

# SOCIOLOGY: FAMILY, GENDER AND SOCIETY, BA

The Sociology major helps students identify and explain patterns of social life and human behavior by emphasizing how large-scale social phenomena (such as class, race, and gender inequality) affect the everyday experiences of individuals and vice versa. The major prepares students for a career in a variety of fields such as law, medicine and healthcare, marketing, education, scholarly and applied social research, social work, demography, journalism and media, management in the public and private sectors, administration, and government. The program offers comprehensive advising and significant research and independent study opportunities. Our program is dedicated to nurturing a strong community of scholars, helping them grow academically and professionally under the large-scale mission of the College of Arts & Sciences.

The family is one of the most important institutions in any society. It is critical to the socialization of each generation and to the stability and functioning of the larger society. Family systems vary across cultures and have changed dramatically in the United States in recent decades.

Our understanding of gender plays an important role in this. This concentration enables students to study this intersection between family and gender, and the impacts it has on society through aspects such as fertility, marriage, divorce, migration, and mortality.

The minimum total course units (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major/>) for graduation in this major is 34. Double majors may entail more course units.

A minimum of 11 course units must be in Sociology.

**For more information:** [https://sociology.sas.upenn.edu/urban\\_sociology](https://sociology.sas.upenn.edu/urban_sociology) ([https://sociology.sas.upenn.edu/urban\\_sociology/](https://sociology.sas.upenn.edu/urban_sociology/))

Code	Title	Course Units
<b>College General Education Requirements and Free Electives</b>		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors <sup>1</sup> + Free Electives		20
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
<i>Introductory Course</i>		
SOCI 1000	Introduction to Sociology	1
<i>Sociological Theory</i>		
Select 1 course unit in Sociological Theory		1
<i>Social Research Methods</i>		
SOCI 2000	Sociological Research Methods	1
Select 1 course unit in Advanced Research Methods		1
Select 1 course unit in Statistics		1
<i>Family, Gender and Society Concentration</i>		
Select 3 course units in Concentration		3
SOCI 1010	The Family	
SOCI 1020	American Society	
SOCI 0100	Sociology of the Black Community	
SOCI 1100	Sociology of Gender	
<i>Additional SOCI Courses</i>		
Select 4 course units in SOCI Free <sup>2</sup>		4
<i>SOCI or Related Courses</i>		

Select 2 course units in SOCI or Related	2
<i>Research Poster</i>	
Complete Research Poster	
<b>Total Course Units</b>	<b>34</b>

1

You may count no more than one course toward both a Major and a Sector requirement. For Exceptions, check the Policy Statement (<http://www.college.upenn.edu/sectors-policy/>).

2

Students are encouraged to take some courses outside of their concentration.

## Honors

Applicants must have an overall GPA of 3.3 and a GPA of 3.5 in the major.

Code	Title	Course Units
SOCI 4100	Thesis Workshop I	.5
SOCI 4101	Thesis Workshop II	.5
SOCI 4998	Honors Independent Study (Or Approved Course)	1
<i>Senior Thesis</i>		

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2022 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.