

# Sociology (BA)

## Degree Requirements

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### General Education Requirements (53-57 Hours)

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#### Area I - Written Composition (2 Courses, 6 Hours)

- A. 3 hours: EH 101
- B. 3 hours: EH 102

#### Area II - Humanities & Fine Arts (4 Courses, 15 Hours)

- A. 3 hours: CA 110
- B. 3 hours from: EH 215, EH 216, EH 225, EH 226, EH 235, EH 236
- C. 3 hours from: ARH 100, ARH 103, ARH 123, ARS 101, DRA 110, MUL 101
- D. 6 hours from: AFR 101, ARH 100, ARH 103, ARH 123, ARH 203, ARS 101, CLA 110, DRA 110, EH 215, EH 216, EH 225, EH 226, EH 235, EH 236, LG 101, LG 102, LG 111, LG 112, LG 121, LG 122, LG 131, LG 132, LG 141, LG 142, LG 151, LG 152, LG 153, LG 171, LG 172, LG 173, LG 201, LG 202, LG 211, LG 212, LG 213, LG 221, LG 222, LG 231, LG 232, LG 234, LG 241, LG 242, 251, LG 252, LG 271, LG 272, LG 273, LGS 101, LGS 102, LGS 106, LGS 107, LGS 110, LGS 111, LGS 131, LGS 141, LGS 142, LGS 161, LGS 162, LGS 171, LGS 172, LGS 181, LGS 182, LGS 201, LGS 202, LGS 206, LGS 207, LGS 210, LGS 211, LGS 241, LGS 242, LGS 261, LGS 262, LGS 281, LGS 282, MUL 101, PHL 110, PHL 120, PHL 121, PHL 131, PHL 231, PHL 240, REL 100, REL 200, REL 201

#### Area III – Natural Sciences & Mathematics (3 Courses & Labs, 11-14 Hours)

- A. 3-4 hours from: MA 110, MA 112, MA 113, MA 115, MA 120, MA 125, MA 126, MA 227, MA 237, MA 238
- B. 8-10 hours from: AN 121 & AN 121L, BLY 101 & BLY 101L or BLY 121 & BLY 121L, BLY 102 & BLY 102L or BLY 122 & BLY 122L, CH 101 & CH 101L, CH 103 & CH 103L, CH 131 & CH 131L, CH 132 & CH 132L, GEO 101 & GEO 101L, GEO 102 & GEO 102L, GY 111 & GY 111L, GY 112 & GY 112L, MAS 134 & MAS 134L, PH 101 & PH 101L, PH 104 & PH 104L, PH 114 & PH 114L, PH 115 & PH 115L, PH 201 & PH 201L, PH 202 & PH 202L

#### Area IV – History, Social & Behavioral Sciences (4 Courses, 12 Hours)

- A. 3 hours from: HY 101, HY 102, HY 135, HY 136
- B. 9 hours from: AN 100, AN 101, CA 100, CA 211, CJ 105, ECO 215, ECO 216, GEO 114, GEO 115, GS 101, HY 101, HY 102, HY 135, HY 136, IS 100, IST 201, NAS 101, PSC 130, PSY 120, PSY 250, SY 109, SY 112

#### Area V (3 Courses, 9-10 Hours)

- A. Foreign Language. 6 hours from any one group:

LG 101 & LG 102, LGS 106 & LGS 107, LGS 110 & LGS 111, LG 111 & LG 112 or proficiency test or LG 113, LG 121 & LG 122, LG 131 & LG 132 or proficiency test or LG 134, LGS 131 & LGS 132, LG 141 & LG 142, LGS 141 & LGS 142, LG 151 & LG 152 or proficiency test or LG 153, LGS 161 & LGS 162, LG 171 & LG 172 or LG 173, LGS 171 & LGS 172, LGS 181 & LGS 182

Students may fulfill the foreign language requirement by passing a proficiency test offered by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages at the level equivalent to the second semester of the foreign language sequence, or by passing another test (e.g., AP (Advanced Placement) or CLEP (College Level Examination Program) at the equivalent level). Students who pass a proficiency test at the level equivalent to first semester of the foreign language sequence are required to complete only the second semester and will fulfill the foreign language requirement with 3 credit hours of course work.

- B. Natural Sciences/Math. 3-4 hour lab science or math/stat course from:

AN 121 & AN 121L, BLY 101 & BLY 101L or BLY 121 & BLY 121L, BLY 102 & BLY 102L or BLY 122 & BLY 122L, CH 101 & CH 101L, CH 103 & CH 103L, CH 131 & CH 131L, CH 132 & CH 132L, GEO 101 & GEO 101L, GEO 102 & GEO 102L, GY 111 & GY 111L, GY 112 & GY 112L, MAS 134 & MAS 134L, PH 101 & PH 101L, PH 104 & PH 104L, PH 114 & PH 114L, PH 115 & PH 115L, PH 201 & PH 201L, PH 202 & PH 202L, ST 210, MA 113- 299 (except 201 and 202).

Students must complete a 6 credit hour sequence either in literature (Area II – EH 215 & EH 216, EH 225 & EH 226, or EH 235 & EH 236) or history (Area IV – HY 101 & HY 102 or HY 135 & HY 136)

All undergraduates must complete two designated writing credit (W) courses, at least one of which must be in the student's major or minor.

### Major Requirements (33 Hours)

#### Sociology (BA): (11 Courses, 33 Hours)

- A. 18 hours: SY 109, SY 112, SY 406, SY 407, SY 409, AN 100 or AN 101
- B. 15 hours from: 5 SY electives

#### Minor Requirements (18-24 Hours)

A minor is required for this degree program

#### Notes:

### Additional Information

## Graduation Plan

### Sociology (BA) : (33 Total Hours)

#### First Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
SY 109	Introduction to Sociology	3
Math	MA 110 or higher	3
EH 101*	English Composition I	3
CAS 100	First Year Experience-College Success	2
Natural Sci with Lab		4
Total Hours		15

#### First Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
SY 112	Social Problems	3
EH 102 or Honors	English Composition II	3
Natural Sci with Lab		4

History	US or Western Civilization	3
Fine Arts Elective		3
Total Hours		16

**Second Year - Fall Semester**

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
CA 110	Public Speaking	3
Natural Sci with Lab		4
English Literature		3
Humanities Elective		3
AN 100 or AN 101	Intro to Cultural Anthropology or Intro to Archaeology	3
Total Hours		16

**Second Year - Spring Semester**

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
SY Elective	Choose any 200 or 300 level SY elective	3
Humanities Elective**		3
SY Elective		3
Minor Course		3
Elective		3
Total Hours		15

**Third Year - Fall Semester**

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
SY 407	Research Methods (Fall only)	3
SY Elective	Choose any 300-400 level SY elective	3
Minor Course		3
Foreign Language I		3
Minor Course		3
Total Hours		15

**Third Year - Spring Semester**

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
SY 409	Research Analysis (Spring only)	3

SY 406	Modern Sociological Theory	3
Elective		3
Minor Course		3
Foreign Language II		3
Total Hours		15

#### Fourth Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
SY Elective	300 or 400 level; if not taken previously, recommended SY 372 (W), SY 421 (W), or SY 445 (W) to fulfill writing requirement for major	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Minor Course		3
Minor Course		3
Total Hours		15

#### Fourth Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
SY 475* or SY 496*	*SY 475 or *SY 496 recommended courses (see below)	3
Elective		3
Minor Course		3
Minor Course		3
Total Hours		

#### Notes

\*Recommended Courses:

\*SY 475 Development of Sociological Theory (SY 475 - recommended for students applying to graduate programs) or

\*SY 496 Sociology Internship (SY 496 - recommended for students planning to enter the workforce immediately after graduation)

\*\* See Degree Requirements

## Department Information

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

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## Departmental Mission Statement

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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.

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## Undergraduate Programs

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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 Social Work majors.
- SY 409 will fulfill the technology proficiency requirement for Sociology majors.
- AN 454 will fulfill the technology proficiency requirement for Anthropology majors.

The Department also offers an accelerated bachelor's to master's degree in sociology. For general information see the Graduate School, Admission Requirements and Procedures, Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's Program