

The justification for adding an additional 3.0 credits to the Sociology major—the requirement to complete SYG 1000 or SYD 3792—is because our students are not currently required to take any lower-division courses. Such courses are important for student development, because they focus on exposure level skills and introduce students to the basic frameworks of our discipline.

It should be noted that students can avoid the additional 3.0 credits by enrolling in SYD 3792 in lieu of SYG 1000. We do not anticipate that the added credit will have any effects on enrollment or time to graduation; we simply expect that it will increase the overall level of development our students undergo.

Sociology

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FAU's Sociology major is distinctive as a [flexible "skills based" major](#). The major lets students choose a plan of study that suits their career interests, focuses on topics that intrigue and challenge them, and helps them to build their own "sociological tool chest" for addressing personal and social problems. Every course includes coverage of core skills and basic knowledge of the discipline in addition to material that is distinctive to the topics. Because of how the major is designed, students who major in Sociology will have many opportunities to develop the skills necessary to ask and answer questions about social behavior, social structure and change, and social trends as well as to read skillfully, write and speak clearly and conduct effective presentations.

Sociology is growing in popularity as a major in the U.S. and across the world. This 21st century major gives students a firm foundation for a broad range of careers and, as importantly, for shaping a life in the face of the challenges and chaos of the current era. Sociology gives students the insights, knowledge and analytic tools to create an individual path and to contribute to shaping the direction of social and political change.

The program in Sociology leads to a B.A. degree. ~~and requires a minimum of 120 credits, of which 60 credits must be from a senior institution. At least 30 credits must be taken in 3000- and 4000-level sociology courses; 15 credits must be at the 4000-level, including SYA 4010 or 4120; SYA 4300, 4310, or 4400; and a minimum of three additional 4000-level substantive courses. All majors at FAU require a minimum of 45 upper-division credits (including the 30 required for the Sociology major).~~

To earn a B.A. degree in Sociology, students must complete the following coursework with a grade of “C” or higher (33 total credits in the major):*

1. SYG 1000 (Sociological Perspectives) *or* SYD 3792 (Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality) (3 credits)
2. SYA 3010 (Sociological Theory) (3 credits)
3. SYA 3300 (Sociological Analysis: Survey of Methods) (3 credits)
4. Six 3000-level electives in Sociology (18 credits)**

5. Two 4000-level electives in Sociology (6 credits)
6. A minimum of 120 total credits, of which 60 credits must be from a senior institution.

*While the total number of credits for the major is 33 (including SYG 1000), the major will be granted with only 30 credits in Sociology if majors opt to take SYD 3792 as a substitute for SYG 1000.

**Students may substitute 4000-level courses for 3000-level elective courses.

Sociology majors are strongly encouraged to take more than ~~10 courses in~~ **33 credits in** Sociology and/or to pursue a second major, minor, or certificate program in another field. As long as all University and College requirements are met, the Sociology major allows students to reach their required number of credits in any way they choose. The Sociology department also offers [Honors in the major](#), a distinction for high-performing students.

Students entering FAU as freshmen must meet the University's General Education/four-year degree program requirements as listed in the [Degree Requirements](#) section of this catalog and the College's requirements as set forth under [Undergraduate Programs](#) in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters.

FAU has a foreign language requirement that all students pursuing majors within the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters must fulfill for the B.A. degree. Students have met this requirement if they have passed or received credit for two semesters of one foreign language at one of Florida's state colleges or at another college or university. Students who have not completed two semesters of foreign language at a college or university must use 8 of their out-of-discipline credits to meet FAU's foreign language requirement, or pass the CLEP exam prior to graduation. For additional information, refer to the [foreign language requirement policy](#).

~~The undergraduate major requires at least 30 credits in sociology with a grade of "C" or higher, including one or more courses in sociological theory, one or more courses in sociological analysis, and at least eight courses (24 credits) of electives.~~ Students often combine the study of sociology with other liberal arts or professional fields to acquire double majors.

Prerequisite Coursework for Transfer Students

Students transferring to Florida Atlantic University must complete both lower-division requirements (including the requirements of the Intellectual Foundations Program) and requirements for the College and major. Lower-division requirements may be completed through the A.A. degree from any Florida public college, university or community college or through equivalent coursework at another regionally accredited institution. Before transferring and to ensure timely progress toward the baccalaureate degree, students must also complete the prerequisite courses for their major as outlined in the [Transition Guides](#).

All courses not approved by the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System that will be used to satisfy requirements will be evaluated individually on the basis of content and will require a catalog course description and a copy of the syllabus for assessment.

Bachelor of Arts with Major in Sociology/[Link to Master's Program](#)

The following course sequence will lead to a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in Sociology.

I. Introductory Sociology (3 credits)		
Sociological Perspectives	SYG 1000	3
Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality	SYD 3792	3
II. Theory and Research Methods (6 credits)		
Sociological Theory	SYA 3010	3
Sociological Analysis: Survey of Methods	SYA 3300	3
Contemporary Social Theory	SYA-4120	3
Writing Social Theory	SYA-4511	3
III. 3000-Level Electives (18 credits)		
Contemporary Social Theory	SYA 3120	3
Social Conflict	SYA 3150	3
Special Topics	SYA 3930	3
Race and Ethnic Relations	SYD 3700	3
Family and Society	SYO 3100	3
Sociology of Health, Medicine, and Illness	SYO 3400	3
Environmental Sociology	SYD 3510	3
The Urban Community	SYD 3600	3
Race in Global Context	SYD 3701	3
Sociology of the Body	SYD 3804	3
Sociology of Food	SYG 3242	3
Sociology of Religion	SYO 3200	3
Sociology of Education	SYO 3250	3
Class, Status, and Power	SYO 3530	3
Poverty and Society	SYO 3534	3
Gender and Work	SYO 3370	3
Labor and Globalization	SYO 3371	3
Sociology of Mental Health	SYO 3410	3
Animals and Society	SYO 3442	3
Sociology of Happiness	SYP 3011	3
Microsociology	SYP 3112	3
Social Movements	SYP 3302	3
Social Change	SYP 3400	3

Sociology of Consumption	SYP 3454	3
Globalization and Social Movements	SYP 3454	3
Adolescence and Delinquency	SYP 3530	3
Drugs and Society	SYP 3550	3
Human Sexuality and Social Change	SYP 3060	3
Self and Society	SYP 3110	3
Sociology of Film	SYP 3632	3
Social Control and Deviance	SYP 3570	3
The Sociology of Sport	SYP 3650	3
Sociology of Youth	SYP 3712	3
Sociology of Aging and Dying	SYP 3740	3
Youth Subcultures	SYP 3772	3
IV. 4000-Level Electives (6 credits)*		
Qualitative Research Methods	SYA 4310	3
Sociological Analysis: Quantitative Methods	SYA 4400	3
Directed Independent Study	SYA 4905	1-3
Special Topics	SYA 4930	1-3
Women, Wealth, and Power	SYD 4812	3
Sociology of Fashion	SYD 4815	3
Gender, Power and Relationships	SYD 4814	3
Sociology Study Abroad	SYG 4957	1-6
Sociology of the Marketplace	SYO 4353	3
Organizational Sociology	SYO 4570	3
Social Construction of Sexuality	SYP 4063	3
Technology and Society	SYP 4421	3
Global Social Change	SYP 4453	3
Sociology of Climate and Disaster	SYP 4464	3
Cultural Sociology	SYP 4610	3
Sociology of Popular Culture	SYP 4630	3

*The prerequisite for entrance into 4000-level courses in Sociology is the completion of SYA 3010 and SYA 3300.

**At least 15 credits of sociology coursework must be completed at the 4000 level, including the required sociological theory and sociological analysis courses.