Undergraduate Planning Form
Sociology Major and Criminology, Law, and Society Minor Combination
(Catalog Year 2025-2026)

Sociology

While this form is intended to provide you with accurate information, the final responsibility for knowing and completing degree requirements is your responsibility. Course offerings and enrollment restrictions should be confirmed with your Degree Audit Report (DARS) and the Course Explorer. It is strongly recommended that you meet with your Academic Advisor at least once per semester.

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General Education Requirements
Symbol Key: (IP=In Progress) (Check=Complete) (Box=Not Completed)

- ☐ Composition I (RHET 105 or CMN 111/112)
- ☐ Advanced Composition
- ☐ Language Other Than English (LOTE)
- ☐ Natural Sciences & Technology
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- ☐ Humanities & Arts
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- ☐ Western Cultures *Can complete w/SOC 161, 201 or 202*
- ☐ Non-Western Cultures *Can complete w/SOC 160 or 222*
- ☐ U.S. Minority Cultures *Can complete w/SOC 180, 221 or 225*
- ☐ Social & Behavioral Sciences
- ☐ Social & Behavioral Sciences *Complete w/SOC 100*
- ☐ Quantitative Reasoning, I *Complete w/SOC 280*
- ☐ Quantitative Reasoning, II *Complete w/SOC 380*

Approved CLS Courses

SOC 101	Sociology of Gender	3 hours
SOC 225	Race and Ethnicity	3 hours
SOC 310	Sociology of Deviance	3 hours
SOC 375	Criminal Justice System	3 hours

Pre-Approval Required by Advisor, must focus on CLS theme

SOC 390	Individual Study	1-3 hrs
SOC 396	Special Topics (Ex. Law and the Commons)	1-3 hrs
SOC 400	Internship	1-3 hrs
SOC 496	Advanced Special Topics (Ex. Gender, Sexuality & Law)	1-3 hrs

LAS Additional Requirements
- *Your GPA (including transfer work) in the major must be a 2.0 or above, and your overall GPA must be 2.0 or above.*
- *Complete at least 21 Advanced Hours of coursework in LAS*
- *Complete at least 120 credit hrs. total (at least 60 hrs. at UIUC)*

Sociology Major + CLS Minor Requirements (41 hours)

Students must complete 41 (overall) hours of Sociology (rather than 32) to complete the minor and major, of which 18 hours must be CLS related courses.

Required Core Courses

Course	Title	Hours	Semester	Done	CLS
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology	4*			4
SOC 200	Introduction to Sociological Theory	3			--
SOC 275	Criminology	3			3
SOC 280	Introduction to Social Statistics	4*			--
SOC 380	Social Science Research Methods	4 ADV			--
SOC ___	Capstone (SOC 400, 450 or 495)	3 ADV			--
SOC 479	Society and Law	3 ADV*			3
	Total Core Class (Non-ADV)	**24 hours**	**CLS Minor Hours**		10

*SOC 100 - If using transfer credit, some schools grant only 3 credits.
*SOC 280 - can be fulfilled with these courses: STAT 100, PSYCH 235, ECON 202, MATH 161. Parkland College: MATH 108 and MATH 160. Note that these courses do not count to overall sociology hours, they only fulfill the requirement.
*Society and Law: If a course is used to meet this requirement, it <u>does not also count</u> for the Elective Requirement, but does count for advanced hours.

Additional Advanced Courses (300/400 Level) *(18 overall)*

Sociology majors pursing CLS minors must complete 18 (rather than 12) hours of advanced courses. The required core classes above provide 10 hours towards the 18 overall. Students will need to select at least 8 hours of which **one must be a CLS course,** see options listed to the left.

Course	Title	Hours	Semester	Done	CLS
SOC 380, Capstone and Society and Law		10	Via Core Courses		---
SOC					---
SOC					
SOC					
	Total Advanced Hours		**CLS Minor Hours**		

Additional Elective Courses *(look at course explorer for current offerings)*

Select additional sociology courses to reach the 41 hours overall minimum for major + CLS minor. Overall, your hours must include at least 18 hours of CLS courses.

Course	Title	Hours	Semester	Done	CLS
SOC					
SOC					
SOC					
SOC					
	Total Elective Hours		**CLS Minor Hours**		
	Total Major Hours		**Total CLS Hours**		

Supporting Coursework Requirement (12 hours)

Supporting coursework consists of a set of courses which are themed, logically grouped, and which reflect, or support a student's interests outside of the major. ***You must meet with your Academic Advisor before your Junior year to submit a plan.*** Majors and minors outside of Sociology can be used for this requirement. Selected courses must receive a letter grade, they cannot be credit/no credit.

Area of study or theme:

The following courses <u>cannot</u> be used for supporting coursework:
- Sociology department courses or cross-listed in Sociology
- Applied art courses, such as courses on a musical instrument
- Courses that satisfy the foreign language requirement

Important Links:

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						Overall Notes Year One
Semester 1			**Semester 2**			
Course	Hours	Notes	Course	Hours	Notes	
Total Hours:			*Total Hours:*			*Running Total:*
Notes:			*Notes:*			*ADV Total: 0*

						Overall Notes Year Two
Semester 3			**Semester 4**			
Course	Hours	Notes	Course	Hours	Notes	
Total Hours:			*Total Hours:*			*Running Total:*
Notes:			*Notes: Meet with Pre-Law Advising*			*ADV Total:*

						Overall Notes Year Three
Semester 5			**Semester 6**			
Course	Hours	Notes	Course	Hours	Notes	
Total Hours:			*Total Hours:*			*Running Total:*
Notes: Think of applying for the "I am Ready Program" for LSAT prep, networking, etc. See more info: https://prelaw.illinois.edu/i-am-ready			*Notes: Attend Law School Fair to get a feel for what to expect.*			*ADV Total:*

						Overall Notes Year Four
Semester 7			**Semester 8 (Graduation!)**			
Course	Hours	Notes	Course	Hours	Notes	
Total Hours:			*Total Hours:*			*Running Total:*
Notes:			*Notes:*			*ADV Total:*

Course Planning Tips
- Aim for 14-16 hours each semester (about 5 courses)
- Become familiar with how to add/drop courses, I cannot do this for you.
  - Google: How to Register UIUC for a step-by-step guide
- Degree Audit and Course Explorer are your FRIEND! Use Them!
  - Look specifically at the course/section notes on Course Explorer to make sure the section you're adding is not restricted to a certain major/student group.
- Figure out what balance works for you: Are you a morning person or are you more attentive later in the day? Do you like to have all your classes done on the same days, or do you need them spread out throughout the week?
- Pick courses that you genuinely are interested in, not ones that you feel you'll have to "suffer" through
  - You can complete your degree requirements while also enjoying them at the same time – the two aren't mutually exclusive!