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.

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

#### FALL 2021
- **Area A1** Oral Communication or Area A3 HSS 110 (recommended)
- **Area A2** Written English Requirement (ENG 114 or ENG 104)
- **Area A4** Quantitative Reasoning and support class (if needed)
- **Area C1 or C2** Arts or Humanities
- Complimentary Studies or SF State Studies or University Electives

#### SPRING 2022
- Lower Division Sociology Course
- **Area A1** Oral Communication or Area A3 HSS 110 (recommended)
- **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)
- **Area C1 or C2** Arts or Humanities
- **Area D1 or D2 or D3** Social Sciences or US History or US/CA Government

**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 impacted he suggest course sequencing. If you are not sure how this will affect you, please contact an SRC advisor.**

#### FALL 2022
- Lower Division Sociology Course
- **Area A1** Oral Communication or Area A3 HSS 110 (recommended)
- **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)
- **Area C1 or C2** Arts or Humanities
- **Area D1 or D2 or D3** Social Sciences or US History or US/CA Government

#### SPRING 2023
- 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
- Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective
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