



SOCIOLOGY
NEW STUDENT
ORIENTATION

FALL 2021

WORKSHOP HOUSEKEEPING

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 - Find your name on the participant list, and hover over your name. A Raise Hand icon will appear.
- Any concerns or questions you have after today's session may be directed to your assigned academic advisor *or* [emailed to the Sociology Department](#).
- These slides will be posted online on our [Inside Sociology page](#).

WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?



SOCIOLOGY CAREERS: WHAT CAN I DO WITH A SOCIOLOGY MAJOR?

Social Services: Including case work and social work. In fact, sociology is good preparation for those interested in going to graduate school in social work (MSW) and, of course, in sociology.

Public Services: Not all public services require a degree. Increasingly, however, even police departments show significant preference that officers earn an undergraduate degree before applying for law enforcement positions. Our Bachelor of Science in Sociology with a Criminology Concentration is extremely popular, but not required, for those entering law enforcement.

Management: Students seeking research and writing skills in our programs may be well prepared for entry level management positions, especially if they focus on data analysis and good communication skills.

Education: Teaching K-12 in Connecticut requires certification, but this is not the only option for those interested in education. Moreover, a sociology degree is good preparation for those hoping to earn their certification while pursuing a Master of Education degree (M.Ed)

Marketing: Marketing uses the predictive elements of social research to predict outcomes that can be profitable in business.

Social Science Research: Those who pursue advanced training in the social sciences will find that their degree in sociology provided the proper foundation

SOCIOLOGY BACHELORS' PROGRAMS

- **Bachelor of Science Degree with a Criminology Concentration (36 credits)**
- **Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology (36 credits)**
- **Accelerated Pathway BA/BS to MS Sociology program (36 credits + 24 credits)**

BS & BA CORE REQUIREMENTS (18 Credits)

Note: You must earn a "C" or better in all CORE courses.

- SOC 100 – Introduction to Sociology
- SOC 201 – Social Science Statistics
- SOC 255 – Research Methods in Sociology
- SOC 260 – Applied Contemporary Theory

Diversity Requirement (choose one):

- SOC 310 - Racial and Ethnic Relations
- SOC 315 – Sociology of Gender or
- SOC 363 – Social Inequality

In addition, students complete their major with a final **capstone requirement** (choose one):

- SOC 490 – Senior Seminar in Sociology (W course)
- HON 494 & HON 495 – Honors Thesis in Sociology
 - Eligibility: 3.0 cumulative GPA & 3.2 major GPA
- SOC 497 – Internship (3 cr. 135 hours unpaid)

ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS (18 credits)

BS in Sociology with Criminology Concentration (18 credits)

- SOC 362 – Criminological Theory
- Five criminology and criminal justice courses. With the permission of the Department Chair, BS students may substitute related courses outside of the department, such as Crime Scene Investigation, when available.

BA in Sociology (18 additional credits)

- BA students select six additional courses in sociology.
- BA students may take sociology courses within criminology concentration, however these courses are limited to sociology,

Program links for more information:

[BA in Sociology](#) & [BS - Soc/Crim](#)

INTERNSHIP SITES 2015-2021

- **SCSU Campus:** Women's & Gender Studies Program, Department of Athletics, Track & Field Program
- **State Agencies:** Judicial Branch (Probation, Juvenile Probation, Bail Services), Department of Children & Family Services, Parole & Community Services
- **Federal Agencies:** United States District Court (Probation)
- **Police Departments:** Seymour, Hamden, SCSU Campus Police, Cambridge (MA), Bristol, Derby, Connecticut State Police, Yale University Campus Police
- **Non-profit Organizations:** CT Boys & Girls Village, Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR), New Haven Pride Center, Columbus House, Permanent Supportive Housing, Goodwill Western & Northern Connecticut - Transitional Services Program, Chapel Haven, Planned Parenthood of Southern New England, Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS), The Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF), Project Fresh Start, Emerge, St. Agnes Home, The Kennedy Center CT
- **Addiction and Recovery:** Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR), New Haven Aware Recovery Care
- **Schools & Youth Organizations:** Clintonville Elementary School (North Haven), Carver Foundation, SCSU Wellness Center, New Haven Youth Services Department, Adelbrook Behavioral & Developmental Services, Inc., Children's and Community Programs CT,
- **Private Employers:** CT Psychiatric & Wellness, DiMauro Law, LLC, AFLAC Insurance

ACADEMIC ADVISING FOR SOCIOLOGY MAJORS

1. Set appointment to meet with your assigned academic advisor to receive your PIN prior to your registration date.
- Your assigned academic advisor is denoted in EAB Navigate *and* on top of Degree Works Evaluation.
2. Review your Degree Works Evaluation.
 - a) Go to: SCSU My Apps/ Banner Web /Student Services/ Student Records/ Degree Evaluation/ Catalog Term 2015 or later
 - b) Review your degree evaluation. Note remaining requirements: 120 credits, 2.0 GPA, Writing Intensive Coursework, LEP Tier 1, 2 & 3, Major, Minor (if applicable), FREE ELECTIVE credits (to meet 120 credit minimum)
 - c) Use the “What if?” analysis tool to explore new majors/ minors.
3. Review online course schedule.
- Use search tools to identify LEP/W courses
4. **Create a schedule/** academic plan for upcoming/ future semesters.
5. **Meet with your assigned academic advisor** with your semester/degree plan and questions.
6. **Register for courses** on your assigned registration date using the PIN provided by your assigned academic advisor.

INSIDE SOCIOLOGY

The screenshot shows a mobile browser view of the sociology department website. At the top is a dark blue navigation bar with the 'INSIDE Southern' logo on the left and navigation links for 'A-Z INDEX', 'CALENDAR', 'NEWS', 'ONE STOP', and 'SOUTHERNCT.EDU' on the right. Below the logo are buttons for 'APPLY', 'VISIT', 'GIVE', a search icon, and a menu icon. The main content area has a white background with a 'Sociology' heading. A breadcrumb trail shows 'Home » Sociology'. A left sidebar lists navigation options: Home, Message from Chairperson, Contact Sociology, Programs, Graduate Studies, Academic Advising, SOC Club, Honors Society, Professional Associations, Careers, and Cooperative Education. The main content area contains a welcome message, a 'Live Chat' section indicating it is offline, and a social media widget for 'Sociology at Southern Con...' with 74 followers. The widget includes a 'Followed' button and a 'Send Message' button. To the right of the widget is a 'Follow Us' section with links for Facebook, Twitter (tagging #SCSU sociology), and LinkedIn.

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Sociology

Home » Sociology

Home ^ Welcome to the Department of Sociology. This section contains all the information for current students, faculty and staff.

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SOCIOLOGY STUDENTS - GET INVOLVED!

- Join a club!
 - Sociology Club (Contact Professor Maziarka) – Review emails for updates.
 - Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociology Honors Society (cumulative GPA 3.30 +), Contact Professor Maziarka for information/ application.
- Engage in student research!
 - Independent Study (SOC 499)
 - Honors Thesis (HON 494/ HON 495)
 - Undergraduate Research Conference (See email/ website for call for presentations.)
- Get involved in the community!
 - COOP (employment for credit)
 - Internship (SOC 497)
 - Coordinate or participate in a community event (Recruit your classmates! Contact department.)

CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Career information and support services can be found online at [Career & Professional Development](#). Their services include resume and cover letter writing, interview prep, mock interviews, and virtual career fairs.



ACCELERATED PATHWAY: BA/BS TO MS SOCIOLOGY PROGRAM

Overview: These programs are designed to provide high-achieving undergraduate students with the opportunity to complete foundational graduate coursework during their senior year in order to accelerate graduate degree completion.

Coursework (30 credits: 6 CR while undergrad senior)

Senior Fall: SOC 500 Sociology & Social Justice (3cr)

Senior Spring: SOC 580 Theories of Social Justice (3 cr)

Graduate Summer: Elective (3cr)

Graduate Fall: SOC 570 Methods of Social Research,
Elective, Elective (9 cr)

Graduate Spring: Elective, Elective, Elective (9 cr)

Graduate Summer: Elective (3cr)

Capstone: Capstone requirement must be met within the above 30 credits. Capstone options include: Special Project, Thesis or comprehensive examination.

Admissions Standards:

- 3.0 cumulative and major GPA by start of spring semester in junior year

Admissions Steps:

- Declare accelerated pathway in major declaration tool in Banner prior to spring of junior year.
- Submit application for accelerated pathway by March 1st of junior year (contact Graduate Coordinator for application)
 - Accepted students register for graduate coursework in fall/spring of senior year
- Apply to M.S. Sociology program in spring of Senior year.
 - Accepted students register for summer and fall coursework.

WRITING INTENSIVE COURSES

- Focus on developing writing and **revising** skills beyond ENG 112/120
- W courses are designated as “W” by the section (e.g. SOC 320 Sec. 01**W**). Be sure to select “W” sections of courses you wish to take!
- W courses “double dip”
 - Many W course sections are offered in Tier 2 areas of knowledge courses
 - We often offer “W” SOC electives; though NONE in CRIM elective coursework at the moment
 - Senior seminar (SOC 490) is always offered as a W course.
 - You will likely need to find one course outside of Sociology for your 3rd W-course

UNIVERSITY ELECTIVE COURSEWORK

- All students must earn 120 credits total. This means you will have an opportunity to take university electives.
- Use electives to:
 - Earn Cooperative Education (COOP) credits
 - Independent study
 - Complete minors!
 - Study abroad! (**Limited due to COVID-19**)
 - Prepare for graduate education, medical school (pre-med courses) or law school (pre-law courses).
 - Improve your GPA (**2.0 CUMULATIVE GPA REQUIRED**)
- Transfer students may have a significant number of elective coursework completed upon transfer. Please review your credit count to identify how many elective courses you are expected to complete to finish your SCSU degree!

REMEMBER!

Credit Minimum

All students must earn **120 credits** and complete all degree requirements in order to graduate:

LEP + MAJOR + ELECTIVE CREDITS = **120 CREDITS**

Please note that the Degree Evaluation credit count *includes*: earned credit + credits to be earned in the current term!

LEP

- The specific courses that fulfill Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 Capstone courses are listed under each requirement on your degree evaluation.
- Be sure to use a **current** degree evaluation so you have the most updated list to select from.
- If you have questions about LEP, particularly how non-Sociology transfer credits might apply to the LEP, you should review the [website](#) or contact the LEP Director (EN BI 15) at transfer@southernct.edu.

TRANSFER CREDITS

- Review your Transfer Credit Worksheet posted on Notes in SSC Navigate (should be your first note).
- Use the [Transfer Equivalency Website](#) to identify how coursework will transfer to SCSU.
- Contact LEP Director re: questions about LEP Transfer: transfer@southernct.edu.
- Sociology Department chair determines applicability of transferred coursework to the BA/ BS majors.
- Any non-Sociology coursework transferred in will be applied according to the academic chair of the course discipline or the LEP director (Located in EN BI 15).

GRADUATE SCHOOL

– Graduate Studies

- High achieving students interested in advanced study will find they are well prepared for masters programs in sociology and other fields.
- Highest achieving students will find they are competitive for entry into well funded combination MA/PhD programs
- A bachelor's degree in sociology does not limit you to sociology for graduate studies
- Students interested in providing counseling and psychotherapy services most often pursue MSW programs (Master of Social work) and sociology graduates are often successful on this career path

– **SCSU offers an M.S. in Sociology, with emphasis on Social Justice.** [Contact the Graduate Coordinator for more information.](#)

– **SCSU School of Graduate Studies:** Attend Online Graduate Open House each Fall or Spring!