

## 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.

A concentration in Gender and Society provides students with an understanding of the role of gender in the experiences of females, males, and gender non-conforming individuals. The interdisciplinary nature of the concentration enables students to develop the skills to critically evaluate the ways in which inequality, oppression, and social structure contribute to various social problems such as the pay gap, sexual assault, domestic violence, and human trafficking. The Gender and Society concentration equips students for jobs in a variety of areas such as advocacy, counseling, public health, policy-making and government, business, and criminal justice.

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 CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:*

### CLAS Academic Advising

[clas\\_advising@ucdenver.edu](mailto:clas_advising@ucdenver.edu)

Find your CLAS Advisor [here](#)

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303-315-7100

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

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## 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/Directed Research
- 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 Gender and Society B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a total of 38 credit hours, including a minimum of 20 SOCY credit hours and 18 ancillary (supporting) credit hours.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 16 upper-division (3000-level and above) credit hours from the approved courses.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C-(1.7) in all major courses taken at CU Denver and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the major GPA. Students cannot complete major or ancillary course requirements as pass/fail.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 13 SOCY credit hours with CU Denver faculty.
5. Students must take four electives for the major. Three of these electives must be cross-listed as SOCY and WGST. The fourth elective must be a WGST course cross-listed with a department other than Sociology.
6. Students who pursue this concentration simultaneously earn a minor in Women's and Gender Studies.

## LYNX CONNECT RESOURCES

Are you interested in learning about internship, study abroad, career, and research opportunities for this major? Visit the CU Denver Lynx Connect, located in Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 339, and browse the Lynx Connect [website](#) for more information.

Degree Requirements	Credits	Notes
<b>* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *</b>		
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40	<a href="#">CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements</a>
CLAS Graduation Requirements	15 - 29	<a href="#">CLAS Graduation Requirements</a>
SOCY Major Requirements	38	16 semester hours must be upper-division
<b>SOCY Required Courses</b>		
SOCY 1001 Introduction to Sociology	3	Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Social Science
WGST 1050 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	3	
SOCY 2001 Inequalities in Social World	3	*Prerequisite: SOCY 1001
SOCY 3115 Quantitative Methods & Analysis	4	*Prerequisite: C- or higher in SOCY 1001
SOCY 3119 Qualitative Methods	4	*Prerequisite: C- or higher in SOCY 1001
SOCY 3140 Sociological Theory	3	*Prerequisite: SOCY 1001
WGST 4306 Survey of Feminist Thought <b>or</b> WGST 4308 Contemporary Feminist Thought	3	
SOCY 4830 Senior Capstone: Worklife Practices and Policies	3	*Prerequisite: Must have earned 75 credits
<b>SOCY &amp; WGST Cross-listed Electives</b>	9	*See department for approved courses. A cross-listed course is a single course offered under two departments. All three electives must be cross-listed as SOCY/WGST courses.
<b>WGST Elective</b>	3	*See department for approved courses. This course cannot be cross-listed with SOCY.
<b>Estimated General Electives</b>	19 - 33	General Elective credits will vary based on Core & CLAS Requirements. Consult with CLAS Advisor.
<b>Total Minimum Program Hours:</b>	<b>120</b>	45 semester hours must be upper-division

**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	CRS
	ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3
	CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 2830 <i>recommended</i>	3
	SOCY1001 <sup>C</sup>	3
	CU Denver Core Behavioral Science / First-Year Seminar	3
	WGST 1050	3
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring		CRS
	ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
	CU Denver Core Humanities	3
	SOCY 2001 <sup>PE</sup>	3
	CLAS Communicative Skills	3
	General Elective	3
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

Year Two	Fall	CRS
	SOCY 3115 <sup>PE</sup>	4
	CU Denver Core Arts	3
	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab	4
	General Elective	3
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>

Spring		CRS
	SOCY 3119 <sup>PE</sup>	4
	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without lab	3
	CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity <sup>M</sup>	3
	CLAS Behavioral Science	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	

Year Three	Fall	CRS
	SOCY 3140 <sup>PE</sup>	3
	CU Denver Core International Perspectives <sup>M</sup>	3
	CLAS Foreign Language Semester I	5
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>	

Spring		CRS
	Upper-Division SOCY/WGST Cross-Listed Elective	3
	WGST 4306 or 4308	3
	CLAS Foreign Language Semester II	5
	CLAS Humanities	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>	

Year Four	Fall	CRS
	Upper-Division SOCY/WGST Cross-Listed Elective	3
	CLAS Biol/Phys Science with lab	4
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
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	General Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	

Spring		CRS
	SOCY 4830	3
	Upper-Division SOCY/WGST Cross-Listed Elective	3
	Upper-Division WGST Elective	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
	General Elective	4
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	

<sup>M</sup> Major Course Available    <sup>C</sup> CU Denver Core Course    <sup>PE</sup> Prerequisite Enforced    <sup>PR</sup> Prerequisite Recommended