 300	3
SOCL 220		3 SOCL 301	1
COMM 145		3 Colonnade: Connections <sup>1</sup>	3
Colonnade: Natural & Physical Sciences		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
HIST 101 or HIST 102		3 General Elective	3
		General Elective	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>

<b>Third Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
ENG 300		3 Approved SOCL concentration course	3
Approved SOCL concentration course		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 Colonnade: Connections <sup>3</sup>	3
Colonnade: Connections <sup>2</sup>		3 General Elective	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Approved SOCL concentration course		3 General Elective	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 Approved SOCL concentration course	3
General Elective		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 Any 300-400 level SOCL Elective (suggested SOCL 494)	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Hours 122</b>			