

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY

The **Bachelor of Science in Sociology** requires a minimum of 120 hours of coursework, including the SHSU Core Requirements (42 hours), Degree Specific Requirements (11 hours – 8 hours of Natural Sciences and 3 hours of Math), Sociology Core and Electives (37 hours), a minor (18 hours), and 15 additional hours of general and/or advanced electives. The coursework should be distributed as follows:

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Bachelor of Science, Major in Sociology</b>		
Core Curriculum ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/</a> )		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) <sup>1</sup>		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science)		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture)		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts)		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History)		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences)		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option)		4
<b>Degree Specific Requirements</b>		
Natural Sciences		8
MATH		3
NGLI 1101	Research in the Digital Age	1
<b>Major Core</b>		
SOCI 1301	Principles Of Sociology	3
SOCI 2399	Writing in Sociology	3
SOCI 3345	Social Statistics	3
SOCI 4340	Rsch Methods In Sociology	3
SOCI 4344	Sociological Theory	3
SOCI 4399	Senior Seminar In Sociology	3
<b>Major Electives</b>		
6 hours in each of three areas of specialization. <sup>2</sup>		18
Minor (Required)		18
General/Advanced Electives		12
Total Hours		120

<sup>1</sup> MATH 1332 or MATH 1369 is recommended.

<sup>2</sup> See, below listing of Change, Economy, and ,Society specialization courses (select 2).  
See, below listing of Culture and Social Institutions specialization courses (select 2).  
See, below listing of Inequality and Society specialization courses (select 2).

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Change, Economy, and Society Specialization Courses <sup>2</sup></b>		
Select two of the following:		
SOCI 3305	Intro to Community Leadership	3
SOCI 3336	Social Change And Development	3
SOCI 3376	Rural And Urban Sociology	3
SOCI 3384	Economy And Society	3
SOCI 3392	Social Movements	3
SOCI 4330	Sociology of Migration	3
SOCI 4332	Soc Of Demography & Migration	3
SOCI 4334	Sociology Of Disaster	3
SOCI 4337	Environment And Society	3

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Culture and Social Institutions Specialization Courses <sup>2</sup></b>		
Select two of the following:		
SOCI 1306	Social Problems	3
SOCI 2366	Sociology Of Sport	3
SOCI 3327	Sociology of Popular Culture	3
SOCI 3335	Sociology of Food and Society	3
SOCI 3338	Soclztn,Soc Cntr,Devnt So Bhvr	3
SOCI 3341	Marriage And The Family	3
SOCI 3342	Sociology Of Religion	3
SOCI 3365	Sociology Of Health & Illness	3
SOCI 3381	Cultural Anthropology	3
SOCI 4327	Sociology of Everyday Life	3
SOCI 4338	Social Gerontology <sup>2</sup>	3

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Inequality and Society Specialization Courses <sup>2</sup></b>		
Select two of the following:		
SOCI 2319	Introduction To Ethnic Studies	3
SOCI 3324	Social Inequality	3
SOCI 3325	Gender And Inequality	3
SOCI 3354	Age And Inequality	3
SOCI 3355	Race/Ethnic Inequality	3
SOCI 4336	Social Organization	3

**Notes**

ENGL 1301, ENGL 1302, MATH 1332 or MATH 1314, and one lab science course must be completed before enrolling in any advanced course.

If SOCI 1301 (<http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2020-2021/undergraduate/course-descriptions/soci/>) or SOCI1306 (<http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2020-2021/undergraduate/course-descriptions/soci/>) are used to partially satisfy Component Area V, elective hours must be increased to reach 120 hours.

If SOCI 2319 is used to partially satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture), elective hours must be increased to reach 120 hours.

A minimum of 42 advanced hours is required.

In order to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Sociology students must maintain a 2.5 GPA overall in their Sociology courses.

**First Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area II ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii</a> )		3 Component Area III ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii</a> )	4
ENGL 1301 <sup>1</sup>		3 Component Area V ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav</a> )	3
HIST 1301 <sup>2</sup>		3 ENGL 1302 <sup>1</sup>	3
POLS 2305 <sup>3</sup>		3 HIST 1302 <sup>2</sup>	3
SOCI 1301		3 POLS 2306 <sup>3</sup>	3

**Second Year**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Component Area III ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii</a> )		4 Minor	3
Change, Economy, and Society specialization <sup>4</sup>		3 Minor	3
Culture and Social Institutions specialization <sup>5</sup>		3 Natural Science	4
MATH courses		3 SOCI 2399	3
Minor		3 SOCI 3341	3
		16	16

**Third Year**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Component Area IX ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix</a> )		1 Component Area IX ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix</a> )	3
Culture and Social Institutions specialization <sup>5</sup>		3 Advanced Elective	3
Minor		3 Inequality and Society specialization <sup>6</sup>	3
Natural Science		4 Minor	3
NGLI 1101		1 SOCI 3345	3
SOCI 4340		3	
		15	15

**Fourth Year**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Advanced Elective		3 Advanced Elective	3
Advanced Elective		3 Advanced Elective	3
Advanced Elective		3 Inequality and Society specialization <sup>6</sup>	3
Minor		3 SOCI 4399	3
SOCI 4344		3	
		15	12

Total Hours: 120

- <sup>1</sup> Satisfies requirement for Component Area I (Communication).  
<sup>2</sup> Satisfies requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).  
<sup>3</sup> Satisfies the requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).  
<sup>4</sup> See, below listing of Change, Economy, and Society specialization courses (select 2).  
<sup>5</sup> See, below listing of Culture and Social Institutions specialization courses (select 2).  
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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The BS in Sociology is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Knowledge and experience at problem solving, data analysis, and critical thinking.
- Interpersonal and cross-cultural communication skills.
- Skills necessary to be productive members of diverse teams.
- Use of conceptual frameworks to understand and assess equality, justice, and social responsibility within society's cultural, political, and economic systems.
- Problem-solving skills to improve social conditions in local communities and the broader society.