

UC Santa Cruz
Sociology BA

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, ranging from 1-3 courses. 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

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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 THEORY 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>

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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://sociology.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/majors-minors/thesis.html>