

SOCIOLOGY

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Overview

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TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS in Sociology are available in the Counseling Center. In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for specific transfer requirements. Positions for which four-year graduates in Sociology are qualified include, but are not confined to, research, social work, personnel and corrections/probation work.

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Degrees/Certificates

Sociology for Transfer

AA-T Degree

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The Associate in Arts in Sociology for Transfer degree (AA-T) prepares students to transfer into the CSU system to complete a bachelor's degree in Sociology or a major deemed similar by a CSU campus. Students earning an associate degree for transfer and meeting the CSU minimum transfer admission requirements are guaranteed admission with junior standing to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major.

Upon transfer, students will be required to complete no more than 60 additional prescribed units to earn a bachelor's degree.

To earn the Associate in Arts in Sociology for Transfer degree, students must complete 60 CSU-transferable semester units with a minimum grade point average of 2.0, including both of the following:

- completion of all courses required for the major with grades of "C" or better; and
- completion of the California State University General Education Breadth (CSU GE) (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/archive/2016-2017/student-resources/general-education/california-state-university-general-education-breadth-requirements>) pattern or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/archive/2016-2017/student-resources/general-education/intersegmental-general-education-transfer-curriculum-igetc>) pattern. (Students transferring to a CSU campus using IGETC must complete Area 1C Oral Communication to be eligible for admission.)

It is highly recommended that, prior to transferring, students complete courses that satisfy the CSU United States History, Constitution and American Ideals graduation requirement. In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

RESTRICTION: International coursework from non-United States regionally accredited institutions cannot be applied to associate degrees for transfer.

Required Courses

SOC 0001	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 0002	Social Problems	3
SOC 0015	Introduction to Statistics in Sociology	3
Select 6 units from the following:		6
SOC 0003	Race, Ethnicity and Inequality	
SOC 0020	Introduction to Research Methods	
SOC 0027	Sociology of Gender	
Select 3 units from the following or unused course from the preceding area:		3
SOC 0004	The Family (also HDEV 0022)	
SOC 0005	Sociology of Women's Health	
SOC 0009	Introduction to Crime, Deviance, and Social Control	
SOC 0010	Feminism and Social Action (also WMST 0004)	
SOC 0024	Introduction to Sociology of Sport	
SOC 0095	Internship in Sociology	

Total Units 18

Courses

Understanding course descriptions (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/archive/2016-2017/student-resources/course-information/understanding-course-descriptions>)

SOC 0001. Introduction to Sociology*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

Sociological analysis of social institutions, social interaction and behavior, collective behavior, social change, deviance, conformity, and social stratification. (C-ID SOCI 110) (CSU, UC)

SOC 0002. Social Problems*Units: 3*

Advisory: Completion of SOC 1 with grade of "C" or better

Hours: 54 lecture

A sociological approach to the study of major social problems, addressing areas such as social stratification and social institutions. Utilizes a critical approach and emphasizes the social construction of social problems. (C-ID SOCI 115) (CSU, UC)

SOC 0003. Race, Ethnicity and Inequality*Units: 3*

Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in SOC 1

Hours: 54 lecture

Examines the impact of race and ethnic relations in the United States within social institutions such as politics, economics, education, housing, and criminal justice. Topics include majority-minority relations, discrimination, prejudice, social stratification, inequality, racism, and related subjects. (C-ID SOCI 150) (CSU, UC)

SOC 0004. The Family*Units: 3*

Also known as HDEV 22

Advisory: Completion of SOC 1 with grade of "C" or better

Hours: 54 lecture

A sociological approach to the analysis of the family as a social institution. Of particular interest are the changing structure of family, gender roles, dating and mate selection, marriage, alternatives to marriage, intimacy, relationships, and parenting. (C-ID SOCI 130) (CSU, UC)

SOC 0005. Sociology of Women's Health*Units: 3*

Advisory: Completion of ENGL A with grade of "C" or better

Hours: 54 lecture

Provides a sociological analysis of health issues that concern women throughout their life course. The impact of physiology, psychology, culture, society, and politics upon women's well-being are addressed using the feminist perspective. (CSU, UC)

SOC 0009. Introduction to Crime, Deviance, and Social Control*Units: 3*

Advisory: Completion with grade of "C" or better or concurrent enrollment in SOC 1

Hours: 54 lecture

Sociological analysis of crime, the criminal justice system, deviance, and mechanisms of social control. Explores the history and social construction of crime, criminality, and deviance. Examines definitions of crime and deviance as well as methods used to control deviant behavior. (C-ID SOCI 160) (CSU, UC)

SOC 0010. Feminism and Social Action*Units: 3*

Also known as WMST 4

Advisory: Completion of ENGL A with grade of "C" or better

Hours: 54 lecture

Examines sociological underpinnings of social action and explores unique contributions of feminism in challenging traditional gender scripts. Provides an overview of the ways in which women engage in deliberative social action to change the conditions of their lives and of their communities. Emphasizes sociological theory as applied to issues related to the institutions of family, health, religion, employment, sexual harassment, housing, and interpersonal violence. (CSU, UC)

SOC 0015. Introduction to Statistics in Sociology*Units: 3*

Prerequisite: Two years of high school algebra or MATH D with grade(s) of "C" or better, or placement by matriculation assessment process

Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in SOC 1

Hours: 54 lecture

Application of statistical methods to sociological data. Topics include: descriptive and inferential statistics including levels and types of measurement; measures of central tendency and dispersion; normal, t, and chi-square distributions, probability and hypothesis testing, correlation and regression. Statistical software applied to sociological and/or other social science data. (C-ID SOCI 125) (CSU, UC)

SOC 0020. Introduction to Research Methods*Units: 3*

Prerequisite: Completion of SOC 1 and 15 with grades of "C" or better

Hours: 72 (54 lecture, 18 laboratory)

Students examine fundamental elements of empirical research and the ways sociologists think critically. Includes attention to the nature of theory, hypotheses, variables, and ethics of research. Application of qualitative and quantitative analytic tools including logic and research design, such as survey, observational, experimental, case study, and comparative historical research. Computer applications are utilized to analyze data. (C-ID SOCI 120) (CSU, UC)

SOC 0024. Introduction to Sociology of Sport*Units: 3*

Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in SOC 1

Hours: 54 lecture

Introduction to the examination of sport in contemporary society using a sociological approach. Analyzes sport as a social institution and examines sport's interaction with politics, economics, education, religion, gender, race, media, and ethics. Focus on the impact of sport on participants, spectators, and society as a whole. (CSU)

SOC 0027. Sociology of Gender*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

A cross-cultural comparison of gender roles, gender identities, and sexualities viewed from sociological perspectives. Examines the social construction of gender inequities and the debates on sex and gender. Analyzes the impact of social, cultural, and political factors on gender expectations and practices. (C-ID SOCI 140) (CSU, UC)

SOC 0028. Independent Study*Units: 1-3*

Designed for students interested in furthering their knowledge at an independent study level in an area where no specific curriculum offering is currently available. Independent study might include, but is not limited to, research papers, special subject area projects, and research projects. See Independent Study page in catalog. (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

SOC 0095. Internship in Sociology*Units: 0.5-4*

Designed for advanced students to work in an area related to their educational or occupational goal. Provides new on-the-job technical training under the direction of a worksite supervisor, allowing students to expand knowledge and skills in the chosen field. Mandatory orientation session and faculty approval to determine eligibility. Students may earn up to a total of 16 units in internship courses (any course numbered 95 and PDEV 94). (CSU-with unit limitation)

SOC 0301. Achieving Equity in Higher Ed: California Community Colleges*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

A sociological approach to the study of equity within community colleges, with focus on California community colleges, including the various policies and strategies to achieve equity. Utilizes the critical approach when evaluating and applying policies and strategies to achieve equity. In addition to regular class meetings, students are required to participate in a minimum of 2 hours/week of assigned activities including, but not limited to, attending meetings on campus, field trips, and volunteering in campus organizations or centers. (CSU)

Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs)

- Apply sociological theory and critical analysis to key concepts in the study of society in a formal written assignment.
- Describe, analyze and apply sociological research.
- Apply principles of social justice to the study and practice of sociology.