

SOCIOLOGY, B.A.

Mission

The mission of the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology is to develop Christian scholars who can critically analyze the effects of social structures on human life and who can apply this knowledge to work toward a world that embodies God's justice and shalom.

Degree Program

A Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology is offered upon completion of the University baccalaureate and major requirements. The sociology major requires the completion of 34 credits, 24 of which must be upper-division.

Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, students will be able to:

1. Identify the causes and consequences of social divisions and inequalities (ULO 1).
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the role of evidence in both qualitative and quantitative methods in sociology (ULO 1).
3. Explain the biblical concepts of peace and justice and identify their connections with contemporary social issues (ULO 2).
4. Explain central concepts of social theory and apply them to social life (ULO 3).

Each Program Learning Outcome (PLO) listed above references at least one of the University Learning Outcomes (ULO 1, 2, 3), which may be found in the General Information (<http://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/>) section of this catalog.

Requirements

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Program Specific Core Curriculum Course		
SOCI 220	Introduction to Sociology	
Program Courses		
SOCI 323	Qualitative Methods	3
SOCI 326	Quantitative Methods	3
SOCI 327	Quantitative Methods Lab	1
SOCI 441	Social Theory	3
SOCI 480	Sociology Senior Capstone Seminar	3
Select one Inequality course from the following:		3
SOCI 302	Sociology of Gender	
SOCI 336	Unequal Justice: Race, Class, Gender and Crime ¹	
SOCI 340	Political Sociology	
SOCI 342	Ethnic and Minority Groups	
SOCI 352	Social Inequality: Race, Class and Gender	
SOCI 389	Sociology of Wealth and Poverty	
SOCI 397	Sociology of Disabilities	

SOCI 454	Film, Television, and the Arts: Racial and Gender Issues	
Select 18 credits of upper-division Sociology courses, if not choosing a concentration detailed below		18
Total Credits		34

¹ Note: Criminology Concentrations must take SOCI 336 to complete the Inequality Core Requirement.

Concentrations

Criminology

This course concentration provides students an opportunity to study crime and related issues from a social scientific perspective, infusing themes of social justice, Christian ethics, and recognizing social inequalities present within the criminal justice system. Students in the Criminology concentration must take SOCI 336 as their Inequality course listed under the Program Courses. POSC 410 is a suggested support course.

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration Courses		
SOCI 333	Criminology	3
SOCI 334	Juvenile Delinquency	3
SOCI 366	Sociology Internship	3
Select 9 credits of upper-division Sociology courses		9
Total Credits		18

Social Work

This concentration is organized as a broad preparation for students who desire to enter the helping professions.

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration Courses		
SOCI 300	Social Work	3
SOCI 366	Sociology Internship	3
Select one of the following:		3
SOCI 302	Sociology of Gender	
SOCI 320	Marriage and the Family	
SOCI 453	Sociology of Sexuality	
Select 9 credits of upper-division Sociology courses		9
Total Credits		18

Course Sequence

NOTE: The course sequence table is designed by the major department and is one way that the classes will work out properly in sequence for your major. However, there are alternative or flexible ways to rotate some of the classes within the same year/level and sometimes between year levels. Please contact your major department advisor to discuss flexible alternatives in scheduling the sequence of your classes.

Taking coursework during the summer session may also be an option to accelerate your degree path.

See Core Curriculum Program section (<http://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/undergraduate-requirements-policies/#text>) for a list of approved Core Curriculum courses.

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First Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 103 or 165	3 BBST 210	3
SOCI 220 (Core Curriculum Behavioral Sci)	3 SOCI 323	3
ENGL 100 or 112	3 HIST 100 or 101	3
MATH 122	1 Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4 KNES Activity (see Core Curriculum)	1
GNST 102	1	
	15	14
Total Credits 29		

Second Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 103 or 165	3 BBST 251	3
BBST 209	3 SOCI 326	3
SOCI 441	3 SOCI 327	1
Science (see Core Curriculum)	3 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
HIST 200, 201, or POSC 225	3 Communication (see Core Curriculum)	3
MATH 121	1 KNES 107	1
	16	14
Total Credits 30		

Third Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 354	3 BBST 365	3
SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3 Inequality Course (see program requirements)	3
Fine Arts (see Core Curriculum)	3 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
ENGL 313	3 Literature (see Core Curriculum)	3
MATH 123	1 General Elective	3
General Elective	3 Graduation Petition due in Registrar's Office	
	16	15
Total Credits 31		

Fourth Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 300/400 Bible Elective	3 BBST 465	3
SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3 BBST 306, 316, or 326	3
SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
Philosophy (see Core Curriculum)	3 SOCI 480	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
	15	15
Total Credits 30		

Sociology, B.A. Criminology

First Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 103 or 165	3 BBST 210	3
SOCI 220 (Core Curriculum Behavioral Sci)	3 SOCI 323	3
ENGL 100 or 112	3 HIST 100 or 101	3
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4 Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
GNST 102	1 KNES activity (see Core Curriculum)	1
MATH 122	1	
	15	14
Total Credits 29		

Second Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 103 or 165	3 BBST 251	3
BBST 209	3 SOCI 326	3
SOCI 441	3 SOCI 327	1
HIST 200	3 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
Science (see Core Curriculum)	3 Communication (see Core Curriculum)	3
MATH 121	1 KNES 107	1
	16	14
Total Credits 30		

Third Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 354	3 BBST 365	3
SOCI 333	3 SOCI 334	3
ENGL 313	3 SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
Fine Arts (see Core Curriculum)	3 Literature (see Core Curriculum)	3
MATH 123	1 General Elective	3
General Elective	3 Graduation Petition due in Registrar's Office	
Writing Competency Requirement		
	16	15
Total Credits 31		

Fourth Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 300/400 Bible Elective	3 BBST 465	3
SOCI 336 (Inequality Course - required)	3 BBST 306, 316, or 326	3
SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3 SOCI 366	3
Philosophy (see Core Curriculum)	3 SOCI 480	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
	15	15
Total Credits 30		

Sociology, B.A. Social Work

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BBST 103 or 165	3	BBST 210	3
SOCI 220 (Core Curriculum Behavioral Sci)	3	SOCI 323	3
ENGL 100 or 112	3	HIST 100 or 101	3
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4	Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
GNST 102	1	KNES activity (see Core Curriculum)	1
MATH 122	1		
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Total Credits 29

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BBST 103 or 165	3	BBST 251	3
BBST 209	3	SOCI 326	3
SOCI 441	3	SOCI 327	1
HIST 200, 201, or POSC 225	3	SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
Science (see Core Curriculum)	3	Communication (see Core Curriculum)	3
MATH 121	1	KNES 107	1
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Total Credits 30

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BBST 354	3	BBST 365	3
SOCI 302, 320, or 453 (required)	3	Inequality Course (see catalog)	3
Fine Arts (see Core Curriculum)	3	SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3
ENGL 313	3	Literature (see Core Curriculum)	3
MATH 123	1	General Elective	3
General Elective	3	Graduation Petition due in Registrar's Office	
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	16		15

Total Credits 31

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Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BBST 300/400 Bible Elective	3	BBST 465	3
SOCI 300	3	BBST 306, 316, or 326	3
SOCI Elective (upper-division)	3	SOCI 366	3
Philosophy (see Core Curriculum)	3	SOCI 480	3
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