BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY

The **Bachelor of Arts in Sociology** requires a minimum of 120 hours of coursework, including the SHSU Core Requirements (42 hours), Degree Specific Requirements (15 hours – 14 hours of Foreign Language and 1 hour of NGLI 1101), Sociology Core, Applied Core, and Electives (36 hours), a minor (18 hours), and 9 additional hours of general electives. The coursework should be distributed as follows:

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Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Arts, Major in Sociology		
Core Curriculum		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics)		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science)		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) [1,2]		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) [2]		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option) [3,4]		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
Foreign Language [1,4]		14
NGLI 1101	Research in the Digital Age [3]	1
Major: Foundation		
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology [2]	3
or SOCI 2319	Introduction To Ethnic Studies	
SOCI 2399	Writing in Sociology	3
SOCI 3324	Social Inequality	3
SOCI 3370	Research Methods in Sociology	3
SOCI 4344	Sociological Theory	3
Major: Required		**6**
Select two of the following:		6
SOCI 3345	Social Statistics	
SOCI 3371	Qualitative Methods	
SOCI 3372	Demographic Techniques	
SOCI 3373	Social Program Evaluation	
SOCI 3377	Community Planning and Development	
SOCI 4379	Internship In Applied Sociolgy	
Major: Prescribed Electives		
SOCI Electives		
Select five of the following:		15
SOCI 3305	Introduction to Community Leadership	
SOCI 3325	Gender And Inequality	
SOCI 3327	Sociology of Popular Culture	
SOCI 3335	Food and Society	
SOCI 3341	Marriage And The Family	
SOCI 3344	Sociology of Education	
SOCI 3354	Sociology of the Life Course	
SOCI 3355	Racial and Ethnic Inequality	
SOCI 3365	Sociology Of Health & Illness	
SOCI 3376	Rural And Urban Sociology	
SOCI 3381	Cultural Anthropology	

SOCI 3383	Sociology of Latin America	
SOCI 3384	Economy And Society	
SOCI 3392	Social Movements	
SOCI 4330	Sociology of Immigration	
SOCI 4334	Sociology Of Disaster	
SOCI 4337	Environment And Society	
SOCI 4339	Development & Sustainability	
Electives: Advanced		**9**
Advanced Electives		
Minor: Required [5]		
Minor		18
Total Hours		**120**

[1]   If the 2000 level foreign language courses are used to satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture), additional hours will be needed to satisfy the minimum total semester credit hours of 120.

[2]   If SOCI 1301 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 Component Area IV, elective hours must be increased to reach 120 hours.

[3]   If NGLI 1101 is used to satisfy one hour of the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX (Component Area IX), additional hour will be needed to satisfy the minimum total semester credit hours of 120.

[4]   Four courses required in one World Language. The 2000 Foreign Language courses satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) as well 3 hours of Component Area IX (Component Area Option).

[5]   All minors can be paired with this degree program.

Notes

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If the student uses the Foreign Language requirement to satisfy both the Core and Degree Specific requirements, additional electives will be need to reach 120 hours.

A minimum of 42 advanced hours is required.

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First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area II	3	Component Area III	4
ENGL 1301 [1]	3	Component Area V	3
HIST 1301 [2]	3	ENGL 1302 [1]	3
POLS 2305 [3]	3	HIST 1302 [2]	3
SOCI 1301 or 2319 [4]	3	POLS 2306 [3]	3
	15		**16**

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area III	4	Foreign Language [7]	4
Component Area IX	3	Minor [5]	3
Minor [5]	3	Minor [5]	3
SOCI 3324	3	SOCI 2399	3
SOCI Electives [6]	3	SOCI Electives [6]	3
	16		**16**

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area IX	1	Advanced Electives	3
Foreign Language[7]	4	Foreign Language[7]	3
Minor[5]	3	Major: Required [9]	3
NGLI 1101[8]	1	Minor[5]	3
SOCI 3370	3	SOCI Electives[6]	3
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	15		**15**

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Advanced Electives	6	Advanced Electives	6
Foreign Language [7]	3	SOCI 4344	3
Major: Required [9]	3	SOCI Electives [6]	3
Minor[5]	3		
	15		**12**

Total Hours: 120

[1]   Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communications).
[2]   Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).
[3]   Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).
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[6]   See, SOCI Electives course list below.
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[8]   If NGLI 1101 is used to satisfy one hour of the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX (Component Area IX), additional hour will be needed to satisfy the minimum total semester credit hours of 120.
[9]   Choose two of the Major Required courses listed below: SOCI 3345, SOCI 3371, SOCI 3372, SOCI 3377, or SOCI 4379.

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The BA 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.
- The skills necessary to be productive members of diverse teams.
- The use of conceptual frameworks to understand and assess equality, justice, and social responsibility within society's cultural, political, and economic systems.
- The skills to solve problems and improve social conditions in local communities and the broader society.

Career paths include:

- Non-profit advocacy
- Market research and data analysis
- Government, law, and court professions
- Case management and child protective service
- Private and public sector work in sales and supervision
- Human resource management and public relations
- Education and teaching