

FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

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 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
Visit the CLAS Advising website [here](#)
North Classroom (NC) 1030
303-315-7100

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

Sociology Major Advising
[CLAS Major Advisor Contact Information](#)
Visit the department website [here](#)
Lawrence Street Center (LSC) 420
303-315-2148

For questions about admission requirements, transfer policies, applying, and the transfer process contact:

Office of Admissions
admissions@ucdenver.edu
Visit the Admissions website [here](#)
Student Commons Building (SCB) 1005
303-315-2601

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

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The following program requirements are based on degree requirements for the current Catalog year at CU Denver and are subject to change. Students are responsible for completing degree requirements based on the Catalog year for which they are admitted.

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 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 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 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 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 that is not cross-listed with a Sociology course or a WGST internship.
6. Students who pursue this concentration simultaneously earn a minor in Women's and Gender Studies.
7. Transfer courses must be evaluated for acceptability to CU Denver prior to being applied to any of the following major requirements.

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COURSEWORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION

The following is a “bucket” of requirements students can complete prior to transferring to CU Denver, including equivalent Colorado Community College System (CCCS) courses. To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit www.transferology.com. **It is critical students connect with a CU Denver academic advisor to ensure planned courses will transfer *and* apply to CU Denver degree requirements.** All non-CU Denver coursework must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for transfer.

Students interested in completing an Associate (A.A. or A.S.) Degree or a [Colorado Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement or Degree with Designation \(DWD\)](#) must work with their community/junior college academic advisor to create an academic plan that accounts for all degree or transfer articulation agreement requirements. Colorado Community College Students may also explore the option to complete [Reverse Transfer](#) at CU Denver.

CU Denver Requirements	CU Denver Credits	CCCS Equivalent Courses & Notes	CCCS Credits
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40		
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3	ENG 1021	
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3	ENG 1022	
Mathematics	3 - 4	MAT 1260 <i>recommended</i> or GT-MA1	
Arts	3	GT-AH	
Humanities	3	GT-AH or GT-HI	
Behavioral Sciences	3 - 4	SOC 1001 or SOC 1002 or GT-SS	
Social Sciences	3 - 4	GT-SS or GT-HI*	
Natural/Physical Science with lab	4 - 5	GT-SC1	
Natural/Physical Science without lab or Math	3 - 5	GT-SC2 or GT-MA1 (<i>except the course used for Core Math</i>) or GT-SC1	
International Perspectives	3	Additional GT-AH, HI, SS* (<i>see note below</i>)	
Cultural Diversity	3	<i>To be completed at CU Denver. This requirement must be completed with an upper-division course and CCCS courses will not apply.</i>	
CLAS Graduation Requirements	15 - 29		
CLAS Communicative Skills	3	COM 1150 or PHI 1013	
CLAS Second Language	0 - 10	e.g., SPA 1012 or ASL 1122 <i>Students have several options to fulfill this requirement. Please consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor.</i>	
CLAS Humanities	3	Any transferrable LIT, HIS, HUM, or PHI course	
CLAS Behavioral Sciences	3 - 4	Any transferrable ANT, COM, or PSY course (<i>except GT-SC courses</i>)	
CLAS Social Sciences	3 - 4	Any transferrable ECO, ETH, GEO, PSC, or SOC course (<i>except GT-SC courses</i>)	
CLAS Natural/Physical Science with lab	3 - 5	GT-SC1 <i>If students complete only one science course with a lab for the CU Denver Core Curriculum, this course must have an associated lab.</i>	
SOCY Major Courses	6		
SOCY 1001 Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 1001 or SOC 1002 <i>Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Behavioral Sciences or Core Social Sciences</i>	
WGST 1050 Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies	3	WST 2000	
Minimum Applicable Transfer Credit Hours Recommended:	60	<i>Students completing less than 60 applicable transfer credit hours will have additional credit hours to complete at CU Denver. Students needing general elective credits should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor.</i>	

*The applicability of Guaranteed Transfer (GT Pathways) courses to specific CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements requires completion of a block of five courses: two GT-AH courses; one GT-HI course; one GT-SS course; and one additional GT-AH, GT-HI, or GT-SS course.

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SAMPLE PLAN – COURSEWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT CU DENVER

Based on successful completion of 60 applicable transfer credit hours and the complete “bucket” of requirements outlined above, students would have the following remaining to complete at CU Denver. At CU Denver, students must tailor this plan based on the evaluation of previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, individual preferences related to course load, summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

Note: this plan assumes students have completed the CLAS Second Language proficiency requirement. Students must demonstrate second language proficiency through a 2nd semester college-level course equivalent (e.g., SPA 1012 or ASL 1122) with a C- or higher, satisfactory proficiency testing (CU Denver Department of Modern Languages Placement Testing, BYU FLATS, CLEP), or submitting their high school transcript demonstrating completion of a 2nd year (Level II) high school course with a minimum grade of “C-” (1.7) in the 2nd semester of the 2nd year or later. Students may have additional options to fulfill this requirement and should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor. **Students who have not fulfilled this requirement must work with a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor to modify this plan.**

Year Three	Fall	CRS
	SOCY 2001 ^{PE}	3
	SOCY 3115 ^{PE}	4
	General Upper-Division Elective	3
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	General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	16

Spring		CRS
SOCY 3119 ^{PE}		4
SOCY/WGST Cross-Listed Upper-Division Elective		3
General Upper-Division Elective		3
General Upper-Division Elective		3
General Elective		3
Total Credit Hours		16

Year Four	Fall	CRS
	SOCY 3140 ^{PE}	3
	SOCY/WGST Cross-Listed Upper-Division Elective	3
	SOCY/WGST Cross-Listed Upper-Division Elective	3
	CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity ^M	3
	General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	15

Spring		CRS
SOCY 4830 ^{PE}		3
SOCY 4000-level Elective		3
WGST 4306 or 4308		3
WGST Upper-Division Elective		3
General Elective		3
Total Credit Hours		15

^M Major Course Available ^C CU Denver Core Course ^{PE} Prerequisite Enforced ^{PR} Prerequisite Recommended