

SOCIOLOGY ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE BS (120 CREDIT HOURS)
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This degree map is a semester-by-semester sample course schedule for students majoring in **Sociology**. The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep a student on track to graduate in four years. The schedule serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each semester. Milestones are courses and special requirements necessary for timely progress toward degree completion. When one or more milestones are missed, students should consult with an academic advisor to determine if another degree path would be more suitable.

Sociology is the study of group life. As a social science, it combines scientific and humanistic perspectives and research methods to identify, describe, explain, and understand the connections between the social forces that help shape who we are, what we believe, how we behave, and how we choose to live our lives. It examines how we shape our world through our interactions with others and by the choices we make, and how and why groups form, organize, achieve goals, and evolve.

Key areas of inquiry include culture, identity, urban and rural life, socialization, family patterns and relationships, social change, social problems, racism, sexism, stratification and social class, economic systems, political power, law and social control, conflict, education, population, environment, technology and communications, health care and illness, social movements, community responses to disasters, life in organizations, and contemporary social issues. The knowledge and skills cultivated in the sociology curriculum are in high demand by business, industry, and government. Sociology majors should choose electives both in the field and outside the field to further enhance these skills.

Sociology majors must remove all high school deficiencies, earn a “C” or higher in 18 credit hours of core courses and 12 credit hours of 3000-4000 level sociology electives. Successful completion of SOCI 2010 is required before moving on in the Sociology core and upper-division elective courses. The core courses are: SOCI 2010, SOCI 3000, SOCI 4510, SOCI 4900, SOCI 4910, and SOCI 4990. Meeting with an academic advisor each semester is encouraged.

Tennessee State University recognizes that students have diverse learning, life, and professional experiences. The University provides opportunities for students to earn college credit toward the degree through a number of assessment options that evaluate their learning experiences. These paths are grouped under the category “Prior Learning Assessment” (PLA). Various means of earning PLA credit at TSU are the following: Advanced Placement Program, American Council of Education (ACE) Military Credit, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), DSST Credit by Examination Program (includes DAN TES Examination), Institutional Course Challenge Exams (Departmental Exams), International Baccalaureate Credit, Other Military Service, Portfolio Assessment. To learn more about PLA contact your academic advisor or the Office of Student Support Services for Adult and Distance Learners at (615) 963-7001 or adultstudentsupport@tnstate.edu.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 1	Hrs.	Semester 1
UNIV 1000*	1	
ENGL 1010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before ENGL 1020, and HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070, or HIST 2700; Minimum grade “C” Required
NATURAL SCIENCE w/Lab**	4	
COMM 2200	3	
SOCI 2010	3	
Total Hours	14	

*An Orientation course taken at another University does NOT meet this requirement. Students with less than 60 credit hours must take UNIV 1000 at TSU.

**Courses approved as general education Natural Science with Lab electives include: BIOL 1010/1011, CHEM 1030/1031, PHYS 2010/2011 or ASTR 1010

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
ENGL 1020	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070, or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required
SOCIAL SCIENCE*	3	
NATURAL SCIENCE w/Lab**	4	
ELECTIVE, ANY LEVEL***	3	
HUMANITIES****	3	
Total Hours	16	

*Courses approved as general education Social Science electives include: AFAS 2010, ANTH 2300, ECON, 2010, GEOG 1010, HPSS 1510, POLI 1010 PSYC 2010, SOCI 2010, WMST 2000, and URBS 2010.

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****Courses approved as general education Humanities electives include: AREN 2310, ART, 1010, ENGL 2012-2322, HIST 1000, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, RELS 2010, and THTR 1020. Students must remember not to duplicate course options from the previous semester.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
ENGL LIT*	3	
HIST 2010*	3	
ELECTIVES, ANY LEVEL***	6	
MATH 1110	3	May substitute MATH 1013 or a Higher level MATH; must be completed before taking SOCI 3000
Total Hours	15	

*Courses within the range of ENGL 2012-2322 will meet this requirement.

**Other courses satisfying this requirement include: HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement.

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Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
HIST 2020*	3	
HUMANITIES*	3	
ELECTIVES, ANY LEVEL**	3	
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ELECTIVES, ANY LEVEL**	3	
Total Hours	15	

*Other courses meeting this requirement include: HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 5
SOCI 3000	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required, Must complete before SOCI 4510
SOCI ELECTIVE 3000/4000 LEVEL*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
SOCI ELECTIVE 3000/4000 LEVEL*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
SOCI ELECTIVE 3000/4000 LEVEL*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
ELECTIVE, ANY LEVEL**	3	
Total Hours	15	

*An upper division (3000-4000) SOCI course will meet this requirement. Choices include: SOCI 3101, SOCI 3200, SOCI 3330, or 3500.

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Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
SOCI 4510	3	Pre-requisite Course Must be taken before SOCI 4990: Minimum Grade of "C" Required
SOCI 4900	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
SOCI ELECTIVE 3000/4000 LEVEL	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
ELECTIVE 3000/4000 LEVEL*	3	
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Total Hours	15	

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 7	Hrs.	Semester 7
SOCI 4910	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
ELECTIVES, ANY LEVEL*	3	
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ELECTIVES, ANY LEVEL*	3	
ELECTIVES, ANY LEVEL*	3	
Total Hours	15	

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Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 8	Hrs.	Semester 8
		Take Senior Exit Exam and Apply for Graduation
SOCI 4990	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
ELECTIVES, ANY LEVEL**	3	
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Total Hours	15	

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Employment Information:

Representative Job Titles Related to this Major: Counselor, Sociologist, Management Trainee, Criminologist, Rehabilitation Counselor, Research Analyst, Community Organizer, Reporter, Salesperson, Corrections Officer, Social Worker, Urban Planner, Statistician, Market Research Analyst, Administrator, Interviewer, Caseworker for Child Welfare, Personnel Recruiter, Human Resource Manager, Guidance Counselor, Program Evaluator, Project/Program Manager

Representative Employers: Colleges & Universities, Governmental Agencies, Mental Health Agencies, Court Systems, Welfare Agencies, Large Corporations, Community Organizations, Financial Institutions

Other Common Career Paths: The B.S. in Sociology is excellent preparation for graduate study in sociology, other social science disciplines, and professional study in Law and Business.

International study is available for all TSU students and may include opportunities for internships or taking course work towards various minors. International study may have an impact on the academic map; therefore, it is important to consult with the academic advisor for this major before participating in an international program opportunity. Students interested in study abroad opportunities should contact the Office of International Programs and consult with their academic advisor.

Launch My Career Tennessee

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<http://launchmycareertn.org/>

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