SOCIOLOGY, MINOR

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 minor 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 minor. Beyond the core courses that everyone takes, 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. 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.

The Sociology minor is available entirely online for students that wish to earn their degree from a distance. All classes required for the minor can be taken online, or students can mix-and-match and take some online and some traditional classes.

Requirements

Students must complete at least 9 upper-division (numbered 300 and above) credits in the minor in residence at UWM. The College requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA on 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.

The minor in sociology requires 18 credits distributed as follows:

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<td>SOCIOL 261</td>
<td>Introduction to Statistical Thinking in Sociology</td>
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<td>SOCIOL 361</td>
<td>Research Methods in Sociology</td>
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<td>SOCIOL 375</td>
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<td>Select any two additional sociology courses at the 300 level or above (minimum 6 credits)</td>
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Electives

Select 3 credits of SOCIOL at any level | 3 |

Total Credits | 18 |

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

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

3. Students who major in a social science discipline which requires a social science methods course in that major, and who minor in Sociology, may be exempted from the requirement of taking the methods class SOCIOL 361. This exemption shall automatically be granted for Social Welfare, Criminology, and Psychology majors minoring in Sociology. Because this is an exemption and not a substitution, affected Sociology minors must take an additional elective at the level of 300 or above in place of SOCIOL 361.

Declare Your Sociology Minor with a Faculty Advisor

Sociology advising is currently taking place online. Virtual appointments are available upon request. For more information, please visit this page [https://uwm.edu/sociology/undergraduate/declare-your-minor/](https://uwm.edu/sociology/undergraduate/declare-your-minor/).

Contact Information

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Prospective Students contact a Letters & Science Admissions Counselor at (414) 229-7711 or let-sci@uwm.edu

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