

**UC Santa Cruz  
Sociology BA Degree  
Curriculum Chart  
2019-2020**

The Sociology major is a rigorous program of study that retains enough flexibility to accommodate students with diverse career goals and plans. It ensures all students are trained in the main theoretical and methodological traditions of Sociology, yet permits considerable variation in students' own areas of specialization. Sociology majors are required to take a total of 11 courses (two lower-division courses in preparation for the major, two prescribed lower-division core courses, two prescribed upper-division core courses, and five upper-division electives). In addition, they must successfully complete the comprehensive requirement. The Disciplinary Communications (DC) requirement in this major is satisfied with SOCY 105A and SOCY 105B.

**TWO LOWER-DIVISION COURSES REQUIRED TO DECLARE THE MAJOR**

**Two of the following courses must be passed with a C+ or better in order to declare the major**

**SOCY 1** - Introduction to Sociology (Fall, Spring)

**SOCY 10** - Issues & Problems in American Society (Winter)

**SOCY 15** - World Society (Fall, CC GE)

Courses are also typically offered in Summer Sessions



**TWO LOWER-DIVISION 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 CORE COURSES**

**SOCY 105A**

Classical Social Theory  
(Fall, Winter, Summer)

Satisfies ½ of DC requirement

**SOCY 105B**

Contemporary Social Theory  
(Winter, Spring, Summer; Pre-req: 105A)

Satisfies other ½ of DC requirement

**FIVE UPPER-DIVISION ELECTIVE COURSES**

3 of the 5 required electives must be from SOCY 110-189 in the Sociology Department at UCSC

2 of the 5 required electives may be Course Substitutions:

<https://sociology.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/majors-minors/course-subs.html>






**ONE COMPREHENSIVE REQUIREMENT**

Select one to fulfill the comprehensive requirement:

1. Complete the Sociology Capstone Course, **SOCY 196A**, Capstone: The Sociologist as a Public Intellectual. 5-unit course offered **Spring quarter only**. Open to declared junior and senior sociology majors.
2. Complete a Senior Thesis. Students must enroll in 10-15 units (**SOCY 195A and B mandatory, 195C is optional**) of independent study thesis coursework. Prerequisite: SOCY 3A and faculty approval. <https://sociology.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/majors-minors/thesis.html>