

Sociology

Associate in Arts

Total Required Credits for Degree: minimum of 64
General Education Core Curriculum: minimum of 37
Additional Coursework: 27

Code: 8883

Note: Consult a faculty adviser or the Counseling and Advising office before planning coursework.

About the Program

The Sociology program puts its own special twist on the way it teaches sociology by focusing on globalization. The web site below is an open door to the global community, with links to other sites that address social issues in a global perspective.

Program web site: www.cod.edu/sociology/

First Semester Possibilities

Students enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits are considered full-time students. The following courses are examples of possible choices for the first semester of study:

Course	Credits
Anthropology 1100, 1101, 1120, 1125.....	3
Geography 1100, 1105, 1130.....	3
Political Science 1100, 1101	3
Psychology 1100	3
Sociology 1100, 1120	3

Program Notes

1. Check the catalogs of all potential transfer institutions regarding foreign language requirements.
2. If you plan to transfer to a baccalaureate-granting school, choose your transfer institution as early as possible and follow its requirements in making your course selections.

General Education Core Curriculum

Each candidate for an A.A. degree shall satisfactorily complete a minimum of 37 General Education credits. General Education credit may not be earned using a Satisfactory/Fail grade.

Use the *Student Planning Worksheet* or consult a list of General Education categories and courses for this degree to decide what needs to be taken. Links can be found on the Sociology online program guide (www.cod.edu/sociology/).

Under the specified General Education headings below, the following courses are recommended for the Sociology Associate in Arts degree:

Communication: 9 credits

Written: 6 credits

Oral: 3 credits

Required courses: English 1101 and 1102 (grade of “C” or higher required); Speech 1100 (grade of “C” or higher required)

Physical and Life Sciences: 7 to 10 credits

Select at least one course from Life Sciences and one course from Physical Sciences. At least one course must have a laboratory component.

Recommended course: Biology

Mathematics: 3 to 5 credits

Recommended course: Sociology 2205

Students need a strong background in math and science, including *College Algebra* (Mathematics 1428). Regardless of your special interest in sociology, you should emphasize research methods and an understanding of statistics. These paths of study are cited as most valuable by sociology majors who are employed. *Please note:* Some baccalaureate-granting schools require students to take statistics and methods at their institution.

Humanities and Fine Arts: 9 credits

Select at least one course from Humanities and at least one course from Fine Arts.

Please note: Only one foreign language course may apply for general education credit. Additional foreign language courses will count as elective credit toward your degree.

Earn no more than 6 credits in History in the Humanities and Fine Arts, and Social and Behavioral Sciences categories combined. Additional credits in History from general education or other categories may be earned as elective credit, unless restricted by degree requirements.

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 9 credits

Courses must be selected from at least two disciplines. See note under Humanities/Fine Arts regarding History courses.

Recommended courses: Sociology 1100, 1120, 2200, 2205, 2210, 2220, 2230, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2290 (select three to four courses); Anthropology 1100; Psychology 1100, 2240; Economics 2201; Geography 1100, 1105; Political Science 1100, 1101

As a rule, three to four College of DuPage sociology courses will transfer into other sociology programs.

Because the social and behavioral sciences are closely related, a good background in the various social science courses is highly recommended.

Additional Coursework

Students are strongly advised to consult with a faculty adviser and/or the transfer institution in selecting 27 General Elective credits. Students can earn a maximum of 10 credits in technical/occupational areas (the transferability of these courses needs to be validated with a transfer institution).

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Additional A.A. Degree Requirements

These credits can count as either General Education Core Curriculum (in the Humanities category or the Social and Behavioral Sciences category) or as General Elective credit, whichever applies.

Human Relations: Complete one course.

Recommended courses: Sociology 1100, 1120, 2215; Anthropology 1100, 1105, 1130; Psychology 1150

Global/Multicultural Studies: Complete one course.

Recommended courses: Anthropology 1100, 1130; Sociology 2210, 2220; Economics 2220, Political Science 2203; Geography 1120

Contemporary Life Skills: Complete one course.

Recommended courses: Computer Information Systems 1110; Journalism and Mass Communication 1100; Education 1105, 1110; Human Services 1113; Sociology 2290

Computer application skills are valuable to sociology majors. Students may want to take additional courses in this area.

IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative)

The IAI General Education Core Curriculum is based on a package concept, in which a package of courses is used to meet the receiving institution's lower-division general education requirements. The entire IAI package must be completed to ensure full articulation.

Always seek the advice of an academic adviser at College of DuPage or an admissions counselor at a transfer institution when choosing major courses. For additional information, check the web site at: www.itransfer.org or the College of DuPage transfer guide web site at home.cod.edu/academics/transferinfo.

Advisers

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For additional information, see the Sociology web page: www.cod.edu/sociology.