PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Sociology is the study of social relations, interactions, and institutions. Using quantitative and qualitative scientific methods, it offers a unique way of seeing and understanding the social world and how it shapes individual lives and history. Sociology’s subject matter is broad and diverse. Some of the topics covered are criminology, religion, families, inequalities between social groups, childhood, youth, adulthood and old age, social stability and social change, urban issues, environment, technology, education, and health.

The mission of the Department of Sociology is to offer students a multifaceted learning experience that provides an understanding of how individuals and institutions interact to shape our social world. In addition, by conducting empirical and theoretical research, faculty members aim to advance and expand sociological knowledge, and use sociological theory and research findings to inform understanding of social problems and offer potential solutions. The focal areas of CU Denver faculty research include family sociology, health, and criminology and law.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a shared advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major/faculty advisor.

For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:

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303-315-2138

GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) semester hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS hours at CU Denver

The following are maximum semester hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:

- 56 semester hours in major department/prefix courses
- 16 semester hours Pass/Fail
- 12 semester hours of Independent Study
- 12 semester hours of internship credit
- 8 semester hours of physical education credit

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Students are responsible for meeting with the major/faculty advisor in the department to confirm major requirements. In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the Sociology B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 32 SOCY credit hours.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 16 upper-division (3000-level and above) SOCY credit hours.
3. Students must achieve a minimum GPA of 2.0 for all courses applied to major requirements.
4. Students must complete all major courses taken at CU Denver with a minimum grade of C (2.0) and all transfer courses applying to major requirements with a minimum grade of C- (1.7). Students cannot complete major course requirements as pass/fail.
5. Students must complete a minimum of 13 SOCY credit hours with CU Denver faculty.
6. Students must take a minimum of 3 credit hours in elective courses at the 4000 level.
7. Students must earn a minimum of C (2.0) in their elective courses for the major that are taken at CU Denver. A grade of C- (1.7) is acceptable for elective courses that are transferred.

CAREER RESOURCES

Are you interested in learning about career and occupational options for this major? Visit the CU Denver Career Center located in the Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 267 to speak with a career counselor or browse the Career Center website for career and job information related to this major.
### Degree Requirements

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### Sample Academic Plan of Study

The following academic plan is a sample pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

#### Year One

**Fall**
- ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I
- CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 2830 recommended
- SOCY1001
- CU Denver Core Behavioral Science / First-Year Seminar
- General Elective

**Spring**
- ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II
- CU Denver Core Humanities
- SOCY 2001
- CLAS Communicative Skills
- General Elective

**Total Credit Hours**: 15

#### Year Two

**Fall**
- SOCY 3115
- CU Denver Core Arts
- CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab
- General Elective

**Spring**
- SOCY 3119
- CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without lab
- CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity
- CLAS Behavioral Science
- Upper-Division General Elective

**Total Credit Hours**: 16

#### Year Three

**Fall**
- SOCY 3140
- CU Denver Core International Perspectives
- CLAS Foreign Language Semester I
- Upper-Division General Elective

**Spring**
- Upper-Division SOCY Elective
- Upper-Division General Elective
- CLAS Foreign Language Semester II
- CLAS Humanities

**Total Credit Hours**: 14

#### Year Four

**Fall**
- Upper-Division SOCY Elective
- CLAS Bio/Phys Science with lab
- Upper-Division General Elective
- Upper-Division General Elective
- General Elective

**Spring**
- SOCY 4830
- Upper-Division SOCY Elective
- Upper-Division SOCY Elective
- Upper-Division General Elective
- General Elective

**Total Credit Hours**: 16

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*Major Course Available  C CU Denver Core Course  PR Prerequisite Enforced  PR Prerequisite Recommended*