

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY

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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 (https://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 ²		8
Math ²		3
NGLI 1101	Research in the Digital Age ³	1
Major: Foundational		
SOCI 1301 or SOCI 2319	Introduction to Sociology Introduction To Ethnic Studies	3
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 (Take any two)		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 Sociology	
Major: Prescribed Electives (Take any five)		15
SOCI Electives		
Select five from the following:		
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		
Advanced Electives		12
Minor: Required ⁴		
Minor		18
Total Hours		120

¹ MATH 1332 or MATH 1342 is recommended.

² In addition to the core.

³ If a student takes NGLI 1101 to satisfy Component Area IX and Degree Specific Requirements, additional elective credit will be needed.

⁴ All minors can be paired with this degree program.

Notes

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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 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/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.

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First Year

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

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area III (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)		4 Minor ⁵	3
MATH ⁴		3 Minor ⁵	3
Minor ⁵		3 Natural Sciences ⁴	4
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 (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)		1 Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	3
Minor ⁵		3 Advanced Electives	3
Natural Sciences ⁴		4 Major: Required ⁸	3
NGLI 1101 ⁷		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		3 Advanced Electives	3
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Advanced Electives		3 SOCI 4344	3
Major: Required ⁸		3 SOCI Electives ⁶	3
Minor ⁵		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 In addition to the core.
- ⁵ All minors can be paired with this degree program.
- ⁶ Select from Major: Prescribed Electives (SOCI Electives) listed below.
- ⁷ If a student takes NGLI 1101 to satisfy Component Area IX and Degree Specific Requirements, additional elective credit will be needed.
- ⁸ Select from the Major: Required courses listed below.

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Major: Prescribed Electives⁶		
SOCI Electives ⁶		
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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.

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