

# Sociology (BA)

## Degree Requirements

Majors in Arts and Sciences may be completed with a minimum of 120 semester hours unless designated otherwise. At least 30 hours of course work, which represents 25% of the required 120 hours, must be at the upper division level in order to fulfill the University's residency requirement. At least 15 of the 30 upper-division hours must be in the major or concentration area. An overall grade-point-average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for graduation. In addition, a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in the student's major or concentration area.

Requirements For A Major In Sociology	Credit Hours
A minimum of 33 semester hours in Sociology, including:	33
SY 109	
SY 112	
SY 376	
SY 381	
SY 382	
AN 100 or 101	
At least 15 of the 33 semester hours required for a major must be taken in upper division courses (300-400 level).	
SY 475 is recommended for students contemplating graduate work.	
No more than six semester hours of Directed Studies may be used in meeting the major requirements. Students pursuing a degree in Sociology also must have a minor in another discipline.	

### General Education Requirements For Sociology Majors

General Education Requirements for Sociology majors are specified in the College of Arts and Sciences section. Note that Area IV is partially satisfied by the major requirements specified above.

## Department Information

Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work website  
<https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/artsandsci/syansw/>

### Departmental Mission Statement

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work seeks to equip students with conceptual tools to enhance their social and cultural awareness and with methodological tools to obtain empirical knowledge to empower them to engage in improvement of social conditions. Acknowledging the inextricable link between teaching and scholarly research, we strive for excellence in both areas to unite students and faculty in a common experience of learning and discovery through pure and applied research to prepare students for service through careers and civic engagement.

### Undergraduate Programs

Sociology is the scientific study of social behavior and social phenomena. Our program seeks to provide students with knowledge and insight about why groups, institutions, organizations, and societies (and the people in them) behave in the ways they do. Popular courses within the program address such diverse social phenomena as Drug Use, Marriage and Family, Culture, Religion, Crime and Deviance, Medicine, Disasters, Race, Gender, and Aging. We also focus on equipping students with the tools of social research methods and statistics - two very highly-sought-after skills in today's labor market.

Anthropology is the study of humans, past and present. To understand the full sweep and complexity of cultures across all of human history, anthropology draws and builds upon knowledge from the social and biological sciences as well as the humanities and physical sciences. A central concern of anthropologists is the application of knowledge to the solution of human problems. Historically, anthropologists in the United States have been trained in one of four areas: archaeology, biological/physical anthropology, sociocultural anthropology, and linguistic anthropology. Anthropologists often integrate the perspectives of several of these areas into their professional lives.

Social work is a social science and a profession devoted to helping people solve problems and issues in their lives. Social workers, help individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities to achieve an effective level of psychosocial functioning and seek social reform to improve societal well being, with an emphasis upon marginalized and oppressed communities. Social work is founded upon the ethical principles of service; social and economic justice; personal dignity and worth; the importance of human relationships; integrity; and competence.

All first-time freshmen must successfully complete CAS 100: First Year Experience as a degree requirement. Students must enroll during their first term at USA, except for summer-entry students who must enroll in the fall semester following entry.

SY 382 will fulfill the technology proficiency requirement for Sociology and Social Work majors.

AN 454 will fulfill the technology proficiency requirement for Anthropology majors.