

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.

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

Visit the CLAS Advising website [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) Building 1030

303-315-7100

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

Maren Scull

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Visit the department website [here](#)

Lawrence Street Center (LSC) Room 420-B

303-315-2138

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 1007

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 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

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

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/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 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. The maximum number of hours allowed in sociology is 56.
6. Students must take a minimum of 3 credit hours in elective courses at the 4000 level.

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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 121 | |
| ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II | 3 | ENG 122 | |
| Mathematics | 3 - 4 | MAT 135 <i>recommended</i> or GT-MA1 | |
| Arts | 3 | GT-AH | |
| Humanities | 3 | GT-AH or GT-HI | |
| Behavioral Sciences | 3 - 4 | SOC 101 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 115 or PHI 113 | |
| CLAS Second Language | 0 - 10 | e.g., SPA 112 or ASL 122 <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, POS, or SOC course (<i>except GT-SC courses</i>) | |
| CLAS Biological/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 | 3 | | |
| SOCY 1001 Introduction to Sociology | 3 | SOC 101 <i>Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Behavioral Sciences *</i> | |
| Minimum Applicable Transfer Credits Recommended: | 60 | <i>Students completing less than 60 applicable transfer credits will have additional credits 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 – COURESWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT CU DENVER

Based on successful completion of 60 applicable transfer credits 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 112 or ASL 122) 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.**

Students must not exceed 56 hours in their major prefix.

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

| Spring | CRS |
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| SOCY 3119 ^{PE} | 4 |
| SOCY Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
| CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity ^M | 3 |
| General Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | 16 |

| Year Four | Fall | CRS |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| | SOCY 3140 ^{PE} | 3 |
| | SOCY Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
| | SOCY Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
| | General Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
| | General Elective | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | 15 | |

| Spring | CRS |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| SOCY 4830 | 3 |
| SOCY 4000-level Elective | 3 |
| General Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
| General 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