

SAMPLE 4-YEAR PLAN: SOCIOLOGY - SOCIETY, ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY B.S.

Northern Kentucky University

This is **one way** majors can complete this program in four years provided they begin college fall semester with a declared major in sociology.

MAJOR: Sociology

TRACK: Society, Environment and Technology

| FIRST YEAR | Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
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| | Schedule a meeting with program coordinator to explore careers in sociology and make a plan that fits with your needs and goals. | Gen Ed: Self and Society; Individual and Society - SOC 100 Introduction of Sociology ^{1a} | 3 | SOC Power and Inequality topical area course related to society, environment and technology |
| Join the sociology club. | UNV 101 Orientation to College and Beyond | 3 | Gen Ed: Communication Oral ^{2:i} | 3 |
| | Gen Ed: Culture and Creativity | 3 | Gen Ed: Communication, Written II ² | 3 |
| | Gen Ed: Communication ² : Written I | 3 | Gen Ed: Culture and Creativity | 3 |
| | Gen Ed: Global Viewpoints - SOC 101 Global Inequalities ^{1b} | 3 | Gen Ed: Self and Society; Individual and Society | 3 |
| | TOTAL | 15 | TOTAL | 15 |
| SECOND YEAR | Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
| Explore study abroad opportunities. | SOC 355 Sociology of Environment | 3 | Minor ³ or Concentration ⁴ | 3 |
| By now you should have chosen a minor or focus that enhances your sociology major and your career goals. | SOC 340 Population | 3 | SOC 303 Social Psychology or SOC 305 Criminology | 3 |
| | Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Mathematics and Statistics ² | 3 | Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Natural Sciences with lab ² | 4 |
| | One Methods Class - SOC 319 or SOC 320 or SOC 322 | 3 | Second Methods Class - SOC 319 or SOC 320 or SOC 322 | 3 |
| | Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Natural Sciences without lab ² | 3 | Gen Ed: Cultural Pluralism | 3 |
| | TOTAL | 15 | TOTAL | 16 |
| THIRD YEAR | Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
| Take a leadership role in the Sociology club. | SOC 330 Classical Sociological Theory | 3 | SOC 334 Contemporary Sociological Theory | 3 |
| Explore internship or co-op options for next year. | SOC 360 Technology and Social Change or SOC 415 Sociology of Planning and Development | 3 | SOC 307 Social Stratification | 3 |
| Become a student member of a professional sociological association such as the American Sociological Association (ASA) or a state/regional association such as Anthropologists-Sociologists of Kentucky (ASK). | Minor ³ or Concentration ⁴ | 3 | Minor ³ or Concentration ⁴ | 3 |
| | Minor ³ or Concentration ⁴ | 3 | Minor ³ | 3 |
| | Elective ⁴ | 3 | Elective ⁴ | 3 |
| Present a paper at a professional sociological meeting. | TOTAL | 15 | TOTAL | 15 |

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| Present research at NKU Celebration of Student Research and Creativity. | | | | |
| <p>FOURTH YEAR</p> <p>If you're considering graduate or professional school, prepare for the admission tests (e.g., GRE). Take the test late fall or early spring.</p> <p>Consider taking co-ops.</p> <p>Consider declaring second concentration or upgrading a concentration to a minor.</p> <p>Develop your resume.</p> <p>Begin your job search.</p> | Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
| | SOC 494 Seminar: Sociology Senior Seminar | 3 | Minor ³ | 3 |
| | Course for Minor ³ | 3 | Elective ⁵ | 3 |
| | Course for Minor ³ | 3 | Elective ⁵ | 3 |
| | Elective ⁵ | 3 | Elective ⁵ | 3 |
| | Elective ⁵ | 3 | Elective ⁵ | 2 |
| | TOTAL | 15 | TOTAL | 14 |
| | | Consider taking extra courses in sociology, courses toward a second concentration or upgrade a concentration to a minor. | | |
| GRAND TOTAL OF CREDITS | | | 120 | |

Notes: This plan represents ONE way to complete the degree in four years; it is not the only way. It assumes the student enters college in a fall semester as a declared major in sociology.

^{1a}Completing SOC 100 satisfies either three general credit hours in "individual and society" or "global viewpoints."

^{1b}Completing SOC 101 satisfies either three general education credit hours in "cultural pluralism" or "global viewpoints."

²Regarding general education, the sociology program requires SOC 100 as a prerequisite to all its courses but that course does not count toward the 33 hours required for the major. The sociology program also recommends (not requires) that you complete two written communication classes during the first year; one oral communication class and the mathematics/statistics (STA 205 highly recommended) requirements in the second year; the natural science course without a lab in fall of the second year; and the natural science course with a lab in the spring of the second year. How students decide to sequence the other general education requirements is up to them. Keep in mind that the two science courses must be from different disciplines.

³Check with your minor department on the number of credit hours needed for that specific minor (the number of credits can range from 21-27 hours). This plan assumes 21 hours. If more than 21 credit hours are needed to earn the minor, use elective course choices to fulfill additional credit hours for the minor. If sociology majors have earned the required credit hours for the chosen minor, consider adding another concentration or upgrading your concentration to a minor. Or you might also consider upgrading a minor to a second major.

⁴A concentration requires 12 credit hours of 300-level or above courses in a discipline other than the major.

⁵Be sure to complete at least 45 credit hours at the 300-level or above. A sociology major includes up to 33 credit hours that are 300 and above. This means you must take at least 12 credits at the 300-level or above as part of your minor, concentration (12 hours) or elective choices outside the major/minor/concentration.