

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

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Summary of Degree Requirements

- **University Requirements:**
 - MATH 0701 (4 s.h.) and/or ENG 0701 (4 s.h.), if required by placement testing.
 - All Temple students must take a minimum of two writing-intensive courses as part of the major. The specific courses required for this major are SOC 3396 and SOC 4096.
 - Students must complete requirements of the General Education (GenEd) Program. See the General Education section of the *Undergraduate Bulletin* for more details.
- **College of Liberal Arts Requirements:**
 - Completion of a minimum of 123 credits, including:
 - 90 credits in CLA/CST courses;
 - 45 credits of which must be at the upper level (numbered 2000-4999).
 - For **Social Science majors**, 6 upper level credits (numbered 2000-4999) must be taken in Humanities Subject Areas: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Greek (Ancient), Greek and Roman Classics, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Philosophy, Religion, Russian, and Spanish in the College of Liberal Arts, Art History in the Tyler School of Art and Architecture, or any department in the College of Science and Technology.
 - A minimum GPA of 2.0, cumulatively, in CLA/CST coursework, and in the major.
 - Only courses in which a student receives a grade of at least C- can satisfy GenEd, major, minor, or CLA Foreign Language and Global Studies requirements.
- **Professional Development Requirement**
 - All students in the College of Liberal Arts are required to take a 1 credit seminar in professional development. CLA 1002 Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors is the appropriate course option for this major. Other courses that fulfill this requirement may be found on the CLA College Requirements page. Only one course in this category may count towards graduation.
- **Foreign Language/Global Studies Requirements:**
 - All students must complete or test out of the first and second levels of a foreign language - these courses are numbered 1001 and 1002;
 - All students must complete at least one course from the GenEd Global/World Society category; and
 - All Bachelor of Arts students must complete one of the following options:
 - Third semester of a foreign language;
 - Demonstrated proficiency beyond the third semester in a foreign language (placement exam or certification from the language department);
 - Take one Global Studies course from the list on the CLA College Requirements page;
 - Study Abroad at an approved program; or
 - Take a second General Education Global/World Society course.
- **Notes on Foreign Language Study**
 - The third level of language is numbered 1003 in French, German, Spanish, and Portuguese and numbered 2001 in all other foreign language subjects.
 - Students are strongly encouraged to take the third level of a foreign language as it is the minimum required for election to the prestigious honor society *Phi Beta Kappa*. (Taking the course does not guarantee admission but not taking it guarantees exclusion.)
 - See the College of Liberal Arts Policies section of this *Bulletin* for more information on the Foreign Language Placement, Regression in Coursework, and guidelines for students' other experiences with language.

General Electives are typically one-third of a student's program of study and can be focused on a second major, a minor, or towards some other personal enrichment or professional goals. See an academic advisor for assistance in developing an academic plan for these courses.

Major Requirements (36 credits):

Code	Title	Credit Hours
SOC 1176	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 3201	Statistical Methods in Sociology ¹	4
SOC 3261	Research Design and Methods ¹	4
SOC 3396	Development of Sociological Thought	3
SOC 4001	Qualitative Research ²	4

or SOC 4002	Data Analysis	
SOC 4096	Senior Seminar ³	3
Two Sociology electives at the 2000 level or above		6
Three Sociology electives at the 3000 level or above		9
Total Credit Hours		36

¹ Students must take SOC 3201 prior to (or concurrently with) SOC 3261.

² Students must complete SOC 3201 and SOC 3261 before taking either of the advanced methods courses, SOC 4001 or SOC 4002.

³ Indicates writing capstone for the major.

Distinction in Major

Sociology majors graduate with distinction in the major if they have a GPA of 3.5 or higher in the major and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25.

Suggested Academic Plan

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Requirements for New Students starting in the 2021-2022 Academic Year

Year 1		Credit Hours
Fall		
ENG 0802, 0812, or 0902	Analytical Reading and Writing [GW]	4
GenEd Quantitative Literacy Course [GQ]		4
Foreign Language 1001 - first level		4
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Term Credit Hours		15
Spring		
IH 0851 or 0951	Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life [GY]	3
Foreign Language 1002 - second level		4
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
SOC 1176	Introduction to Sociology	3
Term Credit Hours		16
Year 2		
Fall		
IH 0852 or 0952	Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good [GZ]	3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Sociology 2000+ Course		3
Select one of the following:		3
Foreign Language - third level		
GenEd Global/World Society Course [GG]		
Internationally Focused Course From Approved List		
Term Credit Hours		15
Spring		
CLA 1002	Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors	1
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
SOC 3201	Statistical Methods in Sociology	4
CLA/CST 2000+ Course		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		1
Term Credit Hours		15
Year 3		
Fall		

CLA/CST 2000+ Humanities/CST Course		3
SOC 3396	Development of Sociological Thought [WI]	3
SOC 3261	Research Design and Methods	4
Sociology 2000+ Course		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Elective		3
Term Credit Hours		16
Spring		
CLA/CST 2000+ Humanities/CST Course		3
Sociology 3000+ Course		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
Sociology 3000+ Course		3
Term Credit Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
Sociology 3000+ Course		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Elective		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
Select one Advanced Methods course from: ¹		4
SOC 4001	Qualitative Research	
SOC 4002	Data Analysis	
Term Credit Hours		16
Spring		
SOC 4096	Senior Seminar [WI]	3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College		3
One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College		3
Term Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours:		123

¹ SOC 4001 is only offered in the spring and SOC 4002 only in the fall; plan to take *prior* to SOC 4096. See advisor for course selection.

** Please check prerequisites for all Sociology courses.