SOCIOLGY, BA

Everyone is part of multiple social groups. Your local community, your ethnic group, your religious organization, your state, your club or team—these are all examples of groups to which you might belong. The Sociology major at UWM offers students a chance to better understand these groups and the people within them. Students explore the social causes and consequences of human behavior, including topics such as political movements, population shifts, housing patterns, racism, gender inequality, the legal system, the medical profession, crime, families, sexuality, workplace organization, food cultures, and more.

UWM students in Sociology can customize their major. Beyond the core courses that all majors take, students have many electives to choose from, and they can take a broad array of courses or become more specialized by choosing electives focused around particular topics of interest. Our graduates are known for their strong knowledge of the field as well as exceptional technical skills that are highly desirable. Sociology is a social science and relies on data, statistics and research to form theories and draw conclusions. Students in UWM’s Sociology program learn how to process, analyze and synthesize large volumes of information in a logical and consistent manner using the latest software tools, a skill that has gotten them noticed by employers from businesses and government agencies that rely on data analysis to make informed decisions.

Sociology is also one of UWM’s majors available entirely online for students that wish to earn their degree from a distance. All classes required for the major can be taken online, or students can mix-and-match and take some online and some traditional classes.

Requirements
Course of Study – Bachelor of Arts Degree

Complete 120 credits including 90 credits in the College of Letters & Science and with 36 of the 90 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered above 300) courses. The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major. Students are also required to complete University-wide General Education Requirements and the specific L&S requirements listed below.

To complete a major, students must satisfy all the requirements of the major as stated in this catalog. Students who declare their majors within five years of entering the UW System as a degree candidate may satisfy the requirements outlined in any catalog issued since the time they entered. Credits used to satisfy the major also may be used to satisfy other degree requirements.

University General Education Requirements (GER)

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| Oral and Written Communication | Part A
Achieve a grade of C or better in the following course: | |
| ENGLISH 102 | College Writing and Research (or equivalent)    | 3       |
| Part B
Course designated as OWC-B; may be completed through a | |
| Quantitative Literacy                                           |         |

Part A
Achieve a grade of C or better in one of the following:

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Course designated as QL-B; may be completed through a major-specific course requirement

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UWM Foreign Language Requirement
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UWM Cultural Diversity Requirement
One course from the Arts, Humanities, or Social Sciences must also satisfy UWM’s Cultural Diversity requirement

Note: Math 111 and Philosophy 111 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

College of Letters & Science Requirements
I. English Composition Requirement
Students must satisfy the English Composition Requirement with one of the following options:

1) Completing ENGLISH 102 with a grade of C or higher; or
2) by placing beyond ENGLISH 102 on the English Placement Test (EPT) (or other assessment as determined by the English Department); or
3) transferring a course of at least 2.5 equivalent credits from another institution that is equivalent to English 102, or a UWM higher-level expository writing course, with a grade of C or higher.

Note: This requirement is the same as the University General Education Requirement for Oral and Written Communication Part A. The College of Letters & Science does not have a specific requirement for a writing course beyond English 102, but students must complete the university-wide requirement for Oral and Written Communication Part B listed above.
II. Mathematics and Formal Reasoning
To satisfy the Mathematics and Formal Reasoning Requirement, students must satisfy the following two requirements:

1. Achieve a Math Placement score of at least 30 or earn at least 3 credits with a grade of C or higher in one of the following courses or an equivalent course:

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1. Math 111 and Philosophy 111 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

Note: This requirement is the same as the University General Education Requirement for Quantitative Literacy Part A, listed above.

2. Complete one course (at least 3 credits) at the 200 level or above chosen from courses in Mathematics, PHILOS 211, or Letters and Science statistics courses:

Complete one of the following:

- 3 or more credits in any 200-level or above Math course
- AFRIC 220 Introduction to Statistics in African and African Diaspora Studies
- ANTHRO 568 Introduction to Anthropological Statistics
- ATM SCI 500 Statistical Methods in Atmospheric Sciences
- BIO SCI 465 Biostatistics
- ECON 210 Economic Statistics
- GEOG 247 Quantitative Analysis in Geography
- HIST 595 The Quantitative Analysis of Historical Data
- MTHSTAT 215 Elementary Statistical Analysis
- PHILOS 211 Elementary Logic
- POL SCI 390 Political Data Analysis
- POL SCI 392 Survey Research
- PSYCH 210 Psychological Statistics
- SOCIOL 261 Introduction to Statistical Thinking in Sociology

Note: This requirement is NOT the same as the University General Education Requirement for Quantitative Literacy Part B. To complete the BA, students must take one of the L&S approved courses. Not all of the courses listed here will satisfy the QL-B requirement.

III. Foreign Language Requirement
Placement testing may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement. Language courses (including American Sign Language) other than English taken in high school may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement. One year of high school language equates to one semester of college work.

Completion of the L&S Language Requirement also satisfies the university-wide Foreign Language GER, but not vice versa.

IV. International Requirement
See Approved Courses for the L&S International Requirement (http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-international-requirement) for course options.

Complete 3 courses (min. 9 cr) in a single foreign language (not including literature-in-translation or American Sign Language) at the 3rd semester level and above

Complete 3 non-language courses (min. 9 credits) with an international content chosen from at least 2 curricular areas.

Complete 9 credits in combination of the two options above.

V. Breadth Requirement
Along with completing the University General Education Requirements of 3 credits in the Arts (A); 6 credits in the Humanities (HU), Social Sciences (SS), and Natural Sciences (NS/NS+); and a course with the Cultural Diversity (CD/+ designation, L&S students must complete the Breadth requirement.

Code    | Title                                           | Credits |
---------|-------------------------------------------------|---------|
Arts     | Select 3 credits                                 | 3       |
Humanities | Complete 12 credits of L&S courses with Humanities Breadth designation; no more than 6 credits from a single subject area. * | 12 |
Social Sciences | Complete 12 credits of L&S Courses with Social Science Breadth designation; no more than 6 credits from a single curricular area. * | 12 |
Natural Sciences | Complete 12 credits of L&S Courses with Natural Sciences Breadth designation, including at least one laboratory or field course; no more than 6 credits from a single curricular area. * | 12 |
Cultural Diversity | Complete 12 credits of L&S Courses with Cultural Diversity | 12 |
Complete 3 credits in a course with Cultural Diversity (CD) designation.  

* Students should check their course selections carefully with the list of approved L&S Breadth Courses (http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/breadth-requirement-course-list). Students are advised to select at least 6 credits worth of courses in each of the Humanities, Social Science, and Natural Sciences areas that can satisfy both the campus-wide General Education Requirements and the L&S Breadth requirement.  

** Students are advised to select a course that satisfies the Cultural Diversity requirement as well as a Humanities or Social Science breadth/GER requirement.

VI. The Major
The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the major attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including any transfer work. Individual departments or programs may require higher GPAs for graduation. Some departmental majors require courses from other departments. Contact your major department for information on whether those credits will count as part of the major GPA. The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major.

Research Requirement
Within their majors, students must complete a research experience approved by the L&S faculty. A list of courses satisfying the research requirement in each major can be found here (http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-research-requirement).

VII. The Minor
The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the minor attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all minor credits attempted, including any transfer work.

Sociology Major Requirements
Students must complete at least 15 upper-division (numbered 300 and above) credits in the major in residence at UWM. The College requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA on all credits in the major attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including any transfer work.

The major in sociology requires a minimum of 30 credits including the following:

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<td>Modern Sociological Theory</td>
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Additional Requirements
Select 18 additional credits

Total Credits 30

\(^1\) With the approval of the undergraduate advisor, students who have completed an elementary statistics course in another discipline may be exempted from the SOCIOL 261 requirement.

At least 15 credits must be in upper-division (300 level and above) sociology courses taken in residence at UWM.

 Majors who began their university undergraduate studies between 1998-99 and summer 2006 may need to complete different requirements. Please contact the Sociology Department for further information.

Students in the Schools of Education and Social Welfare should consult their programs regarding social science requirements.

Sociology courses often are cross-listed with several certificate programs and interdepartmental majors.

Declare Your Sociology Major with a Faculty Advisor
Students wishing to declare a Sociology major may do so in-person or on-line. For more information, please visit this page (http://uwm.edu/sociology/undergraduate/declare-major-minor).

Letters & Science Advising
The College of Letters and Science provides general academic advising for all students with a major in the College, particularly as it relates to campus’ general education requirements and the College’s degree requirements. We also provide specialized advising for pre-professional students (pre-med, pre-dental, pre-pharmacy, etc.) regardless if their major is in Letters and Science or not. Prospective students, including high school students and students seeking to transfer to a program in Letters and Science may also receive advising from our admissions counselors.

Upon admission, students are assigned an advisor in the College advising office. Academic advising is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by appointment. Appointments outside of these times may be available and phone appointments are available for online students. The advising office (https://uwm.edu/letters-science/advising/contact-advising) is located on the first floor of Holton Hall. Current students should call (414) 229-4654 to schedule an appointment or use the Student Success Collaborative website (https://uwmilwaukee.campus.eab.com) to make an appointment with your assigned advisor; online scheduling is only available if you already have a Letters & Science advisor assigned to you. Prospective students should call (414) 229-7711 or email let-sci@uwm.edu.

When students declare a major, they will receive an additional faculty advisor located within the major department who will assist with requirements for that major. Students should read the “Declaration of Major” information on the website of the major that they are interested in. In some cases, the student will need to choose a faculty advisor as part of the declaration process.

All students are cautioned to consult their Letters & Science academic advisor AND their major advisor prior to each registration period to ensure they understand all requirements. Do not rely on pre-printed sample plans, as they are intended to be samples only and may not be right for your particular situation.
Honors in the Major

Sociology majors who have maintained at least a 3.000 GPA overall, a 3.500 GPA in all courses attempted for the major, and a 3.50 in all advanced-level (numbered 300 and above) courses attempted for the major are awarded the distinction “Honors in the Major” when they graduate. An “Honors in the Major” notation will appear on the student’s transcript.

Sociology Honor Society & Awards

In addition, majors and minors who maintained at least a 3.000 GPA overall and a 3.300 GPA in courses taken for the major are invited to join Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honor Society. Sociology faculty members annually select academically talented majors or minors for both the “Distinguished Scholar Award” as well as the “Joan W. Moore Service Scholar Award.” Both awards are presented to an accomplished junior or senior in the major or minor each spring at the department’s award ceremony.

Honors in the College of Letters and Science

Dean’s Honor List

GPA of 3.750 or above, earned on a full-time student’s GPA on 12 or more graded credits in a given semester.

Honors Degree and Honors Degree with Thesis

Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College requirements, as listed in the Honors College (http://catalog.uwm.edu/opportunities-resources/honors-college) section of this site.

Commencement Honors

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or above, based on a minimum of 40 graded UWM credits earned prior to the final semester, will receive all-university commencement honors and be awarded the traditional gold cord at the December or May Honors Convocation. Please note that for honors calculation, the GPA is not rounded and is truncated at the third decimal (e.g., 3.499).

Final Honors

Earned on a minimum of 60 graded UWM credits: Cum Laude - 3.500 or above; Magna Cum Laude - 3.650 or above; Summa Cum Laude - 3.800 or above.

Contact Information

Current Students contact the Department directly, sociology@uwm.edu
Prospective Students contact a Letters & Science Admissions Counselor at (414) 229-7711 or let-sci@uwm.edu
https://uwm.edu/sociology/undergraduate/