

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Sociology is the study of social relations, interactions, and institutions. Using quantitative and qualitative scientific methods, it offers a unique way of seeing and understanding the social world and how it shapes individual lives and history. Sociology's subject matter is broad and diverse. Some of the topics covered are criminology, religion, families, inequalities between social groups, childhood, youth, adulthood and old age, social stability and social change, urban issues, environment, technology, education, and health.

The mission of the Department of Sociology is to offer students a multifaceted learning experience that provides an understanding of how individuals and institutions interact to shape our social world. In addition, by conducting empirical and theoretical research, faculty members aim to advance and expand sociological knowledge, and use sociological theory and research findings to inform understanding of social problems and offer potential solutions. The focal areas of CU Denver faculty research include family sociology, health, and criminology and law.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a shared advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major advisor.

For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:

CLAS Academic Advising

clas_advising@ucdenver.edu

Visit the CLAS Advising website [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) 1030

303-315-7100

For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:

Sociology Major Advising

[CLAS Major Advisor Contact Information](#)

Visit the department website [here](#)

Lawrence Street Center (LSC) 420

303-315-2148

GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) credit hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS credit hours with letter grades at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** credit hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 credit hours required for graduation:*

- 16 credit hours Pass/Fail
- 12 credit hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 credit hours of internship credit
- 8 credit hours of physical education credit

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Students are responsible for meeting with the major advisor to confirm major requirements. In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the Sociology B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 32 SOCY credit hours.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 16 upper-division (3000-level and above) SOCY credit hours, including a minimum of three credit hours at the 4000 level.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all courses that apply to the major and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to major requirements.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 13 SOCY credit hours with CU Denver faculty.
5. Students must take a minimum of three credit hours in elective courses at the 4000 level.

LYNXCONNECT RESOURCES

Are you interested in learning about internship, study abroad, career, and research opportunities for this major? Visit the CU Denver LynxConnect, located in Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 339, and browse the LynxConnect [website](#) for more information.

Degree Requirements	Credits	Notes
* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *		
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40	CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements
CLAS Graduation Requirements	15 - 29	CLAS Graduation Requirements
SOCY Major Requirements	32	16 credit hours must be upper-division
SOCY Required Courses		
SOCY 1001 Understanding the Social World	3	Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Social Science
SOCY 2001 Inequalities in Social World	3	*Prerequisite: SOCY 1001
SOCY 3115 Quantitative Methods & Analysis	4	*Prerequisite: C- or higher in SOCY 1001
SOCY 3119 Qualitative Methods	4	*Prerequisite: C- or higher in SOCY 1001
SOCY 3140 Sociological Theory	3	*Prerequisite: SOCY 1001
SOCY 4830 Senior Capstone: Worklife Practices and Policies	3	*Prerequisite: Must have earned 75 credit hours
SOCY Major Electives	12	At least three credit hours must be completed at 4000-level or higher. *See department for approved courses
Estimated General Electives	19 - 39	General Elective credit hours will vary based on Core & CLAS Requirements. Consult with CLAS Advisor.
Total Minimum Credit Hours:	120	45 credit hours must be upper-division

SAMPLE ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY

The following academic plan is a *sample* pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

Year One	Fall	CRS
	ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3
	CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 2830 <i>recommended</i>	3
	SOCY 1001 ^C	3
	CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	3
	General Elective / First-Year Seminar	3
	Total Credit Hours	15

Spring	CRS	
	ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
	CU Denver Core Humanities	3
	SOCY 2001 ^{PE}	3
	CLAS Communicative Skills	3
	General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	15

Year Two	Fall	CRS
	SOCY 3115 ^{PE}	4
	CU Denver Core Arts	3
	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab	4
	General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	14

Spring	CRS	
	SOCY 3119 ^{PE}	4
	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without lab	3
	CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity ^M	3
	CLAS Behavioral Science	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	16	

Year Three	Fall	CRS
	SOCY 3140 ^{PE}	3
	CU Denver Core International Perspectives ^M	3
	CLAS Second Language Semester I	5
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	14	

Spring	CRS	
	SOCY Upper-Division Elective	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
	CLAS Second Language Semester II	5
	CLAS Humanities	3
Total Credit Hours	14	

Year Four	Fall	CRS
	SOCY Upper-Division Elective	3
	CLAS Nat/Phys Science with lab	4
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
	General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	16	

Spring	CRS	
	SOCY 4830	3
	SOCY Upper-Division Elective	3
	SOCY Upper-Division Elective	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
	General Elective	4
Total Credit Hours	16	