

Sociology, BA

Sociology is the scientific study of society. It begins with the premise that individuals are deeply affected by the social structures, institutions, and cultural milieus surrounding them. Sociology provides students with the conceptual tools to understand how various features of society, including inequalities based on race, class, or gender, affect its members. In so doing, sociology also provides conceptual tools that can be used to foster social change and the empowerment of historically marginalized groups.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA degree language requirements, for a total of 12 semester hours of language study or demonstrated equivalent proficiency, as described in Additional Requirements for BA students (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>). Successful demonstration of proficiency does not reduce total minimum semester hours of study required to earn the BA degree.

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

Sociology Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Sociology		
SOCL 1101	Introduction to Sociology	4
SOCL 2320 or INSH 3102	Statistical Analysis in Sociology Introduction to Statistics in the Social Sciences	4
SOCL 2321 or INSH 3101	Research Methods in Sociology Research Methods in the Social Sciences	4
SOCL 3300	Social Theory	4
Cultural Anthropology		
ANTH 2305	Global Markets and Local Culture	4
Advanced Methods Requirement		
Complete one of the following:		4
ANTH 3410	Ethnographic Field Experience	
DS 3000	Foundations of Data Science	
HINF 5301	Evaluating Health Technologies	
INSH 1500	Digital Methods for Social Sciences and Humanities	
SOCL 3487	Applied Sociology: Practice and Theory	
Senior Seminar		
SOCL 4600	Senior Seminar	4

Required Sociology Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Sociology Electives		
Students must complete seven elective courses in the major, at least four of which must be at the 3000 level or higher.		28
Social Science Electives		
Complete three social science courses in the following subject areas: AFRS, AFAM, ANTH, CRIM, ECON, HUSV, HIST, INTL, LING, LPSC, POLS, or PSYC.		12

Sociology Experiential Learning Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following courses or a study abroad or a co-op:		
SOCL 3487	Applied Sociology: Practice and Theory	4
SOCL 4971	Junior/Senior Honors Project 2	

Sociology Major Grade Requirement

A GPA of 2.000 across all major courses is required.

Sociology Major Credit Requirement

Complete 68 semester hours in the major.

Experiential Liberal Arts

All students in this College of Social Sciences and Humanities program are required to complete the Experiential Liberal Arts Requirement (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/#ela>).

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study

Four Years, Two Co-ops in Spring/Summer 1

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
SOCL 1000		1 SOCL 1000+ level elective		4 General elective		4 General elective	4
SOCL 1101		4 Social science elective		4 General elective		4 General elective	4
ENGW 1111		4 SOCL 2321		4			
Foreign language BA course		4 Foreign language BA course		4			
SOCL 1000+ level elective		4					
	17		16			8	8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
SOCL 1000+ level elective		4 Co-op		Co-op		General elective	4
SOCL 2320		4				General elective	4
ANTH 2305		4					
Foreign language BA course		4					
EESH 2000		1					
	17		0			0	8
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
SOCL 3000+ level elective		4 Co-op		Co-op		General elective	4
ENGW 3315 or 3305		4				General elective	4
SOCL 3300		4					
Advanced methods requirement		4					
	16		0			0	8
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
Social science elective		4 SOCL 3000+ level elective		4			
SOCL 3000+ level elective		4 SOCL 4600		4			
SOCL 3000+ level elective		4 General elective		4			

Social science elective	4	General elective	4
	16		16

Total Hours: 130