

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 (12 hours – 8 hours of Natural Sciences, 3 hours of Math, and 1 hour of NGLI), Sociology Core, Applied Core, and Electives (36 hours), a minor (18 hours), and 12 additional hours of general and/or advanced electives. The coursework should be distributed as follows:

Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Science, Major in Sociology		
Core Curriculum (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/)		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) ¹		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
Degree Specific Requirements		
Natural Sciences		8
MATH		3
NGLI 1101	Research in the Digital Age ²	1
Major: Foundation		
SOCI 1301 or SOCI 2319	Principles Of Sociology Introduction To Ethnic Studies	3
SOCI 2399	Writing in Sociology	3
SOCI 3324	Social Inequality	3
SOCI 4340	Rsch Methods In Sociology	3
SOCI 4344	Sociological Theory	3
Major: Required		6
SOCI 3345	Social Statistics	
SOCI 4379	Internship In Applied Sociology	
Major: Prescribed Electives		15
SOCI Electives		
Select five from the following:		
SOCI 3305	Intro to Community Leadership	
SOCI 3327	Sociology of Popular Culture	
SOCI 3336	Social Change And Development	
SOCI 3341	Marriage And The Family	
SOCI 3344	Sociology of Education	
SOCI 3355	Race/Ethnic Inequality	
SOCI 3376	Rural And Urban Sociology	
SOCI 3381	Cultural Anthropology	
SOCI 3384	Economy And Society	
SOCI 3392	Social Movements	
SOCI 4330	Sociology of Migration	
SOCI 4334	Sociology Of Disaster	
SOCI 4337	Environment And Society	
Electives: Advanced		
Advanced Electives		12
Minor: Required ³		

Minor	18
Total Hours	120

¹ MATH 1332 or MATH 1342 is recommended.

² If a student takes NGLI 1101 to satisfy Component Area IX and Degree Specific Requirements, additional elective credit will be needed.

³ All minors can be paired with this degree program.

Notes

Students must earn a 2.0 minimum overall GPA in all coursework.

Students must meet a 2.0 minimum overall major GPA in all major coursework.

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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/2022-2023/undergraduate/course-descriptions/soci/>) is used to partially satisfy Component Area VIII, 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.

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area II (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii)		3 Component Area III (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)	4
ENGL 1301 ¹		3 Component Area V (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)	3
HIST 1301 ²		3 ENGL 1302 ¹	3
POLS 2305 ³		3 HIST 1302 ²	3
SOCI 1301 or 2319		3 POLS 2306 ³	3
		15	16

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area III (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)		4 Minor ⁴	3
MATH		3 Minor ⁴	3
Minor ⁴		3 Natural Sciences	4
SOCI 3324		3 SOCI 2399	3
SOCI Electives		3 SOCI Electives	3
		16	16

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)		1 Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	3
Minor ⁴		3 Advanced Electives	3

Natural Sciences	4 Minor ⁴	3
NGLI 1101 ⁵	1 SOCI 3345 or 4379	3
SOCI 4340	3 SOCI Electives	3
SOCI Electives	3	
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Advanced Electives		3 Advanced Electives	3
Advanced Electives		3 Advanced Electives	3
Advanced Electives		3 SOCI 4344	3
Minor ⁴		3 SOCI Electives	3
SOCI 3345 or 4379		3	
		15	12

Total Hours: 120

- ¹ Satisfies requirement for Component Area I (Communication).
- ² Satisfies requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).
- ³ Satisfies the requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).
- ⁴ All minors can be paired with this degree program.
- ⁵ If a student takes NGLI 1101 to satisfy Component Area IX and Degree Specific Requirements, additional elective credit will be needed.

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- A minimum of 42 advanced hours is required.

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.