Sociology, BA

Everyone is part of multiple social groups. Your local community, your ethnic group, your religious organization, your workplace, your team, your family - 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. 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 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. Many sociology courses are cross-listed with other certificate programs and interdepartmental majors.

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 the 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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<td>Select 6 credits (at least two courses including one lab)</td>
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UWM Foreign Language Requirement

Complete Foreign Language Requirement through:

- Two years (high school) of a single foreign language
- Two semesters (college) of a single foreign language
- Or equivalent

UWM Cultural Diversity Requirement

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

¹ 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
II. Mathematics and Formal Reasoning
To satisfy the Mathematics and Formal Reasoning Requirement, students must satisfy the following two requirements:

1. Achieve a placement code of at least 30 on the mathematics placement test (or other appropriate test, as determined by the Mathematical Sciences Department) or earn at least 3 credits with a grade of C or higher in one of the following courses or an equivalent course:

   - MATH 102: Mathematical Literacy for College Students II (3 credits)
   - MATH 103: Contemporary Applications of Mathematics (3 credits)
   - MATH 105: Introduction to College Algebra (3 credits)
   - MATH 108: Algebraic Literacy II (3 credits)
   - MATH 111: Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning
     or PHILOS 111: Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning (3 credits)
   - MATH 116: College Algebra (3 credits)
   - MATH 175: Mathematical Explorations for Elementary Teachers I (3 credits)

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
   - 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.

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

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

IV. International Requirement
See Approved Courses for the L&S International Requirement (https://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 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.

Complete 12 credits of L&S courses with Humanities Breadth designation; no more than 6 credits from a single subject area.

Complete 12 credits of L&S Courses with Social Science Breadth designation; no more than 6 credits from a single curricular area.

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.

Cultural Diversity
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 (https://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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**Additional Requirements**

Select 21 additional credits

| Total Credits | 30 |

1 PSYCH 210 shall be accepted as a substitute for SOCIOL 261 to fulfill the statistics requirement for students majoring in Sociology. With the approval of the undergraduate advisor, majors may substitute a different elementary statistics course from another discipline for the SOCIOL 261 requirement.

2 SOCIOL 261 fulfills the College of Letters & Science "Mathematics and Formal Reasoning" requirement AND the UWM Quantitative Literacy - B (QL-B) requirement.

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

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**

Advising for the major takes place within the department by a faculty member. Click on "Declare Your Major (https://uwm.edu/sociology/students/undergraduates/declare-your-major/)") to fill out an application to join the program. Then, a faculty advisor will review your transcript and reach out to you to let you know exactly where you are in your progress toward the degree. If you are unable to complete the online request form or for any other questions, please email sociology@uwm.edu.

Applicants who have not started classes at UWM yet who wish to change their major should contact our admissions counselor at let-sci@uwm.edu.

**Letters & Science Advising**

During your time at UWM, you may have multiple members of your success team, including advisors, peer mentors, and success coaches. Letters and Science students typically work with at least two different types of advisors as they pursue their degrees: professional College Advisors and Faculty Advisors. L&S College Advisors advise across your entire degree program while departmental Faculty Advisors focus on the major.

**College Advisors** are located in Holton Hall and serve as your primary advisor. They are your point person for your questions about navigating college and completing your degree. College Advisors will:

- assist you in defining your academic and life goals;
- help you create an educational plan that is consistent with those goals;
- assist you in understanding curriculum, major and degree requirements for graduation, as well as university policies and procedures;
- provide you with information about campus and community resources and refer you to those resources as appropriate; and
- monitor your progress toward graduation and completion of requirements.

**Faculty Advisors** mentor students in the major and assist them in maximizing their development in the program. You will begin working with a Faculty Advisor when you declare your major. Faculty Advisors are an important partner and will:

- help you understand major requirements and course offerings in the department;
• explain opportunities for internships and undergraduate research and
guide you in obtaining those experiences; and
• serve as an excellent resource as you consider potential graduate
programs and career paths in your field.

Students are encouraged to meet with both their College Advisor and
Faculty Advisor at least once each semester. Appointments are available
in-person, by phone or by video.

Currently enrolled students should use the Navigate website (https://
uwm.guide.eab.com/) to make an appointment with your assigned
advisor or call (414) 229-4654 if you do not currently have an assigned
Letters & Science advisor. Prospective students who haven't enrolled in
classes yet should call (414) 229-7711 or email let-sci@uwm.edu.

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 3.500 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 3.300 GPA
overall and a 3.000 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.

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 College Degree and Honors
College Degree with Distinction
Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College
requirements, as listed in the Honors College (https://catalog.uwm.edu/
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.