

ABOUT THE MAJOR

Sociology is the scientific study of society and human behavior. Through the use of both research and theories, sociologists develop understandings of complex forms of human behavior. Students in the BS degree program in Sociology have key opportunities to engage in high-impact practices like diversity and global learning courses, internships, study abroad, collaborative assignments, and conducting research with professors. Such experiences equip students with top job skills desired by today's employers, including data literacy, critical thinking, effective oral and written communication, cultural intelligence, and empathy. Upon graduation, students are prepared for advanced graduate and professional school education and for entrance into the job market in business, government, non-profit organizations, and social services work.

ABOUT THIS MAP

This program map is intended ONLY as a guide for students to plan their course of study. It does NOT replace any information in the Undergraduate Catalog, which is the official guide for completing degree requirements. Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UWG, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

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HAVE A QUESTION?
CHECK IN WITH
YOUR ADVISOR!



WHERE CAN YOU GO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- Community Health Worker
- Diversity Manager
- HR Coordinator
- Learning & Development Specialist
- Market Research Analyst
- Paralegal
- Public Relations Specialist
- School Counselor
- Social Worker
- Urban Planner

ADD A CERTIFICATE

- Cultural Heritage Management
- Data Science
- Global Languages and Cultures
- Human Rights Advocacy
- Social Diversity
- Social Science Research Skills
- Social Services

HONORS COLLEGE

Consider joining if you have an Overall GPA of 3.2 and earned 15 college credit hours!

SOCIOLOGY

Bachelor of Science

60

CORE CREDIT HOURS

36

MAJOR CREDIT HOURS

24

ELECTIVE CREDIT HOURS



UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

2024-2025

YEAR 1

TERM 1: FALL

- C1: ENGL 1101** 3 CREDIT HOURS
English Composition I
- M: MATH 1001** 3 CREDIT HOURS
Quantitative Skills and Reasoning
- P2: POLS 1101** 3 CREDIT HOURS
American Government
- F: SOCI 1101** 3 CREDIT HOURS
Intro to Sociology
- A: HUMANITIES** 3 CREDIT HOURS

TERM 2: SPRING

- C2: ENGL 1102** 3 CREDIT HOURS
English Composition II
- S1 OR P1** 3 CREDIT HOURS
World or US History
- A: HUMANITIES** 3 CREDIT HOURS
- I1: ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** 3 CREDIT HOURS
- T1: SCIENCE + LAB** 4 CREDIT HOURS

15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 16 SPRING CREDIT HOURS
= 31 CREDIT HOURS

CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK

- Ensure a focus on Core IMPACTS courses.
- Take SOCI 1101: Introductory Sociology as soon as possible. It's a pre-requisite for all upper-division Sociology courses.
- Take courses that will assist you in mastering your later Sociology coursework (those with a focus on writing, critical thinking skills).

FIND YOUR PLACE

- Attend orientation events.
- Start building relationships early (find your roommate on social media).
- Build your network: search for Facebook groups for incoming freshmen, the Sociology Program and its student groups, and athletic teams or other groups of interest to you at UWG.
- Attend events and traditions at UWG (football game, Wolfstock).

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

- Explore diversity, equity, and inclusion resources and opportunities across campus.
- Check out the education abroad office.

CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Visit Wolves Vote to learn about the voting process and registration.
- Consider volunteering for a campaign or organization in your community.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Visit the UWG Wellness Hub to find all the resources available to you!
- Visit Health Services.
- Get fit! Visit URec to see all your options.
- Visit the Center for Economic Education and Financial Literacy.

PAVE YOUR PATH

- Complete a self-assessment to see what careers and majors are right for you.
- Visit Office of Career and Graduate School Connections.
- Create your profile on Handshake.
- Consider applying for an on-campus job.

YEAR 2

TERM 1: FALL

- S1 OR P1** 3 CREDIT HOURS
World or US History
- T2: NON-LAB SCIENCE** 3 CREDIT HOURS
- S2: SOCIAL SCIENCE** 3 CREDIT HOURS
- I2: INSTITUTIONAL OPTIONS** 2 CREDIT HOURS
- F: MAJOR COURSE** 3 CREDIT HOURS

TERM 2: SPRING

- T3: STEM COURSE** 3 CREDIT HOURS
- F: MAJOR COURSE** 3 CREDIT HOURS
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= 29 CREDIT HOURS

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- Make sure you understand the requirements of the major—see an Advisor if you need help.
- Take the required major Sociology courses in separate semesters (one per semester) (SOCI 4000, 4003, and 4053).
- Try not to overwhelm yourself—take some of your more challenging courses mixed with less challenging ones.
- Visit the UWG Writing Center and make Ingram Library your second home — feel familiar with the research process.
- Consider taking summer courses to assist in your progression.

FIND YOUR PLACE

- Get involved in extracurricular activities.
- Join the Sociology student organization and learn more about their honor society, Alpha Kappa Delta.
- Connect with your College: offer to serve on the CACSI Study Advisory Committee.
- Give back: volunteer!
- Attend UWG Scholars Day.

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

- In a student organization? Suggest you all complete an implicit bias workshop.
- Consider a study abroad program. Check out students' stories of their experiences.

CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Complete an internship in your field.
- Consider a summer or part-time job.
- Ask your department about networking opportunities with alumni.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Take a fitness class, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.
- Consider whether counseling is right for you: take a mental health screening.

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- Learn about how to network on social media and update your Handshake profile.
- Draft your personal statement.
- Visit the graduate school to find out about graduate programs and admission requirements.

TERM 1: FALL

SOCI 4053 3 CREDIT HOURS
Sociological Theory

SOCI COURSES 3 CREDIT HOURS
Upper Division SOCI Elective

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Upper Division SOCI Elective

MINOR/ELECTIVES 6 CREDIT HOURS
6 Hours of Supporting Classes, Minor Classes or Electives as Needed

TERM 2: SPRING

SOCI 4000 3 CREDIT HOURS
Research Methodology

SOCI COURSES 3 CREDIT HOURS
Upper Division SOCI Elective

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Upper Division SOCI Elective

MINOR/ELECTIVES 6 CREDIT HOURS
6 Hours of Supporting Classes, Minor Classes or Electives as Needed

MILESTONE:
• PREREQUISITES FOR SOCI 4015 ANALYZING AND VISUALIZING DATA AND INTERNSHIP HAVE BEEN MET.

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SOCI 4003 3 CREDIT HOURS
Applied Statistics

SOCI COURSES 3 CREDIT HOURS
Upper Division SOCI Elective

MINOR/ELECTIVES 6 CREDIT HOURS
6 Hours of Supporting Classes, Minor Classes or Electives as Needed

DIVERSITY REQUIREMENT 3 CREDIT HOURS
If Not Already Met. (SOCI 3543, 3603, 3623, 3943, 4323 or 4543)

MILESTONE:
• COMPLETES SOCIOLOGY AREA B

TERM 2: SPRING

SOCI 4984 3 CREDIT HOURS
Capstone Senior Seminar

SOCI COURSES 3 CREDIT HOURS
Upper Division SOCI Elective

SOCI COURSES 3 CREDIT HOURS
Upper Division SOCI Elective

MINOR/ELECTIVES 6 CREDIT HOURS
6 Hours of Supporting Classes, Minor Classes or Electives as Needed

MILESTONE:
• COMPLETES SOCIOLOGY AREAS C, D, AND E

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CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK

- Take SOCI 4984: Capstone Senior Seminar in your final semester.
- If you choose to do an internship, be sure to speak with the Internship Coordinator for information on requirements for placement and of the course.
- Explore courses outside the major (consider a minor).
- Take full advantage of the professional advice in Capstone: Senior Seminar course.
- Attend seminars and/or information sessions and workshops focused on graduate school or getting employment.

FIND YOUR PLACE

- Take advantage of the many experiential learning labs at UWG.
- Consider mentoring new Sociology majors.
- Get a jump-start on your career: take full advantage of the UWG career center (resume building; interview practice; job repository; borrow a suit for your interview).

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

- Assess your cultural competency.
- Consider working abroad and research visa regulations.
- Explore practices of creating more inclusive careers.

CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Ask for advice from professionals in your field of interest.
- Explore career shadowing opportunities.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Explore a farmer's market for fresh produce.
- Develop a post-graduation exercise plan.
- Explore your loan repayment options and complete your exit counseling.

PAVE YOUR PATH

- Request references from professors and supervisors.
- Draft your resume cover letter and personal statement and revise it with career services.
- Attend business fairs and career fairs at UWG and across the state.
- Attend an interview workshop.
- Apply for graduate programs.