About this Major . . .

Sociology is the study of social life, social change, social organization, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organizations, and societies, as well as how people interact within these contexts. Since all human behavior is social, the subject matter of sociology ranges widely from intimate families to hostile mobs; from organized crime to religious cults; and from the divisions of race, class and gender to the common beliefs in a culture. Sociology provides many distinctive perspectives on the social world, as well as a range of research methodologies that can be applied to virtually any aspect of social life, from corporate downsizing to problems of peace and war to the expression of emotion and beyond. Because sociology addresses the most challenging issues of our time, it is an expanding field whose potential is increasingly tapped by those who craft policies and create social programs. (www.asanet.org/public/what.html)

Sociology majors gain important skills in critical thinking, research methods and responsible citizenship. The Criminology concentration also develops a knowledge base in such areas as the criminal justice system in general, theories of crime causation, law enforcement, substantive and procedural law, and corrections. Students who major in Sociology with a concentration in Criminology develop skills and knowledge necessary for careers in law enforcement, treatment of offenders, criminal law, and other high-demand professions; they are also prepared to further their education by entering graduate or law school.

POLICIES:

1. It is your responsibility to determine whether you have met the requirements for your degree. Please see your MSC Catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.
2. You must go to the Registrar’s Office and fill out the “Intent to Graduate” form at the beginning of the semester prior to graduating.
3. This program sheet must be submitted with your graduation planning sheet to your advisor during the semester prior to graduating, no later than September 15 for Spring graduates, February 15 for Fall graduates.
4. Your advisor will sign and forward the Program Sheet, Intent to Graduate Form, and Graduation Planning Sheet to the Department Head for signature.
5. Finally, the Department Head or the department administrative assistant will take the signed forms to the Registrar’s Office. (Students cannot handle the forms once the advisor signs.)
6. If your petition for graduation is denied, it will be your responsibility to reapply for graduation in a subsequent semester. Your “Intent to Graduate” does not automatically move to a later graduation date.
7. NOTE: The semester before graduation, you will be required to take a Major Field Achievement Test (Exit Exam).

NAME: ___________________________________________ STUDENT ID # _____________

LOCAL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER: _________________________________________________

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I, (Signature) ________________________________________________________________________, hereby certify that I have completed (or will complete) all the courses listed on the Program Sheet. I further certify that the grade listed for those courses is the final course grade received except for the courses in which I am currently enrolled and the courses which I complete next semester. I have indicated the semester in which I will complete these courses.

Signature of Advisor ___________________________ Date 20____

Signature of Department Head ___________________________ Date 20____

Signature of Registrar ___________________________ Date 20____
• Must earn 120 semester hours and meet the academic residency requirements to earn a baccalaureate degree at Mesa State College.

• Must earn a minimum of 40 semester hours in upper division courses (i.e., 300-level and 400-level courses).

• A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher must be maintained for all courses taken and for all courses in the major.

• When filling out this program sheet a course can only be used once, i.e., no double counting is allowed between categories.

• Excess HPWE courses beyond the two required and pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.

• All degree requirements must be completed as described. Any exceptions or substitutions must be recommended in advance by the faculty advisor and approved by the Department Head.

• It is recommended that students work closely with a faculty advisor when selecting courses and scheduling classes prior to registration.

• Students are required to participate in exit examinations or other programs deemed necessary to comply with the college accountability requirement.

**General Education Requirements** (Minimum of 33 semester hours) See the M.S.C. catalog for the list of courses that meet the general education categories.

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See the M.S.C. catalog for the list of approved HPWE Activity courses.

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One course chosen from: ADJU 496, ADJU 499, POLS 236, POLS 342, POLS 412, SOCO 316

Electives (All college level courses appearing on your final transcript, not listed above that will bring your total semester hours to 120 hours. Excludes HPWE activity courses.) (27 semester hours; 4-7 hours of upper division may be needed.)

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GRADUATION INFORMATION

See the “Undergraduate Graduation Requirements” in the Mesa State College catalog for additional graduation information.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (Minimum of 33 Semester Hours) See current Mesa State College catalog for list of courses that fulfill the requirements below. If one (or more) of the selections below is required in your major, you must use it to fulfill the major requirement and make a different selection to meet the general education requirement. The courses may not be used to fulfill both requirements.

English – 6 Semester Hours (Must be completed before student has 60 semester hours. Must receive grade of “C” or above.)
ENGL 111 and ENGL 112 or ENGL 129 (by permission)

Mathematics – 3 Semester Hours chosen from:
MATH 110 or higher
(Must be completed before student has 60 semester hours. Must receive grade of “C” or above.)

Humanities – 6 semester hours

Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 semester hours

Fine Arts – 3 semester hours

Natural Sciences – 6 semester hours (At least one course must include a lab.)

Applied Studies – 3 semester hours
OTHER REQUIREMENTS (9 Semester Hours)

Human Performance and Wellness – 3 Semester Hours
Each student must take HPWA 100 together with two HPWE Activity courses. See current catalog for listing.

Degree Distinction – 6 Semester Hours
*(Two consecutive classes in the same foreign language.) Select from one of the following sequences:

- FLAF 111 followed by FLAF 112   or   FLAG 111 followed by FLAG 112
- Or FLAS 111 followed by FLAS 112   or   FLAS 117 followed by FLAS 118

*(FLAS 114 & 115 will NOT fulfill this requirement. Two consecutive classes in the same foreign language. Must receive a grade of “C” or above in both classes.)

Sociology – Criminology (51 Semester Hours)

Sociology Core (21 Semester Hours)
- ANTH 201 Cultural Anthropology
- SOCO 260 General Sociology
- SOCO 264 Social Problems
- SOCO 400 Classical Social Theory
- SOCO 410 Contemporary Social Theory
- SOCI 310 Methods of Social Research
- STAT 200 Probability and Statistics

Concentration in Criminology (30 Semester Hours)
- ADJU 201 Introduction to Administration of Justice
- ADJU 301 Justice Procedures
- ADJU 310 The Police Process
- ADJU 320 Corrections
- ADJU 420 Criminal Law
- POLS 328 The American Court System
- PSYC 410 Drugs and Human Behavior
- SOCO 301 Introduction to Human Services
- SOCO 330 Crime and Delinquency

One course selected from:
- ADJU 496 Topics
- ADJU 499 Internship
- POLS 236 State and Local Government
- POLS 342 Public Administration
- POLS 412 Constitutional Law
- SOCO 316 Social Inequality (if not taken as a requirement above)

General Electives: 27 Semester Hours; 4-7 hours of upper division may be needed.

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# Suggested Course Sequencing for a Major in Sociology – Criminology

## Freshman Year

### Fall Semester
- **ENGL 111**: English Composition 3 Hours
- **General Education Humanities**: 3
- **General Education Applied Studies**: 3
- **General Education Science**: 3
- **Elective**: 3
- **HPWA 100**: Health and Wellness 1 Hour

Total Hours: 16

### Spring Semester
- **ENGL 112**: English Composition 3 Hours
- **General Education Humanities**: 3
- **General Education Mathematics**: 3
- **ANTH 201**: Cultural Anthropology 3
- **Elective**: 3
- **HPWE/HPWE**: 2 Hours

Total Hours: 17

## Sophomore Year

### Fall Semester
- **General Education Fine Arts**: 3 Hours
- **Degree Distinction (Foreign Language)**: 3
- **General Education – Social/Behavioral Science**: 3
- **SOCO 260**: General Sociology 3
- **ADJU 201**: Intro to Administration of Justice 3

Total Hours: 15

### Spring Semester
- **General Education Science with Lab**: 3 or 4 Hours
- **Degree Distinction (Foreign Language)**: 3
- **General Education – Social/Behavioral Science**: 3
- **SOCO 264**: Social Problems 3
- **STAT 200**: Probability and Statistics 3

Total Hours: 15 or 16

## Junior Year*

### Fall Semester
- **SOCI 310**: Methods of Social Research 3 Hours
- **ADJU 310**: Police Process 3
- **SOCO 330**: Crime & Delinquency 3
- **Upper Division Elective**: 3
- **Elective**: 3

Total Hours: 15

### Spring Semester
- **ADJU 320**: Corrections 3 Hours
- **ADJU 301**: Justice Procedures 3
- **POLS 328**: American Court System 3
- **SOCI 301**: Introduction to Human Services 3
- **Elective**: 3

Total Hours: 15

## Senior Year

### Fall Semester
- **SOCO 400**: Classical Social Theory 3 Hours
- **ADJU 420**: Criminal Law 3
- **PSYC 410**: Drugs and Human Behavior 3
- **Upper Division Elective**: 3
- **Elective**: 3

Total Hours: 15

### Spring Semester
- **SOCO 410**: Contemporary Social Theory 3 Hours
- **ADJU 499**: Internship 3
- **Elective**: 3

Total Hours: 12

*Some Upper division courses are offered on alternative years, so the student may need to make changes.*