

# SOCIOLOGY: LAW 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.

Sociologists study institutions, and among the most important is the law. This concentration examines issues such as: What is deviance and how do we define it? What is the relationship between the law and other social institutions? The concentration is suitable for students with a variety of interests, but may be especially well-suited to those interested in careers in law and criminal justice.

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/content/concentrations-sociology-law-and-society> (<https://sociology.sas.upenn.edu/content/concentrations-sociology-law-and-society/>)

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum/>) page.

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>Law &amp; Society Concentration</i>		
Select 3 course units in Concentration		3
SOCI 2420	Social Problems and Public Policy	
SOCI 1030	Deviance and Social Control	
SOCI 1130	Discrimination: Sexual and Racial Conflict	
SOCI 1120	Law and Society	

SOCI 2921	Criminal Justice	
SOCI 2920	Criminology	
SOCI 2240	Law and Social Change	
SOCI 2430	Race, Science & Justice	
<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>

<sup>1</sup> 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/>).

<sup>2</sup> 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	0.5
SOCI 4101	Thesis Workshop II	0.5
SOCI 4998	Honors Independent Study (Or Approved Course)	1
<b>Senior Thesis</b>		

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2023 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.