

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences  
Department of Sociology  
Bachelor of Science in Sociology  
Major: Sociology  
Major Option: Women's and Gender Studies

For student date of entry under UG Catalog 2021-2022

**Checksheets:** This checksheet specifies the requirements for a major in sociology with a Women's and Gender Studies option.

**Number of Credits for a Bachelor of Science in Sociology:** 120 credits.  
74 credits must be completed beyond what is required for a sociology major with a Women's and Gender Studies option.

**Number of Credits for a Sociology Major with a Women's and Gender Studies Option:** 46 credits.  
The 46 credits include 22 credits of sociology core degree courses.

**Number of Credits of Free Electives:** 29 credits.

**Number of Credits for the Pathways to General Education and Curriculum:** 45 credits.  
All students with a sociology major with a Women's and Gender Studies option are required to complete the General Education and Curriculum.

**Double Majors in the Department of Sociology:** The Department of Sociology offers a major in sociology, with and without options, and a major in criminology. Students are permitted to obtain both majors. Courses in the sociology core degree can meet the requirements of both majors, but none of the required or elective courses taken for either major can count toward the other.

**Minimum GPA:** A minimum 2.0 in-major GPA and 2.0 overall GPA.  
All courses with a SOC prefix, WGS prefix, or cross-listed with sociology and/or Women's and Gender Studies are included in the calculation of the in-major GPA.

**Grade Requirement:** All courses used to fulfill the requirements of the sociology major with an option in Women's and Gender Studies must be taken for a letter grade of A-F.

**Requirements for Satisfactory Progress:** Students must have completed Introductory Sociology (SOC 1004), Social Research Methods (SOC 3204), Sociological Theory (SOC 3104), Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (WGS 1814), Feminist Theory (WGS 2114), and 3 additional credits of sociology prior to attempting 72 credits (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing, and credit by examination).

Upon having attempted 60 credits, students must have an in-major GPA of 2.0 and an in-major GPA of 2.0 thereafter to be considered as making satisfactory progress toward the degree.

If satisfactory progress is not made, procedures will be followed as required by the Academic Eligibility Policy.

**Prerequisites:** Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites.

**Advising:** Regular contact with the academic advisor for sociology is not required but strongly encouraged. Call (540) 231-8971 to schedule an appointment. The Department of Sociology main office is located in 560 McBryde.

**Sociology Major with a Women's and Gender Studies Option**

**Sociology Core Degree Required Courses: 22 credits**

*In accordance with university guidelines, courses satisfying degree core requirements may not be double counted to satisfy other areas of a degree (e.g. Pathways to General Education Curriculum).*

**Sociology: 19 credits. Take in the order listed**

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| _____ | SOC 1004  | Introductory Sociology (3) (including First Year Experience)         |
| _____ | SOC 2104  | Quantitative Approaches to Community Research (3)<br>(Pre: SOC 1004) |
| _____ | SOC 3104* | Sociological Theory (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)                              |
| _____ | SOC 3204  | Social Research Methods (4) (Pre: SOC 1004).                         |
| _____ | SOC 3004  | Social Inequality (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)                                |
| _____ | SOC 4194  | Senior Seminar (3) (Pre: SOC 3104 and SOC 3204)                      |

**Africana Studies, American Indian Studies and Women's and Gender Studies Electives: 3 credits**

**Select one of the following:**

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| _____ | AFST 1714 | Introduction to African American Studies (3)   |
| _____ | AINS 1104 | Introduction to American Indian Studies (3)    |
| ***** | WGS 1824  | Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (3) |

\*Recommend taking two of the following courses prior to registering for SOC 3104, Sociological Theory: SOC 2004, Social Problems, SOC 2014, Sociology of Intimate Relationships, SOC 2024, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, SOC 2034, Diversity and Community Engagement, SOC 2304, Individual in Society, and/or SOC 2404, Deviant Behavior.

\*\*\*\*\* Required as part of the Women's and Gender Studies option; and, therefore, cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.

**Women's and Gender Studies Option Required Course: 9 credits.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ WGS 1824 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (3)  
\_\_\_\_\_ WGS 2114 Feminist Theory (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)  
\_\_\_\_\_ WGS 4224 Women's Studies Seminar (3) (Pre: WGS 1824, WGS 2114)

**Sociology Electives: 6 credits.**

Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites.

3 credits: Select one of the following.

- \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 3014 Gender Relations (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)  
\_\_\_\_\_ SOC 3614 Gender and Work in the U.S. (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)  
\_\_\_\_\_ SOC 3714 Sociology of Aging (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)

3 credits: Select a sociology course at the 3000-4000 level that has not already been used to fulfill a requirement. SOC 4754 (Internship), SOC 4964 (Field Study), and SOC 4974 (Independent Study) cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.

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**Women's and Gender Studies Option Electives: 9 credits.**

Select from the list below of Women's and Gender Studies option electives. A course taken as a sociology elective cannot also count as a Women's and Gender Studies elective. Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites.

2000 level: None required. Maximum of 3 credits. Credits from WGS 2974 (independent study) cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.

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3000 or 4000 level: Minimum of 6 credits. A maximum of 3 credits from WGS 4754 (Internship), WGS 4964 (Field Study), and WGS 4974 (Independent Study) can be used to fulfill this requirement.

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**Women's and Gender Studies Option Electives**

**2000 Level**

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| AFST 2734                        | The Black Woman in the U.S. (3)  |
| HD 2314                          | Human Sexuality (3)  |
| SOC 2514 (RLCL 2514)             | Asian American Experience (3) (when the topic is women, gender, sexualities, and/or diversity) |
| WGS 2204 (AFST 2204) (RLCL 2204) | Race and Gender in Religion and Culture (3)  |
| WGS 2224                         | Women and Creativity (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)   |
| WGS 2244                         | Women and Science (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)  |
| WGS 2254                         | Feminist Activism (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)  |
| WGS 2264 (SOC 2264) (AFST 2264)  | Race, Class, Gender, and Sexualities (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)                                       |
| WGS 2274                         | Women in the Military (3)  |
| WGS 2284                         | Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)                      |
| WGS 2974                         | Independent Study (variable credit)  |
| WGS 2984                         | Special Study (variable credit)  |

**3000 Level**

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| AFST 3444 (CINE 3444) | African American Images in Film (3) (Pre: AFST 1714) (when the topic is women, gender, sexualities, and/or diversity) |
| AFST 3634 (ENGL 3634) | African American Literature (3) (when the topic is women, gender, sexualities, and/or diversity)                      |
| ENGL 3364             | Topics in Literature by Women (3) (Pre: ENGL 1106 or ENGL 1204H or COMM 1016)   |
| HD 3114               | Issues in Aging (3) (when the topic is women, gender, sexualities, and/or diversity)                                  |
| HIST 3105             | Women in U.S. History (to 1865) (3)   |
| HIST 3106             | Women in U.S. History (since 1865) (3)  |
| PSCI 3256             | The Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Gender (3) (Pre: PSCI 1014 or PSCI 1024)  |
| SOC 3014              | Gender Relations (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)  |
| SOC 3614              | Gender and Work in the U.S. (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)   |
| SOC 3714              | Sociology of Aging (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)  |
| SOC 3954              | Study Abroad (3) (with approval of department chair)  |
| WGS 3004              | Topics in Feminism (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)  |
| WGS 3014 (RLCL 3014)  | Women and Gender in Islam (3)   |
| WGS 3214              | Global Feminisms (3) (Pre: WGS 2264)  |
| WGS 3324              | Perspectives on the Biology of Women (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)  |
| WGS 3984              | Special Study (variable credit)   |

**4000 Level**

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| ENGL 4674                       | Studies in Contemporary Culture (3) (Pre: ENGL 1106, ENGL 1204H, or COMM 1016) (when the topic is women, gender, sexualities, and/or diversity)   |
| ENGL 4684                       | Special Topics in Literature (3) (Pre: ENGL 1106-Minimum grade of P, ENGL 1204H-Minimum grade of P, or COMM 1016-Minimum grade of P) (when the topic is women, gender, sexualities, and/or diversity) |
| HD 4364                         | Gender and Family Diversity (3) (Pre: HD 2304)  |
| SOC 4054 (APS 4034)             | Appalachian Languages and Culture (3)   |
| SOC 4124 (RLCL 4124)            | Topics in Culture (3) (Pre: AFST 1004 OR AFST 1014 or AFST 1714 or AINS 1104 or RLCL 1004 or RLCL 2004 or WGS 1824 (when the topic is women, gender, sexualities, and/or diversity)                   |
| WGS 4214 (UAP 4214) (GEOG 4214) | Gender, Environment, and International Development (3) (Pre: junior standing)   |
| WGS 4334 (STS 4334)             | Sexual Medicine (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)   |
| WGS 4704 (STS 4704)             | Gender and Science (3) (Pre: WGS 2244 or STS 1504)  |
| WGS 4754                        | Internship (variable credit) (Pre: WGS 1824) with approval of department chair  |
| WGS 4974                        | Independent Study (3)   |
| WGS 4984                        | Special Study (variable)  |
| WGS 4994                        | Undergraduate Research (variable)   |

**Pathways for General Education and Curriculum and Foreign Language**

Pathways for General Education and Curriculum: 45 credits.

All students must fulfill the requirements of the Pathways for General Education and Curriculum. Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites. All pathways courses must be 3 credits.

**Core Concept 1: Discourse (9 hours)**

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| 1A: Applied/Advanced - Select from approved Pathways courses | 3cr _____           |
| 1f: Foundational - First -Year Writing                       | 3cr _____ ENGL 1105 |
| 1f: Foundational - First -Year Writing                       | 3cr _____ ENGL 1106 |

**Core Concept 2: Critical Thinking in the Humanities (6 hours)**

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| Select from approved Pathways courses | 3cr _____ |
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**Core Concept 3: Reasoning in the Social Sciences (6 hours)**

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| Select from approved Pathways courses | 3cr _____ |
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**Core Concept 4: Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (6 hours)**

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| Select from approved Pathways courses | 3cr _____ |
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**Core Concept 5: Quantitative and Computational Thinking (9 hours)**

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| 5A: Applied/Advanced – Select from approved Pathways courses | 3cr _____ |
| 5f: Foundational – Select from approved Pathways courses     | 3cr _____ |
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**Core Concept 6: Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts (6 hours)**

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| 6A: Practice in the Arts- select from approved courses | 3cr _____ |
| 6D: Practice in Design- select from approved courses   | 3cr _____ |

**Core Concept 7: Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States (3 hours)**

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| Select from approved Pathways courses | 3cr _____ |
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**Foreign Language Requirement:**

Students who completed 3 years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school have completed this requirement. Students who did not complete 3 years of a foreign, classical, or sign language in high school must complete one of the following:

- 2 years of a foreign, classical, or sign language in high school plus FL 1106 or the equivalent in college. These 3 hours count towards the 120 required for graduation.
- Complete FL 1105-1106 or the equivalent in college. These 6 hours do not count toward the 120 required for graduation.
- Complete either SPAN 1114, GER 1114, RUS 1114, or ITAL 1114. The 4 hours do not count towards the 120 required for graduation.