

# 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

### Associate Degrees for Transfer

- Social Justice Studies for Transfer: AA-T degree (p. 1)
- Sociology for Transfer: AA-T degree (p. 2)

## Social Justice Studies for Transfer

### AA-T Degree

The Social Justice Studies Program utilizes an interdisciplinary approach to the study of social justice. The program explores the intersection of identities, for example race, class, gender and sexual orientation, and analyzes the socio-economic, cultural, environmental, and political influences on inequity and social justice.

The Associate in Arts in Social Justice Studies for Transfer degree (AA-T) prepares students to transfer into the CSU system to complete a bachelor's degree in Social Justice 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 Social Justice 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
- (<https://catalog.sierracollege.edu/archive/2025-2026/student-resources/general-education/associate-degree-requirements/>)California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) (<https://catalog.sierracollege.edu/archive/2025-2026/student-resources/general-education/california-general-education-transfer-curriculum-cal-getc/>)

The exact wording of the law pertaining to associate degrees for transfer may be found in Education Code Section 66746.

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

Code	Title	Units
LGBT 0001	Introduction to LGBT Studies/Queer Theory	3
SOC 0003	Race, Ethnicity and Inequality	3
SOC 0015	Introduction to Statistics in Sociology	3
or PSYC 0142	Introduction to Psychological Statistics	
SOC 0027	Sociology of Gender	3
SOC 0110	Introduction to Social Justice	3
<b>Select 3 units from the following:</b>		<b>3</b>
ANTH 0004	Native Peoples of North America	
ANTH 0007	Native Peoples of California	
ANTH 0014	Global Problems	
ESS 0001	Introduction to Environmental Sciences and Sustainability	
ETHN 0050	Ethnic Images in Film	
HIST 0018A	The African American Experience in American History to 1877	
HIST 0018B	The African American Experience in American History since 1877	
HIST 0023	Chicano/Mexican American History	
HIST 0025	Native American History	
HIST 0027	Women in American History	
LGBT 0002	Queer (LGBTIQ) Film History	
SOC 0002	Social Problems	
SOC 0005	Sociology of Women's Health	
SOC 0010	Feminism and Social Action	

WMST 0001	Introduction to Women's Studies	
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>18</b>

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SOC 0027	Sociology of Gender	3
<b>Select 3 units from the following:</b>		<b>3</b>
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 0047	Introduction to Hip Hop and Social Justice
SOC 0095	Internship in Sociology
SOC 0110	Introduction to Social Justice

**Total Units** **18**

## Courses

Understanding course descriptions (<https://catalog.sierracollege.edu/archive/2025-2026/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

Hours: 54 lecture

Examines the historical and contemporary impacts of the social constructs of race and ethnicity in the United States. Closely analyzes racial and ethnic inequalities within social institutions such as politics, economics, education, housing, health and medicine, and criminal justice. Explores anti-racist movements, strategies, and practices to eliminate racial and ethnic inequality. (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, marriage, intimacy, relationships, and parenting. (C-ID SOCI 130) (CSU, UC)

### SOC 0005. Sociology of Women's Health

Units: 3

Also known as WMST 5

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 N 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 and roles. Provides an overview of the ways in which people 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. Students in this course will actively engage in the exploration, analysis, and solutions of feminist issues. (CSU, UC)

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

Prerequisite: Completion of intermediate algebra or appropriate placement

Advisory: Concurrent enrollment in a support course (SOC 15S or SOC 815S) is strongly recommended for those who have not recently completed intermediate algebra

Hours: 54 lecture

Introduction to the use of descriptive and inferential statistics in the analysis of sociological data, including: levels and types of measurement, measures of central tendency and variability, distributions, probability, estimation, hypothesis testing, correlation, and regression. Social science statistical software will be explored as an aid in processing and analyzing sociological data. (C-ID SOCI 125) (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

**SOC 0015S. Support for Introduction to Statistics in Sociology***Unit: 1*

Corequisite: Concurrent enrollment in SOC 15

Hours: 18 lecture

Support option covering the core prerequisite skills, competencies, and concepts for Statistics in Sociology. Intended for students who are concurrently enrolled in SOC 15. Topics include concepts from arithmetic, pre-algebra, elementary and intermediate algebra, and descriptive statistics that are needed to understand the basics of college-level statistics. Concepts are taught through the context of sociological data analysis. Strongly recommended for students enrolled in SOC 15 with little or no recent algebra knowledge. (not degree applicable) (pass/no pass grading)

**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 0047. Introduction to Hip Hop and Social Justice***Units: 3*

Formerly known as SOC 11

Hours: 54 lecture

Defining Hip Hop as both a noun and a verb, this course takes a critical look at the history, role, and influence of Hip Hop on social reality. Evaluates both the impact Hip Hop has had on culture and the manipulation of Hip Hop within social institutions. Builds a framework of understanding for socio-political and cultural conditions in exploring hip hop as a vehicle to social change and justice. (CSU, UC)

**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. One unit of credit is equal to 54 hours of work. 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 0110. Introduction to Social Justice***Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

Course focuses on the interdisciplinary study of social justice. Examines social justice movements in the United States in relation to key social groups and identities. Provides a better understanding of the socio-economic, cultural, and political conditions among these key social groups. Students in this course will actively engage in addressing social justice issues. (C-ID SJS 110) (CSU, UC)

**SOC 0815S. Support for Introduction to Statistics in Sociology***Units: 0*

Corequisite: Concurrent enrollment in SOC 15

Hours: 18 lecture

Support option covering the core prerequisite skills, competencies, and concepts for Statistics in Sociology. Intended for students who are concurrently enrolled in SOC 15. Topics include concepts from arithmetic, pre-algebra, elementary and intermediate algebra, and descriptive statistics that are needed to understand the basics of college-level statistics. Concepts are taught through the context of sociological data analysis. Strongly recommended for students enrolled in SOC 15 with little or no recent algebra knowledge. (noncredit)

## 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.