Sociology, BA

Banner Code: LA-BA-SOCI

6200 Horizon Hall
Fairfax Campus

Website: soan.gmu.edu/programs/la-ba-soci

Sociology involves the systematic study of social structures, cultural patterns, and human relationships. It combines rigorous methods with theory and observation, yielding insights that challenge commonly held assumptions about the social world. Sociology also informs the practice of social and public service, aiding efforts to address important social problems. Sociology majors pursue a varied set of career paths, ranging from teaching, human service and human resource occupations, to positions in the criminal justice system, marketing, and social research. The major is excellent preparation for students considering law school or graduate training in the social and behavioral sciences.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Students pursuing this degree must complete 34 credits of sociology courses with a minimum GPA of 2.00. No more than 6 credits of courses with unsatisfactory grades (C- or D) may be applied toward the degree.

For policies governing all undergraduate degrees, see AP.5 Undergraduate Policies (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/).

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Total credits: minimum 120

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Core Courses in the Major

The introductory course must be completed with a minimum grade of 2.00.

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<td>Introductory Sociology</td>
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Total Credits 3

Additional Core Courses

Each of these courses must be completed with a minimum grade of 2.00.

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Total Credits 10

Capstone Experience Course

Select one from the following:

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<td>SOCI 416</td>
<td>Internship in Sociology I</td>
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<td>SOCI 481</td>
<td>RS: Honors Seminar in Sociology II</td>
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Total Credits 3

Electives in the Major

Select 18 credits in SOCI at the 100 to 400 level (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/soci/)

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<td>Gender and Society</td>
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Total Credits 18

Students are strongly encouraged to focus four of their elective courses (12 credits) in one of the concentrations which follow, chosen to suit their interests and career objectives. Students who choose a concentration will complete one remaining elective.

Optional Concentrations in the Major

Students can focus 12 of their 15 elective credits to complete one of the following 12-credit concentrations.

Concentration in Childhood and Youth (CYC)
Concentration in Deviance, Crime, and Social Control (DCSC)
Concentration in Global Sociology (GSOC)
Concentration in Inequality and Social Change (INSC)

Students who graduate with honors in sociology may apply 3 credits of honors coursework to their selected concentration where appropriate and with prior written approval of the undergraduate director.

Concentration in Childhood and Youth (CYC)

This concentration focuses on the changing social realities, experiences, and identities of children and youth as they are formed in different social and historical contexts. It emphasizes children in peer groups, youth subcultural activities, youth and children and the media, schools, families, social movements, social policy, and the welfare state. This concentration is appropriate for students interested in working directly with children and youth or in organizations serving them in a broad range of fields, such
as educational counseling, teaching, policy, advocacy or clinical work, family and community services, social work, early child development, and juvenile justice.

**Concentration in Deviance, Crime, and Social Control (DCSC)**
This concentration focuses on the social, legal, and political systems that underpin social control in Western societies and beyond. The emphasis is on how norms, values, and common sense regulate human action and the social forces that produce deviant behavior and societal responses to it. This concentration is appropriate for students interested in the criminal justice system and the law.

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**Concentration in Global Sociology (GSOC)**
This concentration focuses on global interconnectedness and its effect on the nature of societies around the world. It emphasizes new technologies and social processes, migration, transnational communities, global cities, and social movements working across state borders. This concentration is appropriate for students interested in pursuing internationally oriented careers in social change, political reform, and international development.

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**Concentration in Inequality and Social Change (INSC)**
The focus is on inequalities, such as those of race, class, and sex, and on the manner in which such inequalities become structurally rooted in a society. The emphasis is on understanding the rise of the struggle for human rights, democracy, and various social movements that have sought to reverse these inequalities through protests, demonstrations, counterorganizations, and the ballot. This concentration is appropriate for students who seek careers in social justice organizations, social services, or teaching, and those who wish to participate in social and political movements.

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Writing-Intensive Requirement

The university requires all students to complete at least one course designated "writing intensive" in their majors at the 300 level or above. Students majoring in sociology may fulfill this requirement by successfully completing SOCI 303 Methods and Logic of Inquiry, SOCI 412 Contemporary Sociological Theory, or SOCI 485 RS: Sociological Analysis and Practice (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/).

Upper Level Requirement

Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation requirements.

Additional Electives

Any remaining credits may be completed with elective courses to bring the degree total to 120.

College Level Requirements for the BA Degree

In addition to the Mason Core (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) program, students pursuing a BA degree must complete the coursework below. Except where expressly prohibited, a course used to fulfill a college level requirement may also be used simultaneously to satisfy other requirements (Mason Core (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) requirements or requirements for the major).

Philosophy or Religious Studies

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1 Note that the following courses may not be used to fulfill this requirement:
- PHIL 323 Classical Western Political Theory
- PHIL 324 Modern Western Political Theory
- PHIL 327 Contemporary Western Political Theory
- PHIL 393 Humanities College to Career
- PHIL 460 Senior Seminar in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

Additionally, PHIL 253, RELI 235, RELI 333, and RELI 339 cannot be used to fulfill both the philosophy/religious studies requirement and the Mason Core literature (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/literature) requirement.

Social and Behavioral Sciences

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1 The two courses used to fulfill the combined college and Mason Core (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) requirements must be from different disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences.

2 HIST 100 and HIST 125 may not be used to fulfill this requirement.
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1 Students who are already proficient in a second language may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement. Additional information on waivers can be found at the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs ([http://chssundergrad.gmu.edu/](http://chssundergrad.gmu.edu/)).

### Non-Western Culture

Select 3 credits of an approved course in the study of a non-Western culture (additional to the Mason Core requirement in global understanding)

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1. A course used to fulfill the Mason Core global understanding (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global) requirement may not be simultaneously used to satisfy this college-level requirement. A course used to fulfill this requirement may be used simultaneously to fulfill any other requirements (Mason Core requirements, college-level requirements, or requirements for the major). Additional information on waivers can be found at the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs (http://chssundergrad.gmu.edu/).
Mason Core

Some Mason Core (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) requirements may already be fulfilled by the major requirements listed above. Students are strongly encouraged to consult their advisors to ensure they fulfill all remaining Mason Core (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) requirements.

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1. Most programs include the writing-intensive course designated for the major as part of the major requirements; this course is therefore not counted towards the total required for Mason Core.
2. Minimum 3 credits required.

Honors

Honors in the Major

Highly qualified students majoring in sociology may apply to graduate with honors in the major. To be eligible, students must have completed at least 75 credits, taken ENGH 302 Advanced Composition (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) for the social sciences, completed 21 credits of sociology, and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.30 and a minimum grade of B+ in sociology courses. Applicants must have completed SOCI 303 Methods and Logic of Inquiry and SOCI 311 Sociological Theory with a minimum grade of B in each.

If accepted, to graduate with honors in sociology, students must complete SOCI 480 Honors Seminar in Sociology I and SOCI 481 RS: Honors Seminar in Sociology II with a minimum grade of B+ in each of these courses and have an overall GPA of 3.50 in sociology courses presented for graduation. SOCI 481 RS: Honors Seminar in Sociology II includes completion of an honors thesis, which will be presented at a sociology colloquium.

Program Outcomes

- Apply a sociological imagination to understand and explain the connections between the lives of individuals and the historical and cultural periods in which they live
- Identify the historical and contemporary theories and empirical methods that are the basis of sociological knowledge
- Develop an understanding of social problems related to inequality, racism, and sexism. Use this knowledge to move toward a just society
- Conduct original research by identifying a social problem and formulating a research question, compiling and summarizing existing research, designing a research strategy choosing from qualitative and quantitative approaches, collecting and analyzing data, and presenting findings to both sociological and professional audiences
- Identify the processes through which individuals and groups mobilize to change society by examining and analyzing historical and contemporary social movements. Based on this knowledge create strategies for individual social action
- Write clearly and logically, communicate effectively with others from different cultures, and prepare professional presentations for diverse audiences
- Analyze and evaluate the validity of information from social media, print, and scholarly sources

Accelerated Master’s

Many accelerated master's programs are available for any bachelor's degree at Mason, including this one. See the full list of degrees (http://catalog.gmu.edu/programs/#filter=filter_24) with accelerated programs at George Mason.

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology Sample Plan of Study

A sample four year graduation plan and degree planning worksheet can be found at https://academicaffairs.chss.gmu.edu/undergraduate-students/advising/advising-sheets/https://academicaffairs.chss.gmu.edu/undergraduate-students/advising/advising-sheets/). The plan is a recommended sequencing of courses based on prerequisites and scheduling. This may not fit every student’s needs and is a guideline, not a requirement. Students should confirm major requirements with their academic advisor each semester and with their PatriotWeb Degree Evaluation to ensure they enroll in the proper courses and are on track to graduate.
Bachelor's Degree (any)/Sociology, Accelerated MA

Overview
Highly qualified undergraduates may be admitted to the bachelor's/accelerated master's program and obtain a BA/BS in a chosen major and an MA in Sociology in an accelerated time-frame after satisfactory completion of a minimum of 141 credits.

See AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7) for policies related to this program.

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/).

BAM Pathway Admission Requirements
Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions Policies (http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/) and Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree policies (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7). For information specific to this accelerated program, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (https://soan.gmu.edu/programs/LA-MA-ACEL-soci/) on the departmental website.

Students will be considered for admission into the BAM Pathway after completion of a minimum of 60 credits with a minimum overall GPA of 3.25, and a minimum overall GPA of 3.50 in sociology courses.

Students who are accepted in the BAM Pathway will be allowed to register for graduate level courses after successful completion of a minimum of 75 undergraduate credits.

Accelerated Master's Admission Requirements
Students already admitted in the BAM Pathway will be admitted to the MA program, if they have met the following criteria, as verified on the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition form:

• Minimum overall GPA of 3.25
• Minimum grade of B in each advanced standing course
• Successfully meeting Mason's requirements for undergraduate degree conferral (graduation) and completing the application for graduation.

Accelerated Pathway Requirements
To maintain the integrity and quality of both the undergraduate and graduate degree programs, undergraduate students interested in taking graduate courses must choose from the following:

Advanced Standing courses (up to 12 credits with a minimum grade of B in each)
500- or 600-level SOCI courses (https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/soci/) (up to 12 credits)
SOCI 620 Methods and Logic of Social Inquiry (will count for SOCI 303 Methods and Logic of Inquiry) and SOCI 636 Statistical Reasoning (will count for SOCI 313 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)