



## SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

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Westminster students who earn a degree in sociology receive training in critical inquiry, theoretical analysis, and research methods. They learn to reason persuasively and communicate their ideas effectively, both individually and through team projects. They acquire knowledge of how society is structured culturally, politically, and economically. They become skilled at posing and rigorously pursuing the answers to sociological questions about diverse phenomena and in perceiving the social complexity that often remains unexplored in everyday life. They leave college equipped to serve, lead, and engage in their social world and in the broader global community.

Career opportunities for sociology majors are varied, and rewarding, commonly including social science research and teaching, policy analysis, urban planning, advocacy, counseling, public administration, law, marketing research and correction/law enforcement. A major in sociology prepares students for graduate study in sociology, social work, public policy, law and many other fields.

Students must earn a C or better in the required methods and theories courses used to satisfy the major requirements and a C average or better in overall courses used to satisfy the major. Students must also submit a learning portfolio (deemed satisfactory by the department), during their senior year.

In order to graduate with Honors in Sociology, a student must graduate with a 3.5 GPA or higher in courses taken from the major, and write an honors thesis with a grade of B or better or present their sociological work in the Undergraduate Scholars Forum, a conference, a publication, or other approved venue.

If any substitutions of waivers of requirements are allowed, please list below and initial.

| Course # | Title of Course | Hours Completed | Semester Completed | Grade |
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**MAJOR: Sociology**

| Student's Last Name  |   | First Name          | Middle Initial     |       |  |
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| Advisor  |   | Date Major Declared |                    |       |  |
| Course #   | Title of Course   | Hours Required      | Semester Completed | Grade |  |
| <b>Required Courses (9 hrs):</b>                                 |   |                     |                    |       |  |
| SOC 111  | Introduction to Sociology                               | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| SOC 360  | Sociological Theory                                     | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| SOC 375  | Social Science Research Methods                         | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| <b>Completion of One of the following two tracks:</b>            |   |                     |                    |       |  |
| <b>1. General Sociology Track (18 hours):</b>                    |   |                     |                    |       |  |
| ANT 115  | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (required/ 3 hrs) | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| <b>Elective Courses (15 hours)</b>                               |   |                     |                    |       |  |
| SOC 315  | Gender & Society  | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| SOC 332  | Prisons & Social Control                                | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| SOC 363  | Deviance  | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| SOC 317  | Race & Ethnicity  | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| SOC 300  | Nationalism, Migration & Citizenship                    | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| SOC 300  | Sociology of Mental Illness                             | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| PSY 310  | Social Psychology                                       | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| <b>Total Hours:</b>  |   | <b>27 hrs.</b>      |                    |       |  |
| <b>2. Human Services Track (21 hours):</b>                       |   |                     |                    |       |  |
| <b>Required Course:</b>  |   |                     |                    |       |  |
| SOC 2xx  | Introduction to Human Services                          | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| <b>Total Elective Courses (18 hours)</b>                         |   |                     |                    |       |  |
| <b>Three of the Following (9 hours):</b>                         |   |                     |                    |       |  |
| SOC 315  | Gender & Society  | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| SOC 332  | Prisons & Social Control                                | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| SOC 363  | Deviance  | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| SOC 317  | Race & Ethnicity  | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| SOC 300  | Nationalism, Migration & Citizenship                    | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| SOC 300  | Sociology of Mental Illness                             | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| <b>Three of the Following (9 hours):</b>                         |   |                     |                    |       |  |
| PSY 310  | Social Psychology                                       | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| PSY 312  | Developmental Psychology                                | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| POL 370  | Drugs, Politics & Public Policy                         | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| PSY 340  | Forensic Psychology                                     | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| PSY 330  | Addictive Disorders                                     | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| PSY 412  | Counseling Theory & Methods                             | 3                   |                    |       |  |
| An Internship is highly recommended for the Human Services track |   |                     |                    |       |  |
| <b>Total Hours:</b>  |   | <b>30 hrs.</b>      |                    |       |  |