BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES IN SOCIOLOGY

Why study sociology?
Sociology investigates the social institutions and processes that shape human behavior, histories, and opportunities.

First- and Second-Year Preparation

Admission GPA
- Satisfied by a minimum 2.5 GPA in required admission courses designated below.
- University Course Repeat Policy will apply.

Admission to the Major

Admission Requirements

Course Requirements
Math Requirement. Satisfied by one of the following:
- MATH 101 College Algebra
- MATH 104 Precalculus Mathematics
Equivalent ACT/SAT, equivalent course, or higher course

Elements of Sociology. Satisfied by one of the following:
- SOC 104 Elements of Sociology
- SOC 105 Elements of Sociology, Honors
- SOC 304 Principles of Sociology

Sociology Admission Elective. Satisfied by sociology elective course.

Grade-Point Average Requirements
- Satisfied by a minimum 2.5 GPA in required admission courses designated above.
- University Course Repeat Policy will apply.

Application Term
Students should apply to the major during the semester in which major admission criteria will be completed, normally no later than 60 hours, or for transfer students, during the initial term at KU. Application to this major after completion of 60 hours, or the initial KU term for transfer students, will likely delay graduation.

Requirements for the B.A. or B.G.S. Major

Sociology Core Knowledge and Skills (12)
Majors must complete a course in each of the following areas:
- Elements of Sociology. Satisfied by one of the following: 3
  - SOC 104 Elements of Sociology
  - SOC 105 Elements of Sociology, Honors
  - SOC 304 Principles of Sociology
- Introduction to Social Research. Satisfied by:
  - SOC 310 Introduction to Social Research 3
- Elementary Statistics & Data Analysis. Satisfied by:
  - SOC 510 Elementary Statistics and Data Analysis 3
- Sociology Theory. Satisfied by:
  - SOC 500 Sociological Theory 3

Sociology Required Electives (21)
Majors must complete an additional 21 hours of sociology courses beyond the core courses above. At least 15 hours of these must be at the junior/senior (300+) level. Up to 3 hours may be chosen from SOC 490, SOC 598, or SOC 698, and up to 6 hours from SOC 499, to be applied to this requirement.

Upper-level sociology electives. Satisfied by 15 sociology hours at the Junior/Senior (300+) level

Additional sociology electives. Satisfied by 6 additional sociology hours at the upper or lower level

Major Hours & Major GPA
While completing all required courses, majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

Major Hours
Satisfied by 33 hours of major courses.

Major Hours in Residence
Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the major. At least 15 credit hours at the 300+ level, including SOC 310, SOC 510, and SOC 500, must be taken at KU.

Major Junior/Senior Hours
Satisfied by a minimum of 24 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.

Major Junior/Senior Graduation GPA
Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses in the field of study including F’s and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).

Graduation Plan
With careful planning and commitment to a full-time course load, you can graduate in 4 years (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad). Download a sample 4-year plan (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/advising/plans) for sociology.

Double Majors
Sociology majors may want to consider a second major in philosophy; history; women’s studies; area studies; or one of the natural or social sciences; or a second degree in journalism or other professional disciplines.

A sample 4-year plan for a BA degree in Sociology can be found here: Sociology (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/sociology/ba-bgs/ba-sociology), or by using the left-side navigation.

A sample 4-year plan for the BGS degree in Sociology can be found using the left-side navigation.

Departmental Honors
Working under the supervision of a faculty mentor, the undergraduate student must complete 6 hours of work in SOC 499 culminating in a superior thesis. The thesis must be certified by 3 members of the College faculty, at least 2 of whom must be from sociology, nominated by the candidate and approved by the departmental honors coordinator. The student also must achieve a grade-point average of at least 3.5 in sociology and 3.25 overall.