

SOCIOLOGY B.A.

Program Learning Outcomes

Mission: The sociology major seeks to equip student scholars with the theoretical, methodological, substantive and practical tools necessary to investigate, understand and engage contemporary and future social life.

1. Identify how sociological concepts and theories relate to everyday life
2. Understand and evaluate theoretical explanations of human behavior and social phenomenon
3. Utilize diverse quantitative and qualitative research methods
4. Communicate sociological knowledge to diverse audiences
5. Appreciate the role of research in solving human problems and strengthening human well-being.
6. Learn how to live and work as a Christ-following sociologist.

Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Core Curriculum Requirements (https://catalog.vanguard.edu/interdisciplinary-offerings/core-curriculum/) ¹		44
Sociology Major Requirements		46
Electives		30
Total Units		120

Sociology Major Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Lower Division:		
ANTH-102C	Intro to Cultural Anthropology	3
SOC-100C	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC-265C	Introduction to Behavioral Statistics	3
Upper Division:		
Select 19 units from the following:		19
SOC-332	Marriage & the Family	
SOC-343	Class, Race, Ethnicity & Gender	
SOC-365	Sociological Theory	
SOC-369	Research Design & Methods	
SOC-369L	Research Design & Methods Lab	
SOC-460	Field Practicum ²	
SOC-462	Research Practicum ²	
SOC-464	Practicum ²	
SOC-490C	Senior Seminar	
Electives		
Select 18 units of the following:		18
SOC-230	Social Problems	
SOC-258	Sociology of Sport & Human Movement	
SOC-305	Criminology/Criminal Justice System	
SOC-310	Introduction to Social Work	
SOC-312	Death, Grief, and Loss	
SOC-317	Community Development	
SOC-320	Social & Cultural Change	

SOC-324	Social Psychology	
SOC-334	Gender, Culture, and Society	
SOC-336	Managing Crisis	
SOC-337	Public Health	
SOC-338	Child Welfare	
SOC-345	Family Violence	
SOC-346	Human Sexuality	
SOC-349	Religion & Society	
SOC-357	Inside-Out-Jail Class	
SOC-362	Juvenile Delinquency & Justice	
SOC-371	Urban Studies	
SOC-373	Deviant Behavior	
SOC-375	Social Issues of Health & Wellness	
SOC-376	Immigration and Diversity	
SOC-377	Migrants and Refugees	
SOC-378	Prisons and Jails	
SOC-382	Mental Illness in Society	
SOC-442	Global Development & Society	
SOC-450	Sociology Teaching Internship	
SOC-455	Sociology Research Assistantship	
SOC-470	Special Topic in Sociology	
SOC-480	Individual Studies in Sociology	
Total Units		46

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Number of units required from the Core Curriculum not included in the major requirements below.

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Students in Sociology undertake a senior project either through Research Practicums or Field Practicums. Students in Research Practicum will conduct empirical studies and will present the findings in professional or student conference contexts. Students in Field Practicum will have guided exposure to networking and hands-on internship experience. Students completing Field Practicum are encouraged to participate in poster sessions at the Department's annual Undergraduate Colloquium.

An exit interview and exam are required of all graduating seniors. The exit exam is designed to assess the mastery of concepts, principles and knowledge expected of students at the conclusion of the sociology major.

Four Year Plan

Disclaimer: This sample Four Year Plan is provided as a guide for the recommended sequencing of courses. Vanguard University requires that students complete a minimum of 120 units of required course work as outlined on the Requirements tab in order to receive a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. It is the student's responsibility to confirm with the department the course rotation before enrolling in courses. If applicable, please note the footnotes at the bottom of the page for additional information related to courses listed in a particular year and term. Questions, contact the Department of Sociology.

Study Abroad Participation: Students interested in participating in the university's Study Abroad programs are encouraged

to reach out to the Global Education and Outreach Office (studyabroad@vanguard.edu) for more information and collaboration in their academic course planning. Students using Education and Training Benefits through the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs are encouraged to also reach out to the School Certifying Official (veteranscertifyingofficial@vanguard.edu) for more information regarding how benefits can be applied.

Course	Title	Units
Year 1 Term 1		
CORE-100C	Cornerstone	1
SOC-100C	Introduction to Sociology	3
ENGL-120C	Persuasive Writing	3
THEO-101C	Foundations of Christian Life	3
KINE-148C	Lifetime Fitness and Wellness Lecture	3
HIST-PLCR1	History Core Req (US Hist Or Democracy)	3
Units		16
Year 1 Term 2		
ANTH-102C	Intro to Cultural Anthropology	3
NT-101C	New Testament Survey	3
HIST-PLCR2	History Core Requirement (World Civ)	3
FINA-PLCR	Fine Arts Core Curriculum Requirement	3
ELCT-PLHD3A	General Elective 3 Units	3
Units		15
Year 2 Term 1		
SOC-332	Marriage & the Family	3
ENGL-220C	Researched Writing	3
OT-201C	Old Testament Survey	3
NSCI-PLCR	Science Lec/Lab Requirement	4
SOC-PLHD3	Sociology Elective 3 Units	3
Units		16
Year 2 Term 2		
SOC-343	Class, Race, Ethnicity & Gender	3
ENGL-230C	Literature and the Human Experience	3
COMM-201C	Speech Composition and Presentation	3
SOC-265C	Introduction to Behavioral Statistics	3
SOC-PLHD3	Sociology Elective 3 Units	3
Units		15
Year 3 Term 1		
SOC-365	Sociological Theory	3
THEO-300C	Developing a Christian World View	3
SOC-PLHD6	Sociology Elct 6 Units	6
ELCT-PLHD3A	General Elective 3 Units	3
Units		15
Year 3 Term 2		
SOC-369	Research Design & Methods	3
SOC-369L	Research Design & Methods Lab	1
ELCT-PLHD6	Electives 6 Units	6
SOC-PLHD6	Sociology Elct 6 Units	6
Units		16

Year 4 Term 1

CHIS-400C	Christian Heritage	3
SOC-PLPR	Sociology Practicum	3
SOC-490C	Senior Seminar	3
ELCT-PLHD6	Electives 6 Units	6
Units		15

Year 4 Term 2

ELCT-PLHD12	Electives 12 Units	12
Units		12
Total Units		120

