

*University of Indianapolis – Shaheen College of Arts & Sciences***2025-2026 Curriculum Guide for Sociology Majors (SOC)**

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

Consult with your academic advisor each semester and refer to the Academic Catalog for specific course prerequisites, descriptions of electives, and when courses are typically offered.

Required Courses: All SOC majors must take the following sociology fundamentals (18 credit hours) and 6 credit hours of experiential sociology.

Students in the general sociology degree also choose 9 credits of social inequality electives for a total of 33 credit hours.

Students in the social research concentration also take 6 credit hours of social inequality electives and the research concentration courses (10 credit hours) for a total of 40 credit hours. One of the experiential courses must be a research focused practicum.

Sociology Fundamentals (take all) (18 credit hours)

- SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3) (Semester I and II) **OR**
- SOC 103 Social Problems (3) (Semester I and II)
- SOC 175 Applying Sociology (3) (Semester II)
- SOC 210 Social Inequality (3) (Semester I and II)
- SOC 205 Understanding Working With Data (3) (Semester II)
- SOC 320 Sociological Theory (3) (Semester II)
- SOC 330 Introduction to Social Research (3) (Semester I) *

Social Inequality (Choose at least three - 9 credit hours minimum)

- SOC 200 The Family: A Global Perspective (3) (Semester I and II)
- SOC 220 Racial and Ethnic Relations (3) (Semester I and II)
- SOC 235 Environmental Sociology (3) (Every other Semester I)
- SOC 245 Pop Culture and Social Change (3) (on sufficient demand)
- SOC 250 Gender Issues in Law and Society (3) (Semester I and II)
- SOC 270 Sociology of Health and Medicine (3)
- SOC 315 Cities and Communities (3) (Semester I)
- Other classes approved by department

Experiential Sociology (6 credit hours)

- SOC 440 Senior Seminar in Sociology I (3) (Semester I) **

AND choose at least three credit hours of the below

- SOC 104 Social Problems Service Learning Lab (1)
- SOC 150 Community Learning and Serving (3)
- SOC 236 Service Learning in Sustainability (1-3)
- SOC 350 Practicum (1-6)
- Other classes approved by department

Social Research Concentration (SRES): students pursuing a BA in sociology with a social research concentration must take all required Sociological Fundamentals (18 hours), Social Inequality (6 credit hours), and Experiential Sociology courses (6 credit hours, at least 3 credit hours of which are a research practicum) plus

- **MATH 220** Elementary Statistics (4)
- **SOC 331** Quantitative Data Analysis (3)
- **SOC 332** Methods of Qualitative Research and Evaluation (3)

* Students who major or minor in Sociology and major or minor in Psychology, Political Science, International Relations, or Communication may count PSY 124 and PSY 125, PSCI 301, or COMM 240 for the SOC 330 requirement. Sociology minors who meet the introductory research course requirement through another discipline will need to take a different sociology course. This is not the case for Sociology majors.

** Seniors who are double majors should speak to the department chair about capstone opportunities.

***At least 3 credits of a practicum that is research related must be taken.

NOTES:

- The Sociology major requires a minimum of 33 hours. A grade of C- (1.7 on a 4.0 scale) or higher is required in all courses applying toward the Sociology Major.
- The Bachelor of Arts Degree requires a minimum of 120 hours.
- See the General Education Core Guide for additional course requirements.
- A student may complete more than one major as long as each major has at least 24 discrete hours. Please see the Academic Catalog for additional details.

REMEMBER: If you have any questions about the Sociology Major requirements, contact a faculty advisor from the Dept. of Sociology (Main Office: 788-3535, Good Hall, Room 219), Dr. Colleen Wynn, Chair of the Dept. of Sociology (Good Hall, Room 219J, wynnc@uindy.edu), or your academic advisor. Courses and requirements sometimes change, so keep in contact with your advisor.