

## **ADVISING PARTNERSHIP: You and the Sociology Advisor**

The Department of Sociology and Criminology has appointed one advisor for all Sociology majors. You must meet with the appointed advisor prior to registration. Only the Sociology Advisor is authorized by the department to sign your registration approval forms. Please do not ask other professors to do this for you.

Currently, Dr. LaFountain is the Sociology Advisor. Contact him via [marcl@westga.edu](mailto:marcl@westga.edu) or at 678.839.6329. His office is in 228 Pafford.

The objective of the advising partnership is to provide you with excellent advising and to assist you in being informed about and responsible for your academic career while you are a Sociology major at UWG.

### **What you need to do each semester:**

1. Read the Undergraduate Catalog on the requirements for a Sociology degree. The catalog is your contract with the University and it is essential you know your contract. You may elect to use the catalog of the year you declared your major or the most current catalog (but you can't combine parts of each – use one or the other).
2. Maintain a file with updated copies of:
  - Your program sheet. Write in pencil (so information can be easily changed) the courses that are being placed in each area of Core A-F as well as all courses being used as Major courses, Supporting Courses or Minor, and Electives
  - A copy of your most current transcript
  - If you are a transfer student, a copy of your UWG transfer transcript
3. Prior to preregistration, identify the courses you want/need to take. The advisor will assist and guide you, but it is important that you make an effort to determine as best you can which courses you will register for and why those courses.
4. Bring your updated file when you meet with the advisor.

### **Please note the following:**

You must complete SOCI 4000, 4003, and 4053 *before* the semester of graduation and before enrolling in SOCI 4984.

You cannot enroll in “Preparing for Success in Sociology” if you have taken 2 or more upper division Sociology Courses. This course is designed to be taken early in your major in order to orient you to the discipline and careers in Sociology.

You must complete two (2) WAC courses. One WAC course must be in your Major. SOCI 4984W is a WAC course and is offered every semester. Your second WAC

course can be another SOCI course or an upper level course Supporting, Minor or Elective course.

SOCI 4981 (Directed Readings) is an independent study course that allows you to study material that goes beyond a course you've already taken OR to study material where no such course is offered in the department. SOCI 4981 should not be used if a course is already offered and you are simply trying to take it as a way to solve a scheduling problem. Also, prior to registration, you must select a professor who will work with you; we do not have a list of directed study courses that you can pick from. You and your advisor must sign the required "variable credit forms" *prior* to your preregistration. Bring a copy when you see the advisor to develop your schedule.

If you alter the schedule that the advisor signs and places in your file, and the alteration you make creates problems, it is your responsibility to deal with the problems created by your actions.

### **Information on careers and advanced studies**

Visit the website of the American Sociological Association ([www.asanet.org](http://www.asanet.org)) and look for information for sociology majors.

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