Sociology is a perspective and set of techniques for analyzing social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. Sociologists pay special attention to the structure of groups, organizations, and societies and to how these structures shape interactions and relationships among people (American Sociological Association 2008). The sociological perspective encourages students to observe and think critically about their own and other societies and to become more sensitive to behavioral and value difference among people.

Sociology majors at Pitt-Bradford take courses in Social Problems, Psychology, Sociological Theory & Research, Culture, Ethnicity, Gender and Aging. Students will receive hands-on training by researching a topic like the following by former students: women who tend bar, rituals that baseball players follow, why people dance, and the effects of divorce on children. The research is presented at the Penn York Undergraduate Research Conference with the possibility of publication.

Required Skills:
- Research
- Communication
- Human Relations
- Statistical Abilities
- Critical Thinking
- Insight into Group Dynamics
- Knowledge of Social Structures
- Interact Well with Diverse

Possible Employers:
- Federal Government
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Research Firms
- Newspapers & Magazines
- Social Service Agencies
- Hospitals
- Business & Industry
- College/University

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:
American Sociological Association
Society for Applied and Clinical Sociology
American Counseling Association
National Association of Social Workers

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS IN SOCIOLOGY AT:
ASA Centennial
UniXL Education & Career Information Portal
Occupational Outlook Handbook
Career Services
# Sociology (BA) – Curriculum Guide

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

**COMPETENCIES**

*Minimum grade of C- required in all competencies*

- **FS 0102** Freshman Seminar  
  *(if transferring in fewer than 18 credits)*
- **ENG 0101** English Composition I
- **ENG 0102** English Composition II
- **MATH 0098** College Algebra II or Higher

**Writing**

- **ENG 0101** English Composition I
- **ENG 0102** English Composition II

**Mathematics**

- **ENG 0101** English Composition I
- **ENG 0102** English Composition II
- **MATH 0098** College Algebra II or Higher

**THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE**

- **Students are required to complete two courses designated as “Global”**
- **FS 0102** Freshman Seminar  
  *(if transferring in fewer than 18 credits)*
- **ENG 0101** English Composition I
- **ENG 0102** English Composition II
- **MATH 0098** College Algebra II or Higher

**ARTS & LETTERS (ONE course MUST be literature; ONE course MUST be a creative, fine or performing Arts course)**

- **Literature**
- **Arts**
- **Literature, Arts, Language**

**BEHAVIORAL, ECONOMIC, & POLITICAL SCIENCES**

*Two different categories must be represented*

- **(see major)**
- **(see major)**

**HISTORY, CULTURES, & PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY**

*ONE course MUST be History, and ONE course must be Cultures or Philosophical Inquiry*

- **HIST**
- **(see major)**
- **(see major)**

**PHYSICAL, LIFE, & COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES**

*ONE course must be a Physical Science, ONE must be a Life Science and ONE must include a lab*

- **Physical Science**
- **Life Science**
- **(see major)**
- **Lab**

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

- **PEDC**

*MATH 0098 does not meet the mathematics competency at the Pittsburgh campus*

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**REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES**

- **SOC 0101** Introduction to Sociology GE
- **SOC 1310** Sociological Theory GE
- **SOC 1401** Social Research
- **SOC 1451** Capstone: Sociological Analysis
- **PSY 0101** Introduction to Psychology GE
- **PSY 0201** Statistics GE OR
  **ECON 0204** Statistical Methods GE

**AREA REQUIREMENTS IN SOCIOLOGY**

**The Individual in Society** *(2 courses, 1 must be UP level):*

- **SOC 0204** Sociology of Deviance GE
- **SOC 0205** Death and Dying GE
- **SOC 0209** Social Problems GE
- **SOC 1302** Socialization GE
- **SOC 1303** Society and the Individual
- **SOC 1304** Small Groups
- **SOC 1316** Social and Cultural Change

**Inequalities & Social Differences** *(2 courses, 1 must be UP level):*

- **SOC 0201** Sociology of Gender GE
- **SOC 0207** Sociology of Race and Ethnicity GE
- **SOC 1308** Inequality in Society GE
- **SOC 1313** Sociology of Aging
- **SOC 1314** Images of Women and Men GE
- **SOC 1318** Sociology of Sexuality GE
- **SOC 1337** Identity Politics GE

**Social Institutions** *(2 courses; 1 must be UP level):*

- **SOC 0202** Sociology of Sport GE
- **SOC 0206** Criminology
- **SOC 0235** Environmental Sociology GE
- **SOC 1301** The Family GE
- **SOC 1305** Organizational Behavior
- **SOC 1306** Work and Society GE
- **SOC 1307** Sociology of Health
- **SOC 1311** Social Work

**PSYCHOLOGY** *(2 COURSES):*

- **PSY 0202** Child Development GE
- **PSY 0203** Social Psychology GE
- **PSY 0206** Abnormal Psychology GE

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**According to your Degree Progress Report in MY.PITT.EDU upon successful completion of the current term:**

You will have EARNED _________ credit hours  
You NEED _________ for 120 credit hours required for graduation.  
You will have earned _________ credit hours of Upper Level course work.  
You NEED ______ for the 30 credit hours required for graduation.  

NOTE: This guide is unofficial. Completing the requirements on this sheet does NOT guarantee degree completion. Official degree completion information can be found in **MY.PITT.EDU**. Contact your Faculty Advisor and/or the Registrar’s Office with questions or concerns.