

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

Students are strongly encouraged to meet with an advisor early during their first semester at SF State, regardless of academic rank. All students should meet with a sociology advisor at least once by the time they have completed SOC 300GW.

## Program Learning Outcomes

1. Understand and identify the social origins and context of diverse individual and group experiences.
2. Apply key concepts of sociological inquiry in social analysis. For some given social phenomenon, students will be able to:
  - a. Construct a reasoned argument based on a theoretical perspective.
  - b. Articulate the broader theoretical perspective, the social origins, and limitations of that perspective, as well as alternative perspectives.
  - c. Utilize this theoretical perspective to illuminate the social arrangements and lived experiences of people.
3. Collect and analyze information, including empirical data, and develop appropriate interpretations directly from the analysis. Students will be able to:
  - a. Conduct a literature review of relevant information.
  - b. Construct an appropriate research design taking into account the research question, previous research, methodological concerns, and material constraints.
  - c. Articulate clearly their research methods, their findings, and the conclusions drawn from those findings
4. Ability to identify and discuss fundamental social processes contributing to and the consequences of social inequality in the United States.
5. Ability to identify and discuss fundamental social processes contributing to and the consequences of social inequality worldwide.

## Sociology (B.A.) – 42 units minimum

- All courses numbered 300 and above require upper-division standing and completion of GE Areas 1 and 2 or equivalent.
- Students are allowed to take one course toward the major as credit/no credit (CR/NC). This course cannot be used as one of the Required Courses.
- A total of 9 lower-division units, including SOC 105, SOC 110, SOC 200, SOC 245, and those courses completed at community colleges, automatically apply toward the 19 units of electives required for the degree.
- A total of 30 Sociology units must be upper-division. University regulation requires 12 units toward the major must be completed in residence.

## Required Courses (20 units)

Code	Title	Units
SOC 272	Social Inequality: Poverty, Wealth, and Privilege	4
SOC 300	Writing Sociological Analysis	1
SOC 300GW	Sociological Analysis - GVAR	3

Select One:		Units
SOC 370	Classical Theories of Society	4
SOC 371	Contemporary Theories of Society	
SOC 392	Introduction to Research Methods	4
SOC 483	Global Sociology	4

## Capstone (3-4 units)

Select One:

Code	Title	Units
SOC 393	Visualizing Social Data and the Power of Numbers	4
SOC 394	Inside the Social World: Qualitative Research Tools	4
SOC 395	Comparative Historical Methods and Postcolonial Critique	4
SOC 501 & SOC 502	Sociology Internship: Making Social Change and Sociology Internship Seminar: Making Social Change	3
SOC 505	Public Sociology	3

## Electives (19 units)

Upper-division SOC courses or courses cross-listed with SOC not used to meet requirements above. Up to 9 units of lower-division sociology courses or courses cross-listed with SOC not used to meet requirements above.

The department strongly encourages students interested in pursuing an M.A. or Ph.D. in sociology to take both SOC 370 and SOC 371 and an advanced methods option for their capstone experience (SOC 393, SOC 394, or SOC 395).

## General Education Requirements

Requirement	Course Level	Units	Area Designation
English Composition	LD	3	1A
Critical Thinking	LD	3	1B
Oral Communication	LD	3	1C
Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning	LD	3	2
Arts	LD	3	3A
Humanities	LD	3	3B
Social and Behavioral Sciences	LD	6	4
Physical Science	LD	3	5A
Biological Science	LD	3	5B
Laboratory	LD	1	5C
Ethnic Studies	LD or UD	3	6
Science or Math/Quantitative Reasoning	UD	3	5UD or 2UD
Arts or Humanities	UD	3	3UD

Social and Behavioral Sciences	UD	3	4UD
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#### SF State Studies

Courses certified as meeting the SF State Studies requirements may be upper or lower division in General Education (GE), a major or minor, or an elective.

American Ethnic and Racial Minorities	LD or UD	3	AERM
Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action	LD or UD	3	ES
Global Perspectives	LD or UD	3	GP
Social Justice	LD or UD	3	SJ

Note: LD = Lower-Division; UD = Upper-Division.

## First-Time Student Roadmap (4 Year)

The roadmaps presented in this Bulletin are intended as suggested plans of study and do not replace meeting with an advisor. For a more personalized roadmap, please use the [Degree Planner \(https://registrar.sfsu.edu/degreeplanner/\)](https://registrar.sfsu.edu/degreeplanner/) tool found in your Student Center.

[First-Time Student Roadmap \(https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/sociology/ba-sociology/roadmap-i-ii-eng/\)](https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/sociology/ba-sociology/roadmap-i-ii-eng/)

## Transfer Student Roadmap (2 Year)

For students with an AA-T in **Sociology**.

[SOC ADT Roadmap \(https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/sociology/ba-sociology/adt-roadmap/\)](https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/sociology/ba-sociology/adt-roadmap/)

## SF State Scholars Roadmap

The San Francisco State Scholars program provides undergraduate students with an accelerated pathway to a graduate degree. Students in this program pursue a bachelor's and master's degree simultaneously. This program allows students to earn graduate credit while in their junior and/or senior year, reducing the number of semesters required for completion of a master's degree.

[Sociology BA + Gerontology MA SF State Scholars Roadmap \(https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/sociology/ba-sociology/scholars-roadmap/\)](https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/sociology/ba-sociology/scholars-roadmap/)

## This degree program is an approved pathway ("similar" major) for students earning the ADT in Sociology

California legislation SB 1440 (2009) mandated the creation of the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) to be awarded by the California Community Colleges. Two types of ADTs are awarded: Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) and Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T).

Note: no specific degree is required for admission as an upper-division student. However, the ADT includes specific guarantees related to admission and graduation and is designed to clarify the transfer process and strengthen lower-division preparation for the major.

An ADT totals 60 units and in most cases includes completion of all lower-division General Education requirements and at least 18 units in a specific major. (The Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental Science AS-T degrees defer 3 units in lower-division GE area 3 and 3 units in lower-division GE area 4 until after transfer.) Students pursuing an ADT are guaranteed admission to the CSU if minimum eligibility requirements are met, though not necessarily to the CSU campus of primary choice.

Upon verification that the ADT has been awarded prior to matriculation at SF State, students are guaranteed B.A. or B.S. completion in 60 units if pursuing a "similar" major after transfer. Determinations about "similar" majors at SF State are made by faculty in the discipline.

Degree completion in 60 units cannot be guaranteed when a student simultaneously pursues an additional major, a minor, certificate, or credential.

A sample advising roadmap for students who have earned an ADT and continue in a "similar" major at SF State is available on the Roadmaps tab on the degree requirements page for the major. The roadmap displays:

- How many lower-division units required for the major have been completed upon entry based on the award of a specific ADT;
- Which lower-division requirements are considered complete upon entry based on the award of a specific ADT;
- How to complete the remaining 60 units for the degree in four semesters.

Students who have earned an ADT should seek advising in the major department during the first semester of attendance.

## General Advising Information for Transfer Students

1. Before transfer, complete as many lower-division requirements or electives for this major as possible.
2. The following courses are not required for admission but are required for graduation. Students are strongly encouraged to complete these units before transfer; doing so will provide more flexibility in course selection after transfer.
  - a course in U.S. History
  - a course in U.S. & California Government

For information about satisfying the requirements described in (1) and (2) above at a California Community College (CCC), please visit <http://www.assist.org> (<http://assist.org>). Check any geographically accessible CCCs; sometimes, options include more than one college. Use ASSIST to determine:

- Which courses at a CCC satisfy any lower-division major requirements for this major;
- Which courses at a CCC satisfy CSU GE, US History, and US & CA Government requirements.

Remedial courses are not transferable and do not apply to the minimum 60 semester units/90 quarter units required for admission.

Additional units for courses that are repeated do not apply to the minimum 60 units required for upper-division transfer (for example, if a course was not passed on the first attempt or was taken to earn a better grade).

Before leaving the last California Community College of attendance, obtain a summary of completion of lower-division General Education units (IGETC or CSU GE Breadth). This is often referred to as a GE certification worksheet. SF State does not require delivery of this certification to Admissions, but students should retain this document for verifying degree progress after transfer.

Credit for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or College-Level Examination Program courses: AP/IB/CLEP credit is not automatically transferred from the previous institution. Units are transferred only when an official score report is delivered to SF State. Credit is based on the academic year during which exams were taken. Refer to the University Bulletin in effect during the year of AP/IB/CLEP examination(s) for details regarding the award of credit for AP/IB/CLEP.

Students pursuing majors in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines often defer 6-9 units of lower-division General Education in Areas C and D until after transfer to focus on preparation courses for the major. This advice does not apply to students pursuing associate degree completion before transfer.

## **Transferring From Institutions Other Than CCCs or CSUs**

Review SF State's lower-division General Education requirements. Note that, as described below, the four basic skills courses required for admission meet GE Areas 1A/A2, 1B/A3, 1C/A1, and 2/B4 in the SF State GE pattern. Courses that fulfill the remaining areas of SF State's lower-division GE pattern are available at most two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

Of the four required basic skills courses, a course in critical thinking (1B/A3) may not be widely offered outside the CCC and CSU systems. Students should attempt to identify and take an appropriate course no later than the term of application to the CSU. To review more information about the 1B/A3 requirement, please visit [bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/lower-division/#AAEL](http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/lower-division/#AAEL).

Waiting until after transfer to take a single course at SF State that meets both US and CA/local government requirements may be an appropriate option, particularly if transferring from outside of California.