SOCILOGY, 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>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

1. With the approval of the undergraduate advisor, minors may substitute an elementary statistics course from another discipline for the SOCIOL 261 requirement.
2. Those who have completed a methods course in a related discipline may be exempted from the SOCIOL 361 requirement, with the approval of the undergraduate advisor. Students who receive exemption from SOCIOL 361 must take an additional upper-division Sociol course for the minor.

Declare Your Sociology Minor with a Faculty Advisor

Students wishing to declare a Sociology minor may do so in-person or online. For more information, please visit this page (https://uwm.edu/sociology/undergraduate/declare-your-minor/).

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

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