

SOCIOLOGY

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Our Sociology programs (honours, major, minor, concentration) provide students with a foundation in social scientific research methods, sociological theory, and the core substantive subfields in the discipline. Students learn how to:

- design, conduct, and consume quantitative and qualitative research;
- how to think critically in theoretical and empirical evidence; and
- how to gain a social scientific understanding of the social world.

Programs

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) is a well-established, foundational degree and requires the requirements listed below alongside general graduation requirements (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/faculties/faculty-arts/bachelor-arts/>).

Major in Sociology

For admission to the program, students must have completed Introductory Sociology (SOC1 1210) with a minimum grade of C.

The major in Sociology required the completion of the following thirty-six (36) credit hours:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
SOCI 1210	Introductory Sociology (minimum grade of C)	3
SOCI 2100	Social Research Methods	3
SOCI 3012	Sociological Theory	3
or SOCI 3011	Sociological Theory in Context	
SOCI 3100	Qualitative Research Methods	3
SOCI 3102	Quantitative Research Methods	3
Select 15 credit hours in Sociology at the 3000 level or above		15
Select six credit hours in Sociology at the 4000 level		6
Total Credit Hours		36

Concentration in Sociology

Students in a ninety (90) credit hour B.A. program with a concentration in Sociology are required to complete twenty-four (24) Sociology credit hours with a minimum grade point average of 2.00. Required courses include:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
SOCI 1210	Introductory Sociology (minimum grade of C)	3
SOCI 2100	Social Research Methods	3
Select an additional 18 credit hours in Sociology at the 2000, 3000, or 4000-level. At least 12 credit hours must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.		18
Total Credit Hours		24

Honours in Sociology

This is a selective program. Applicants for admission must:

- have completed at least 60 credit hours;
- have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 out of 4.3;
- have a program GPA of 3.30 out of 4.3;
- have a faculty member's written agreement to serve as a supervisor for the honours thesis, Honours Thesis Writing (SOC1 4601).

The deadline for application is the first working day of April of the year before students wish to begin the honours program.

For honours in Sociology, students must complete sixty (60) credit hours as follows:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Core Courses		
SOCI 1210	Introductory Sociology	3
SOCI 2100	Social Research Methods	3
SOCI 3012	Sociological Theory	3
or SOCI 3011	Sociological Theory in Context	
SOCI 3100	Qualitative Research Methods	3
SOCI 3102	Quantitative Research Methods	3
Honours Core Courses		
SOCI 4600	Honours Thesis Research Preparation ¹	3
SOCI 4601	Honours Thesis Writing ¹	3
Select 27 credit hours in Sociology at the 3000 level or above		27
Select 12 credit hours in Sociology at the 4000 level		12
Total Credit Hours		60

¹ The honours thesis may be either a research-based or a service learning-based project.

To graduate with honours, students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.30 in SOCI courses as well as earn a grade of B+ (3.30) in Honours Thesis Writing (SOC1 4601).

Minor in Sociology

The minor in Sociology requires twenty-four (24) credit hours in Sociology completed with a minimum grade point average of 2.00. Required courses include:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
SOCI 1210	Introductory Sociology (minimum grade of C)	3
SOCI 2100	Social Research Methods	3
SOCI 3012	Sociological Theory	3
or SOCI 3011	Sociological Theory in Context	
Select an additional 15 credit hours in SOCI at the 2000, 3000, or 4000-level		15
Total Credit Hours		24