



Program of Study: Bachelor of Science in Sociology

Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Sociology seeks to encourage students to think deeply and seriously, using both the Christian and scientific perspectives, about the consequences of social structures upon human social behavior in its many diverse contexts.

Course Number	Course Title	Course Description	Credits
UNV 101	University Success	This course provides positive re-enforcement of successful learning strategies and assistance with adaptation to the academic environment.	3
COM 101	Intro to Human Communication [^]	This course focuses on how people use messages to generate meanings within and across various contexts, cultures, channels, and media. The course readings and discussions seek to increase understanding of relevant communication theories and their application in the practice of effective and ethical human communication in both personal and professional life.	3
ENG 101	Academic Writing	A course in writing academic prose, including various types of essays, arguments, and constructions. A writing intensive course. Prerequisite: UNV 105.	3
PSY 101	General Psychology [^]	A foundation course in the science of behavior. Includes a study of the origin and development of behavior patterns, motivation, emotional behavior sensory functions, perception, intelligent behavior, and adjustment. Simple experiments constitute a basic part of the course.	3
HIS 107	World Civilization Since 1500 [^]	A survey of the major events, personalities, movements, and ideas in world civilization from the prehistoric era to 1500 CE. This course focuses on the key political, intellectual, scientific, social, economic, and cultural changes that occurred in world civilization. Students will gain an understanding of the social forces and trends in social, religious, political, and philosophic thought that laid the foundations of the modern world.	3
ENG 102	Research Writing	A course exploring various types of research writing, with a focus on constructing essays, arguments, and research reports based on primary and secondary sources. A writing-intensive course. Prerequisite: ENG 101.	3
BIO 100	Biology Concepts [^]	A complete overview of the science of biology from a human perspective. Topics include cells, energetics, ecology, inheritance, evolution, embryology, anatomy, and physiology. This course does not apply toward the biology major.	3
BIO 100L	Biology Concepts Lab [^]	The one hour lab for BIO 100. Must be taken concurrently with BIO 101.	1
MAT 120	Intermediate Algebra	Topics from basic algebra: linear equations, polynomials, quadratic equations, systems of equations, and introductory conic sections. Prerequisite: MAT 100.	3

Choose one of the following courses:

INT 463	World Religions [^]	A study of the major contemporary religions of the world including both historical background and development, and current beliefs and practice with emphasis on basic religions: Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Taoism, Confucianism,	3
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		Shinto, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Islam, and Baha'i.	
BIB 113	Old Testament History [^]	An introductory and historical survey of the Old Testament. Attention is given to the study of the Bible itself, its institutions, literature, and history of the national life of the Hebrew people from earliest times to close of the Old Testament period	3

Choose one of the following courses:

PHI 101	Introduction to Philosophy [^]	An introduction to the discipline of philosophy through a study of representative philosophic problems.	3
BIB 123	New Testament History [^]	A general historical survey of the New Testament, beginning with the inter-biblical period, with the main emphasis given to the Gospels and Acts.	3

UNV 200	Western Ideas and Aesthetics	An examination of ideas that shaped Western thought, and aesthetics. Students will have opportunities to identify and analyze instances of these ideas literature, film, and art.	4
CHM 101	Introduction to General, Organic and Biochemistry [^]	An introduction to the principles of chemistry; designed for students without a strong background in science. Topics covered include a survey of the chemical and physical properties of elements and compounds, chemical reactions, chemical energetics, acids and bases, and chemical bonding. An introduction to organic and biochemistry emphasizes the relationship between molecular structure and function.	3
CHM 101L	Introduction to General, Organic and Biochemistry Lab [^]	The one hour lab for CHM 101. Must be taken concurrently with CHM 101.	1

[^] Campus students may choose an alternative course from the Grand Experience. See the current Academic Catalog for details.

Total General Education Credits: 39

Sociology Major Courses:

SOC 296	Social Research	Also JUS 296 and POS 296. An exploration of the various methods used by social scientists to find answers to the questions posed by their subject matter. Includes basic terminology, concepts and practice using methods such as surveys, experiments, field research, and evaluation research, as well as some unobtrusive methods. Prerequisite: SOC 101.	3
SOC 341	Social Problems	A survey of the various issues and problems faced by contemporary American society including crime, drug abuse, sexual variance, poverty, overpopulation, and family relations. Emphasis is placed upon how these problems arise from and are perpetuated by our modern social structure. Prerequisite: SOC 101.	3
SOC 350	Social Psychology	Also PSY 350. A study of social and group factors affecting individual behavior. Attention is given to the development of attitudes, leadership roles, group thinking, sources of conflict, effects of competition and cooperation, analysis and evaluation of propaganda techniques, and the influence of mass communication on social awareness and control. A Writing-Intensive course. Prerequisite: PSY 101 or SOC 101.	3
SOC 353	Urban Sociology	An analysis of the evolution of the city, emphasizing the similarities and differences between cities of the past and cities today. An overview of major urban theorists is used to examine the experience of living in cities today, especially our definition and response to urban problems. Prerequisite: SOC 101.	3
SOC 363	Probability & Statistics	Also JUS 363, POS 363, and PSY 363. A study of elementary theories of probability, distribution, and testing of statistical hypotheses. Practical experience is provided in the application of statistical methods. Prerequisite: MAT 120 or equivalent.	3
SOC 385	Human Sexuality	Also PSY 385. Taught from a Christian perspective, this course focuses on the areas of human sexual development across the life span, physical unity in marriage, pregnancy and childbirth, common problems in sexual behavior, and sexual values and ethics.	3

SOC 483	History of Social Thought	A study of social thought from ancient to modern times with emphasis on 19th- and 20th-century thought. Emphasis is placed upon how current social theories have been influenced by, but are different from, earlier social thought. A Writing-Intensive course. Prerequisite: SOC 101 or instructor's approval.	3
SOC 497	Internship in Sociology	The student is placed with an agency or organization in the community to gain practical insights and experience to complement their classroom learning. Every effort is made to place students in a setting corresponding to their interests or career goals. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: Instructor's approval and 12 credits of Sociology.	3
SOC 440	Social Inequality & Satisfaction	Course Description	3

Choose one of the following courses:

SOC 270	Contemporary American Families	A survey of the important trends and issues facing families today. Emphasis is placed on establishing the existence and dimensions of the trends and analysis of the impact of these trends on individuals, couples, children and larger society. Legislative and political efforts to impact these trends will also be considered.	3
SOC 333	Marriage and Family	Designed as a practical look at the subject with emphasis on understanding and applying the sociological research on marriage and family life to the student's present and future life. Cross-cultural and historical information is also presented. Prerequisite: SOC 101 or instructor's approval.	3

Choose two of the following courses:

SOC 313	Cultural Anthropology	A study of the variety of cultures that have developed in human society. Attention is given to preliterate peoples in comparison with our own and other cultures. The origin and development of the cultures, their technologies, economies, social organizations, and beliefs are surveyed. Prerequisite: SOC101.	3
SOC 423	American Minority Peoples	A study of the various minority groups in the United States and their sociological significance in the history of our nation and in our current culture. The history and present status of American immigration policy are also considered. Prerequisite: SOC 101 or instructor's approval.	3
SOC 431	Social Work	An overview of the training, tasks, and opportunities in the profession of social work. The student will be introduced to the skills, knowledge base, and functional role of the social worker. Exposure to various settings of social work practice will be provided. Prerequisites: SOC 101 and SOC 341.	3
SOC 498	Advanced Topics	Topics of interest to sociologists but not covered in-depth in other courses will be considered. The content (topic) will change each time the course is offered, so it may be repeated for credit. Examples of topics might include: Women in America, Suicide, Third World Issues, Social Movements, Collective Behavior, Social Inequality and Stratification, Sociology of Religion, Sociology of Health and Illness, Sociology of Mental Illness, Juvenile Delinquency, or Aging. Prerequisite: SOC 101 or instructor's approval.	3

Total Sociology Major Credits: 36

Total Grand Experience Credits: 39

Total Electives: 45

Total Bachelor of Science in Sociology Credits: 120

Students may use Electives to complete one or more Concentrations or Minors.