**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 advisor.

**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 credit 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) credit hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS credit hours with letter grades at CU Denver

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

- 16 credit hours Pass/Fail
- 12 credit hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 credit hours of internship credit
- 8 credit hours of physical education credit

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES**

Students are responsible for meeting with the major advisor 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, including a minimum of three credit hours at the 4000 level.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C (1.7) in all courses that apply to the major 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. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to major requirements.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 13 SOCY credit hours with CU Denver faculty.
5. Students must take a minimum of three credit hours in elective courses at the 4000 level.

**LYNXCONNECT RESOURCES**

Are you interested in learning about internship, study abroad, career, and research opportunities for this major? Visit the CU Denver LynxConnect, located in Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 339, and browse the LynxConnect website for more information.
Degree Requirements | Credits | Notes
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CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements | 34 - 40 | CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements
CLAS Graduation Requirements | 15 - 29 | CLAS Graduation Requirements
SOCY Major Requirements | 32 | 16 credit hours must be upper-division

SOCY Required Courses
- SOCY 1001 Understanding the Social World | 3 | Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Social Science
- SOCY 2001 Inequalities in Social World | 3 | Prequisite: SOCY 1001
- SOCY 3115 Quantitative Methods & Analysis | 4 | Prequisite: C- or higher in SOCY 1001
- SOCY 3119 Qualitative Methods | 4 | Prequisite: C- or higher in SOCY 1001
- SOCY 3140 Sociological Theory | 3 | Prequisite: SOCY 1001
- SOCY 4830 Senior Capstone: Worklife Practices and Policies | 3 | At least three credit hours must be completed at 4000-level or higher.
- SOCY Major Electives | 12 | See department for approved courses

Estimated General Electives | 19 - 39 | General Elective credit hours will vary based on Core & CLAS Requirements. Consult with CLAS Advisor.

Total Minimum Credit Hours: | 120 | 45 credit 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 | ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I | 3 | SOCY 1001 Understanding the Social World | 3 | Total Credit Hours | 15 |
| Year Two | Fall | SOCY 3115 | 4 | SOCY 3140 | 3 | Total Credit Hours | 14 |
| Year Three | Fall | SOCY 3119 | 3 | SOCY Upper-Division Elective | 3 | Total Credit Hours | 14 |
| Year Four | Fall | SOCY 4830 | 3 | SOCY 4830 | 3 | Total Credit Hours | 16 |

**Credits CRs**

- CU Denver Core Course
- Prequisite Enforced
- Prequisite Recommended