Sociology examines the social aspects and dimensions of most everything human beings do in the realm of politics, economics, culture, technology, relationships and identity. Studying sociology provides students critical and reflexive perspectives with which to understand the world. It pushes students to develop the analytical, research and compositional skills necessary to investigate, understand, analyze, explain and improve the world around them. Courses cover a broad range of topics including: the study of individuals as social actors; the analysis of social processes such as social interaction and deviance and conformity; the study of institutions such as law, family, sexuality, popular culture, medicine, education and the criminal justice system; and transnational or global explorations of the environment, race and ethnicity, and gender. The department offers a variety of courses of interest to non-majors as well as to majors. The department offers a variety of courses of interest to non-majors as well as to majors.

Upon completion of a B.A. in Sociology, students can continue their education with graduate work in either sociology or in some related field such as social work, public administration or law. For students who choose to pursue employment with their bachelor’s degree, sociology provides an excellent liberal arts foundation for a range of career paths that utilize their sociological insights as well as the conceptual and methodological skills they have acquired. Training in sociology can open a variety of doors in human services and in business. Those who enter human services may work with youths at risk, the elderly, or people experiencing problems related to poverty, substance abuse or the justice system. Some find employment in agencies that work for social change including various organizations concerned with human rights issues or the environment. Sociology majors who enter the business world work in sales, marketing, customer relations or human resources.
**SUGGESTED FIRST- AND SECOND-YEAR COURSE SEQUENCE**

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**SPRING 2019**
- Area A3 Critical Thinking
- Area A4 Written Communication II*
- Area B4 Quantitative Reasoning*
- Area B1 or B2: Physical or Biological Science*
- Area D1 Sociology 105

**SPRING 2020**
- Area C Arts, Humanities or Literature*
- Major Prerequisite, Foundation, or Core
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*AP and IB exam scores as well as courses taken at a community college can also impact the suggested course sequencing. If you are not sure how this will affect your scheduling, please contact an SRC advisor.

**General Education Areas Potentially Met by Courses in this Major**
Successfully completing the Sociology courses SOC 105 and SOC 245 also means that you have met the requirements for AREA D1 in your lower division General Education requirements.

**ADDING, DROPPING AND WITHDRAWING FROM CLASSES AFTER START OF SEMESTER**
Please be aware of all deadlines. You may add courses via your Gateway until before the first day of instruction, provided there is space available. Once classes start, you will need permission numbers from your instructor to add classes via Gateway.

Dropping courses via your Gateway without it noted on your official records must occur within the first three weeks of each semester. After this three-week period, you are no longer allowed to drop courses via your Gateway. You must have a serious and compelling reason to withdraw from a course and submit a petition with objective supporting documentation. If approved, a “W” will appear on your transcript. All withdrawal petitions that lack serious and compelling reasons and/or viable supporting documentation will be denied within the College of Health & Social Sciences. Be conscientious about withdrawing from classes, as you are allowed a maximum of 18 units for withdrawal, and “W”s on your transcript can reflect poorly. Also, keep in mind that you are only allowed to repeat a course once for a maximum of two times.

Lastly, it is ALWAYS students’ responsibility to ensure that they are in the appropriate classes — always check your schedule!

**RESOURCES:**
- DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
  - HSS 370 | sociol@sfsu.edu | (415) 338-1466
  - sociology.sfsu.edu
- CHSS STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER
  - HSS 254 | srcenter@sfsu.edu | (415) 405-3740
  - chss.sfsu.edu/src
- ASSIST
  - www.assist.org