

# SOCIOLOGY CONCENTRATION

## Requirements

The Sociology Concentration requires a minimum of 39 units, of which 24 must be upper-level. A minimum of 21 of the required total units in the Sociology Concentration must be earned at Towson University. Up to 18 units can be completed elsewhere and applied toward the concentration with the approval of a department adviser.

| Code                                                                                                                                                                       | Title                                                         | Units |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| <b>Basic Required Courses</b>                                                                                                                                              |                                                               |       |
| SOCI 101<br>or SOCI 102                                                                                                                                                    | INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY<br>HONORS INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY | 3     |
| Select one of the following:                                                                                                                                               |                                                               | 3     |
| ANTH 207                                                                                                                                                                   | CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY                                         |       |
| ANTH 210                                                                                                                                                                   | HONORS CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY                                  |       |
| ANTH 212                                                                                                                                                                   | PALEOANTHROPOLOGY AND<br>ARCHAEOLOGY                          |       |
| Select one of the following:                                                                                                                                               |                                                               | 3-4   |
| ECON 205                                                                                                                                                                   | STATISTICS FOR BUSINESS AND<br>ECONOMICS I                    |       |
| MATH 231                                                                                                                                                                   | BASIC STATISTICS                                              |       |
| SOCI 212                                                                                                                                                                   | SOCIAL STATISTICS                                             |       |
| <b>Lower-Level Sociology Electives</b>                                                                                                                                     |                                                               |       |
| Select two of the following:                                                                                                                                               |                                                               | 6     |
| SOCI 210                                                                                                                                                                   | SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT                                            |       |
| SOCI 241                                                                                                                                                                   | BLACKS IN AMERICA: MYTHS AND<br>REALITY                       |       |
| SOCI 243                                                                                                                                                                   | SOCIOLOGY OF RACE, CLASS AND<br>GENDER                        |       |
| SOCI 249                                                                                                                                                                   | SOCIAL PROBLEMS                                               |       |
| SOCI 265                                                                                                                                                                   | STATUS, FRIENDSHIP, INTIMACY                                  |       |
| <b>Theory and Methods Component <sup>1</sup></b>                                                                                                                           |                                                               |       |
| SOCI 381                                                                                                                                                                   | SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY                                           | 3     |
| SOCI 391                                                                                                                                                                   | RESEARCH METHODS                                              | 3     |
| <b>Application, Engagement and Advanced Study</b>                                                                                                                          |                                                               |       |
| Select one of the following courses:                                                                                                                                       |                                                               | 3-4   |
| ANTH 380                                                                                                                                                                   | ETHNOGRAPHIC FIELD METHODS                                    |       |
| CRMJ 353                                                                                                                                                                   | THEORIES OF CRIME                                             |       |
| SOCI 300                                                                                                                                                                   | SOCIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS <sup>2</sup>                            |       |
| SOCI 329                                                                                                                                                                   | DEMOGRAPHY                                                    |       |
| SOCI 485                                                                                                                                                                   | SEMINAR IN SOCIOLOGY <sup>2</sup>                             |       |
| SOCI 491                                                                                                                                                                   | INTERNSHIP IN SOCIOLOGY I                                     |       |
| SOCI 495                                                                                                                                                                   | INDEPENDENT RESEARCH                                          |       |
| SOCI 498                                                                                                                                                                   | HONORS READINGS IN SOCIOLOGY <sup>3</sup>                     |       |
| <b>Upper-Level Sociology Electives</b>                                                                                                                                     |                                                               |       |
| Five courses from the following three thematic categories; at least one course must be completed from each group, and at least four courses must be from Sociology (SOCI): |                                                               | 15    |
| Social Inequalities                                                                                                                                                        |                                                               |       |
| ANTH 321                                                                                                                                                                   | ANTHROPOLOGY OF GENDER                                        |       |
| ANTH 365                                                                                                                                                                   | NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS                                        |       |
| CRMJ 307                                                                                                                                                                   | ISSUES IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE                                   |       |

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CRMJ 345                     | RACE, CRIME, AND JUSTICE                                              |
| CRMJ 348                     | WOMEN, CRIME, AND JUSTICE                                             |
| SOCI 312                     | SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER                                                   |
| SOCI 341                     | CLASS, STATUS AND POWER                                               |
| SOCI 343                     | SOCIOLOGY OF RACE AND ETHNICITY                                       |
| SOCI 370                     | TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY <sup>4</sup>                                      |
| SOCI 440                     | SOCIOLOGY OF IMMIGRATION                                              |
| SOCI 492                     | INTERNSHIP IN SOCIOLOGY II <sup>5</sup>                               |
| SOCI 499                     | HONORS THESIS IN SOCIOLOGY <sup>3</sup>                               |
| Social Processes/Interaction |                                                                       |
| ANTH 325                     | MORAL PANICS                                                          |
| CRMJ 358                     | INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE                                                |
| SOCI 311                     | INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY                                                |
| SOCI 313                     | INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY                                     |
| SOCI 323                     | SOCIAL MOVEMENTS                                                      |
| SOCI 331                     | DEVIANCE AND ORGANIZATIONS                                            |
| SOCI 336                     | SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL ILLNESS                                           |
| SOCI 351                     | DEVIANT BEHAVIOR                                                      |
| SOCI 359                     | SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY                                                    |
| SOCI 370                     | TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY <sup>4</sup>                                      |
| SOCI 492                     | INTERNSHIP IN SOCIOLOGY II <sup>5</sup>                               |
| SOCI 499                     | HONORS THESIS IN SOCIOLOGY <sup>3</sup>                               |
| Social Institutions/Contexts |                                                                       |
| CRMJ 355                     | DELINQUENCY AND JUVENILE JUSTICE                                      |
| SOCI 301                     | THE FAMILY                                                            |
| SOCI 324                     | SOCIOLOGY OF POPULAR CULTURE                                          |
| SOCI 326                     | RELIGION AND SOCIETY                                                  |
| SOCI 327                     | URBAN SOCIOLOGY                                                       |
| SOCI 331                     | DEVIANCE AND ORGANIZATIONS                                            |
| SOCI 333                     | POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY                                                   |
| SOCI 335                     | MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY                                                     |
| SOCI 362                     | WORK AND OCCUPATIONS                                                  |
| SOCI 370                     | TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY (Sociology Outside<br>the Classroom) <sup>4</sup> |
| SOCI 370                     | TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY <sup>4</sup>                                      |
| SOCI 383                     | SOCIOLOGY OF LAW                                                      |
| SOCI 492                     | INTERNSHIP IN SOCIOLOGY II <sup>5</sup>                               |
| SOCI 499                     | HONORS THESIS IN SOCIOLOGY <sup>3</sup>                               |
| <b>Total Units</b>           | <b>39-41</b>                                                          |

<sup>1</sup> SOCI 381 recommended to be taken before SOCI 391.

<sup>2</sup> SOCI 300 and SOCI 485 are recommended for students considering graduate school in sociology.

<sup>3</sup> Students who wish to graduate with Departmental Honors must complete both SOCI 498 and SOCI 499 and follow honors procedures. Contact the department for this information. **Adviser consent required** for approval of SOCI 499. Topic of thesis must be related to designated area in order for course to count. Course cannot be counted in more than one place.

<sup>4</sup> No more than two 370-level "Topics" courses can be completed for credit in the SOCI concentration. **Adviser consent required** for approval in designated area. Topic of course must be related to designated area in order for course to count. Course cannot be counted in more than one place.

<sup>5</sup> Adviser consent required for approval of SOCI 492 in designated area. Topic of internships must be related to designated area in order for course to count. Course cannot be counted in more than one place.

## Four-Year Plan of Study

### Sample Four-Year Plan

The selected course sequence below is an example of the simplest path to degree completion. Based on course schedules, student needs, and student choice, individual plans may vary. Students should consult with their adviser to make the most appropriate elective choices and to ensure that they have completed the required number of units (120) to graduate.

#### Freshman

| Term 1                       | Units Term 2                              | Units     |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Select one of the following: | 3 Select one of the following:            | 3         |
| ANTH 207 (Core 12)           | ECON 205 (Core 3)                         |           |
| ANTH 210 (Core 12)           | MATH 231 (Core 3)                         |           |
| ANTH 212 (Core 8)            | SOCI 212                                  |           |
| SOCI 101 or 102 (Core 6)     | 3 Core 3 (if not taken above) or Elective | 3         |
| Core 1 (or Core 2)           | 3 Core 2 (or Core 1)                      | 3         |
| Core 8 (or Core 12)          | 3-4 Core 4                                | 3         |
| Elective                     | 3 Elective                                | 3         |
| <b>15-16</b>                 |                                           | <b>15</b> |

#### Sophomore

| Term 1                    | Units Term 2                  | Units     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Lower-Level SOCI Elective | 3-4 Lower-Level SOCI Elective | 3         |
| Core 5                    | 3 Upper-Level SOCI Elective   | 3         |
| Core 7                    | 3-4 Core 9                    | 3         |
| Elective                  | 3 Core 10                     | 3         |
| Elective                  | 3 Elective                    | 3         |
| <b>15-17</b>              |                               | <b>15</b> |

#### Junior

| Term 1                    | Units Term 2                | Units     |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| SOCI 381                  | 3 SOCI 391                  | 3         |
| Upper-Level SOCI Elective | 3 Upper-Level SOCI Elective | 3         |
| Core 11                   | 3 Core 14                   | 3         |
| Core 13                   | 3 Elective                  | 3         |
| Elective                  | 3 Elective                  | 3         |
| <b>15</b>                 |                             | <b>15</b> |

#### Senior

| Term 1                    | Units Term 2                       | Units     |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| App/Eng/Adv Study Course  | 3 Upper-Level SOCI Elective        | 3         |
| Upper-Level SOCI Elective | 3 Elective                         | 3         |
| Elective                  | 3 Elective                         | 3         |
| Elective                  | 3 Elective                         | 3         |
| Elective                  | 3 Elective (optional) <sup>1</sup> | 3         |
| <b>15</b>                 |                                    | <b>15</b> |

**Total Units 120-123**

## Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate effective written and presentation skills appropriate within the major.
2. Formulate social research questions, identify and apply various relevant methods, and demonstrate the ability to interpret research findings.
3. Analyze how people's lives are shaped by a social world that includes diversity, inequality, social processes and structures.
4. Apply theoretical and methodological tools of the disciplines to conceptualize and evaluate contemporary social issues and phenomena.

<sup>1</sup> This elective is optional and only necessary if the student is not on target to earn 120 units by the end of their final term.