



SOCIOLOGY

New Student Information Sheet

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Welcome! Congratulations on your admission to UCSC, and thank you for your interest in the Sociology department. Sociology is the systematic study of social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. Our department offers a number of degree programs including the major in Sociology, the minor in Sociology, the combined major in Sociology and Latin American and Latino Studies, the Intensive Sociology major, and the GISES (Global Information and Social Enterprise Studies) minor. We hope the following information will help to introduce you to the department and prepare you for your first quarter on campus.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

The Sociology major consists of **three lower-division courses, ten upper-division courses, and a comprehensive requirement**. The three lower-division courses are Socy 1, 10 and 15. The ten upper-division courses include four core courses (Socy 103A, 103B, 105A, and 105B), one course from each of the three clusters, and three additional upper-division Sociology elective courses. The comprehensive requirement may be satisfied in one of two ways: taking Socy 196A, *Capstone: Sociologist as a Public Intellectual*, or writing a Senior Thesis. Please refer to the Sociology Undergraduate Handbook and our website at sociology.ucsc.edu for more information on major requirements and the other programs we offer.

ADVISING & DECLARING

All students who listed Sociology as their major on their admissions application enter UCSC with the status of *proposed Sociology*. This status is considered **undeclared**. In order to declare, students must complete the lower-division courses with a grade point average of 3.0 or better in those courses. Courses 1 or 10 transferred from other schools are also factored into the GPA.

The Undergraduate Advisor for Sociology provides academic advising on major requirements, recommends specific courses and areas of study, helps to organize the student's overall curriculum, addresses administrative and academic difficulties, and assists with administrative paperwork and petitions. During the **sociology declaration sessions** held each quarter, students eligible to declare are given an overview of the program and can begin the steps to declare. Additionally, every student is paired with a faculty advisor for additional advising on subjects, including course content, independent studies, and graduate school.

ORIENTATION

The Sociology Department will be participating in the Summer Orientation in July. If Sociology courses were completed at another university that is not articulated with UCSC on www.assist.org, students are encouraged to contact the undergraduate advisor to make arrangements to have the course reviewed.

ENROLLMENT

FRESHMEN may enroll in either **Socy 1, *Introduction to Sociology***, or **Socy 15, *World Society***, as well as the College Core Course. Those unable to enroll in Socy 1 or 15 during fall will have opportunities later in the year to enroll in Socy 1 (spring), Socy 15 (winter) as well as **Socy 10, *Issues & Problems in American Society*** (winter & spring).

TRANSFER STUDENTS should enroll in **Socy 15, *World Society***, and **Socy 105A, *Classical Sociological Theory***. The third course depends upon what has already been completed. Those transferring the equivalent of Socy 1 may enroll in an upper-division Sociology course or a course outside the department as their third course. Those who are missing Socy 1 should enroll in it in fall. Those missing Socy 10 may enroll in it in winter.

NOT ATTENDING SUMMER ORIENTATION? Contact us to enroll in Socy 1, 15, or 105A.

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