

Sociology Major

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About

Sociology is the systematic study of social life. Sociologists believe that people's actions are strongly influenced by the conditions and situations in which they live, work, and play. Everybody makes decisions, but we recognize and study how social structures and institutions affect and constrain those decisions. Our goal as researchers is to expose and analyze the impacts of those circumstances on human decisions, societies, and opportunities. Methodologically, we incorporate multiple perspectives and analytical approaches to help create a more holistic understanding of our society. Our mission as teachers is to empower students to think critically and rigorously about individuals and societies. Through our diverse offerings on local, regional, national and global social processes, we strive to create more complete human beings with a keen sense of humanity, social justice, and appropriate social policy.

Program: [Sociology](#)

Type: Bachelor of Arts

PRIMARY MAJOR (122 credits)

Required Major Courses (33 credits)

The Major consists of 33 credits. One of the Sociology electives for the Major can be satisfied by an internship for credit with approval from the department Chair, provided that the student has at least 15 credits toward the Major.

Program Notes:

- A student taking an internship in a field setting in the second semester of their junior year or during their senior year should consult with the department Chair.
- Students must have at least three full semesters remaining at Villanova University to declare a Sociology major.

Course	Title	Credits
SOC 1000	Intro to Sociology	3
SOC 5050	Soc Theory & Public Policy	3
SOC 5300	Data Analysis-Social Scientist	3
SOC 5400	Applied Research in Soc	3
SOC 6500	Seminar	3
	SOC Electives for B.A.	15
	CRM Elective for SOC B.A.	3

Core Curriculum Requirements (38 credits)

Sociology Majors meet the following core requirements in the major and therefore are omitted from the summary below:

- Social Sciences (6 cr)

Course	Title	Credits
ACS 1000	Ancients	3
ACS 1001	Moderns	3
THL 1000	Faith, Reason, and Culture	3
PHI 1000	Knowledge, Reality, Self	3
ETH 2050	The Good Life:Eth & Cont Prob	3
	Mathematics or Statistics (1 course)	3
	Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)	8
	Literature and Writing Seminar (1 course)	3
	History (1 course)	3
	Fine Arts (1 course)	3
	Upper-Level Theology (1 course)	3
	Language Requirement (Proficiency)	
	Diversity Requirement (2 courses)	

Free Elective Requirement (51 credits)

Students with a Sociology primary major have fifty-one (51) required free elective credits.

Degree Credit Summary

- **Major Credits:** 33 credits
- **Core Credits:** 38 credits
- **Free Electives Credits:** 51 credits
- **Total Required Credits:** 122 Credits

Note: The above credit totals are based on the minimum number of required credits in each degree area. The minimum number of required credits in each area listed above must be met. Credits taken beyond the required minimum for one area may not be applied to another area.

SECONDARY MAJOR

Students who declare Sociology as a **secondary major** must complete the Required Major Courses to achieve this major. Students are able to count any eligible course taken in their primary major, the core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives toward these requirements.

Category Descriptions

SOC Electives for B.A.

Credits: 15

5 Classes in courses of 3 credits or more in SOC 1000:9999, or any subject and course number with SOC attribute (15 cr)

CRM Elective for SOC B.A.

Credits: 3

1 Class in a course of 3 credits or more in CRM 1000:9999 (3 cr)

Mathematics or Statistics (1 course)

Credits: 3

Students must take one course in either Mathematics or Statistics. Any course offered by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics fulfills the Core Curriculum requirement. Certain courses offered by other departments (e.g., Computer Science and Philosophy) also fulfill the requirement. These courses are designated by the Mathematics A & S Core attribute.

Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)

Credits: 8

Non-science majors meet the Core Curriculum Natural Science requirement by taking two semesters of Mendel Science Experience (MSE), thematically-based lecture/laboratory courses designed for non-science majors; or two semesters of lecture/laboratory courses designed for science majors.

Science (AST, BIO, BIOC, CHM, CBN, CSC, ENV, MAT, PHY - B.S. only, PSY - B.S. only) majors meet the science requirement through the regular program of study in their major.