

UC Santa Cruz  
**Sociology BA**

**Intensive Concentration: Global Information and Social Enterprise Studies**

This Sociology major, in combination with the [Everett Program](#), is an option for students wishing to major in Sociology with an intensive concentration in Global Information and Social Enterprise Studies (GISES). Students are required to take a total of 15 courses: three prescribed lower-division courses in preparation for the major, two prescribed lower-division courses in research and statistical methods, two prescribed upper-division GISES courses, two prescribed upper-division core courses in theory, five upper-division electives, and a project practicum course. In addition, they must successfully complete the comprehensive requirement, ranging from 1-3 courses. The Disciplinary Communications (DC) requirement in this major is satisfied with SOCY 105A and SOCY 105B.

**THREE LOWER-DIVISION COURSES REQUIRED TO DECLARE THE MAJOR AND CONCENTRATION**

Students are required to pass each of the major qualification courses with a B- or better. Students transferring in the equivalents to SOCY 1 and SOCY 10 will only be required to meet the B- or better requirement in [SOCY 30A](#), the other courses may be passed with a C or better. In addition, all students must receive approval from the Program Director to continue with the concentration. The approval process takes place near the end of SOCY 30A, and approved students will be given a permission code to enroll into SOCY 107A for Winter.

**TWO LOWER-DIVISION SOCY COURSES**

Students may select from:

- SOCY 1** - Introduction to Sociology (Fall, Spring, Summer)
- SOCY 10** - Issues & Problems in Amer. Society (Winter, Summer)
- SOCY 15** - World Society (Fall, Summer, CC GE)



**ONE LOWER-DIVISION GISES COURSE:**

- SOCY 30A** - Intro to Global Information and Social Enterprise Studies (Fall, PE-T GE)

**TWO LOWER-DIVISION METHODS CORE COURSES**

**SOCY 3A**

The Evaluation of Evidence  
(Fall, Summer)

Double majors with Psychology or LALS may substitute SOCY 3A with PSYC 100 or LALS 100A

**SOCY 3B**

Statistical Methods  
(Winter, SR GE)

STAT 5, STAT 7, PSYC 2 or AP Score of 4 or 5 may substitute SOCY 3B

**TWO UPPER-DIVISION GISES CORE COURSES**

The following courses must be completed in Winter and Spring immediately after SOCY 30A

**SOCY 107A**

Designing ICT Projects for Social Enterprises  
(Winter, Prereq: 30A)

**SOCY 107B**

Project Implementation and Grant Writing  
(Spring, 3-units, Prereq: 107A)

**TWO UPPER-DIVISION THEORY CORE COURSES**

**SOCY 105A**

Classical Social Theory  
(Fall, Winter, Summer)

Satisfies ½ of DC requirement

**SOCY 105B**

Contemporary Social Theory  
(Winter, Spring, Summer; Prereq: 105A)

Satisfies other ½ of DC requirement

**FIVE UPPER-DIVISION ELECTIVE COURSES**

Electives may be from the Sociology Department numbered SOCY 110-189, 5-unit individual studies from Professor Benner or Kang, or from the list of approved GISES electives <https://sociology.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/majors-minors/course-subs.html>. Electives should contribute to your project and your growth as a technology activist and/or technology linked social change advocate after graduation.

**ONE PROJECT PRACTICUM**

Students must complete a GISES capstone project, SOCY 196G Project Practicum. Offered Fall quarter only.  
Prerequisite: SOCY 107B

**ONE COMPREHENSIVE SENIOR EXIT REQUIREMENT**

Select ONE to fulfill the comprehensive requirement:

1. SOCY 196S Senior Seminar: Five-unit course; offered Fall, Winter, and Spring; topics vary each quarter and year. Enrollment by application and permission code.
2. SOCY Graduate Level Course: Course enrollment by instructor invitation or approval.
3. Senior Thesis: 10-15 units of independent study thesis coursework (SOCY 195A and 195B are mandatory, 195C is optional). Prerequisite: SOCY 3A and faculty approval.

Review details about these three options: <https://tinyurl.com/ybstda4y>