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IMPACITION

Sociology is an impacted program, meaning there are more students wanting the major than there is capacity. Thus, freshmen and sophomores interested in the Sociology program should consider declaring Pre-Sociology. However, this does not mean that your major is now Sociology, it just makes you eligible to receive news and updates from the College. Please reach out to the Sociology Department with regard to the application and admission process.

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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.
### FALL 2019
- **Area A1** Oral Communication or Area A3 HSS 110 (recommended)
- **Area A2** Written English Requirement (ENG 114 or ENG 104)
- **Area B4** Quantitative Reasoning and support class (if needed)
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- **Area A2** Written English Requirement (if took ENG 104 in Fall 2019) or Area E HSS 210 (preferred) (if ENG 114 completed in Fall 2019)
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### SPRING 2021
- Major Elective
- **Area B2** Life Science and B3 Laboratory Science (If Lab was not completed previous semester)
- **Area D1 or D2 or D3**: Social Sciences or US History or US/CA Government
- Complimentary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective
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**Elective/complementary studies** — please consult with major advisor about appropriate courses.

AP and IB exam scores as well as courses taken at community college may impact suggested course sequencing. If you are not sure how this will affect you, please contact an SRC advisor.

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**ADDING, DROPPING AND WITHDRAWING FROM CLASSES AFTER START OF SEMESTER**

Please be aware of all deadlines. You may add courses via your Gateway before the first day of instruction, provided there is space available. Once classes start, you will need a permission number from your instructor to add a course via Gateway.

Dropping courses via your Gateway without it being noted on your academic record 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. At this point, you must have a serious and compelling reason to withdraw from a course and submit a petition that includes supporting documentation and an unofficial transcript. If approved, a “W” will appear on your academic record. Withdrawals that lack serious and compelling reasons and/or viable supporting documentation may be denied within the College of Health & Social Sciences. Be conscientious about withdrawing from classes, as you are only allowed a maximum of 18 units for withdrawal. Please also keep in mind that you are only allowed to repeat a course once after receiving a failing grade.

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

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**RESOURCES:**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**
HSS 370 | SOCIO@SFSU.EDU | (415) 338-1466
sociology.sfsu.edu

**CHSS STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER**
HSS 254 | srcenter@sfsu.edu | (415) 405-3740
chss.sfsu.edu/src

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