

Guidelines for Sociology Majors 2009-2010

THE MAJOR

Sociology Majors must complete 11 units of Sociology courses including 229, 301 or 302, 334 and 450.

Required Sociology Courses to complete the Sociology Major: 6 units

SO 229 Sociological Research Design—1 unit (*prerequisite*: any 100-level Sociology course)

SO 301 or 302 Quantitative Research Methods or Qualitative Research Methods— 1 unit
(*prerequisite*: SO 229)

SO 334 Social Theory—2 units (*prerequisites*: junior standing and 2 courses in Sociology)

SO 450 Senior Thesis—2 units (*prerequisites*: SO 229; SO 301 or 302) – may be arranged for any two blocks 1-7. (Students who have not completed their senior thesis by the end of block 6 may not receive full consideration for the Abbott Prize in Sociology. Faculty has a block of release time to work with thesis students in either block 5 or block 6, so these are the optimal blocks in which to do your thesis.)

PLEASE NOTE: For students who have already completed SO228, Quantitative Sociology, for your second methods course, you may take either SO229 Sociological Research Design (without the afternoon lab component) or SO302 Qualitative Sociology. Check with you advisor about which option would be best for you.

Elective Sociology Courses as part of the Sociology Major: 5 units

The Sociology faculty teaches a variety of elective courses. You should begin by taking one or more 100-level courses, which serve as introductions to the discipline of sociology and as prerequisites for our 200-level courses. We also offer a set of 300-level courses which are advanced seminars designed to especially prepare students for their senior thesis projects. Those elective courses offered in 2009-2010 are listed below.

100-Level Courses:

- SO 100 Thinking Sociologically – 1 unit (offered twice)
- SO 105 Art and Society – 1 unit
- SO 107 Inequality - 1 unit
- SO 112 Gender Inequality – 1 unit
- SO 113 Racial Inequality - 1 unit (offered twice)
- SO 118 Deviance and Social Control – 1 unit (offered twice)
- SO 130 Environmental Sociology - 1 unit
- SO 160 The Sociology of Everyday Life – 1 unit (offered twice)

200-Level Courses:

- SO 218 Political Sociology - 1 unit (*prerequisite*: any 100-level Sociology course)
- SO 214 Sociology of Religion – 1 unit (*prerequisite*: any 100-level Sociology course)
- SO 229 Sociological Research Design – 1 unit (*prerequisite*: any 100-level Sociology course)
- SO 235 Sociology of Family – 1 unit (*prerequisite*: any 100-level Sociology course)
- SO 257 Globalization & Immigration on the US-Mexico Border – 1 unit (*prerequisite*: any 100-level Sociology course, sophomore standing)
- SO 280 Sociology of Education- 1 unit (*prerequisite*: any 100-level Sociology course).
- SO 290 Advanced Topics in Sociology: Non-Profit Sector (*prerequisite*: any 100-level Sociology course)
- SO 290 Advanced Topics in Sociology: Sociology of Health and Illness (*prerequisite*: any 100-level Sociology course)

300-Level Course:

- SO 301 Quantitative Research Methods – 1 unit (*prerequisite*: SO 229)
- SO 302 Qualitative Research Methods – 1 unit (*prerequisite*: SO 229)
- SO 303 Sociology of Sexuality – 1 unit (any 200-level Sociology course)
- SO 312 Communities & Networks – 1 unit (*prerequisite*: any 200 level Sociology course)
- SO 334 Social Theory – 2 units (*prerequisite*: 2 sociology courses, junior standing)
- SO 314 Sociology of Culture - 1 unit (*prerequisite*: any 200-level Sociology course)

CREDITS FROM OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Transfer Students: Courses offered by Sociology Departments at accredited colleges and Universities in the United States can count toward the elective requirement of the major. Students may petition to have work at accredited colleges and universities in the United States count toward the core courses (SO 228, SO229, SO301 or SO 302) by writing a letter to the faculty member teaching that course; petitions supported by the course syllabus and copies of written work will have a higher probability of success.

Study Abroad and Study Away Program Credits: Students may petition to have one unit of work from a study-abroad or study-away program count toward the elective requirement of the major by writing a letter to the department chair and explaining the subject matter of the course and its relevance to the sociology curriculum. Students who wish two credits from study abroad or study away to count toward the elective requirements will need to present a syllabus and a copy of their written work (translated into a language that the faculty read).

DISTINCTION IN SOCIOLOGY

Distinction in Sociology is awarded to those majors whose Sociology GPA is 3.7 or above and who received an A or an A- on their Senior Thesis.

ABBOTT PRIZE IN SOCIOLOGY

The Sociology Faculty award the Abbott Prize to one or more graduating seniors at Honors convocation each year. Although the monetary award is small, the prize conveys great esteem. Faculty rely not only on the history of a student's work in the department but also the student's presence in the department to award the prize.

O'CONNOR GRANTS

The department has a small endowment to support the social justice work of our majors. Majors are entitled to a grant or grants of up to \$1000 during their careers as majors. Proposals consist of a letter to the department chair outlining the project and its relevance to social justice work, a budget for the project (and a specific request to cover certain items in the budget), and in the case of a research project, a letter of recommendation from the faculty member who will supervise the research. Proposals are due on the first Mondays of blocks 2, 4, and 8. Students who receive an O'Connor grant are expected to offer a student colloquium in the semester following their work.