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Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Programs

Sociology (BA)

Location Offered:

Nanaimo

Credential:

Bachelor Degree

Options:

Honours, Major, Minor

Program Length:

4 Years

The Program

Sociologists seek to understand human behaviour and attitudes by examining how these are shaped by history, culture and a society's political and economic arrangements. Sociologists examine how 'macro' issues such as race, class and gender, environmental destruction, and technological innovation are linked to the constraints and opportunities faced by individuals. Of central concern to sociology is the study of social inequality at the local, national and global levels. Sociologists also study how societies change and how such changes affect the life chances of individuals and groups. Sociological research spans a very wide range of subject areas including family, gender, aging, social movements, health, religion, population, science and technology, community development and the natural environment.

The B.A. Major in Sociology is a well-rounded program that provides students with a solid grounding in research methods, sociological theory and the core areas of sociological inquiry including inequality, gender, social change, political economy, family and the self in society.

The B.A. Minor in Sociology can be combined with a Minor in another discipline to fulfil the requirements for the B.A. degree. This is a flexible option that allows students to tailor a program best suited to their educational goals and career aspirations.

Program Outline

Requirements for a Major

Students must fulfill all the Institutional B.A. degree requirements, including Degree English Requirements and courses listed below:

Years 1 and 2 *	Credits
SOCI 111 - (Introduction to Sociology)	3
SOCI 209 - (Social Inequality)	3
SOCI 250 - (Introduction to Social Research) or equivalent**	3
Plus <i>two</i> additional lower-level SOCI courses	6

* All required Year 1 and 2 courses must have a minimum average grade of "C+" with no grade lower than "C" in each course.

**** Students with credit in SSID 250, CRIM 220 or PSYC 204 are exempt from SOCI 250.**

Years 3 and 4	Credits
SOCI 310 - (Foundations of Social Theory) <i>or</i> , SOCI 312 - (Contemporary Sociological Theory)	3
Select <i>one</i> * of the following courses: SOCI 350 - (Qualitative Research), SOCI 351 - (Quantitative Research and Analysis), CRIM 350 - (Qualitative Research Methods), CRIM 351 - (Quantitative Research Methods), PSYC 300A - (Statistical Methods in Psychology I) PSYC 304 - (Qualitative Research Methods in Psychology) <i>or</i> , SSID 350 - (Qualitative Research)	3
Note: <i>The above courses require a minimum grade of "C" in each course.</i>	
A minimum of <i>twenty-four</i> additional credits of Sociology courses numbered 300 and above. Note: Up to <i>nine</i> of the required <i>twenty-four</i> minimum credits may be taken as experiential learning options (SOCI 391, SOCI 392, SOCI 393, or SOCI 499). Note: Up to <i>twelve</i> of the required <i>twenty-four</i> minimum credits may be taken as some combination of experiential learning options or courses in other departments that are defined as suitable, as noted below. Note: Up to <i>nine</i> of the required <i>twenty-four</i> minimum credits may be taken from course in other departments. Please check the departmental website or the department chair for a current list of courses, or check with the department chair to determine other suitable courses within these areas.	24

*** Students may not receive credit in more than one of SOCI 350, CRIM 350, SSID 350 or PSYC 304. Students may not receive credit in more than one of SOCI 351, CRIM 351, or PSYC 300A.**

Note: *Many upper-level Sociology courses are offered on a three-year rotation. Students are encouraged to review the Sociology Department's course scheduling page for information on expected course dates.*

Requirements for a Minor

Students must fulfill all the Institutional B.A. degree requirements, including Degree English Requirements and courses listed below:

Years 1 and 2 *	Credits
SOCI 111 - (Introduction to Sociology)	3
SOCI 209 - (Social Inequality)	3
SOCI 250 - (Introduction to Social Research)	3
Plus <i>two</i> additional lower-level SOCI courses	6

*** All Years 1 & 2 required courses must be completed with a minimum average grade of "C+" and no grade lower than "C" in each course.**

Years 3 and 4	Credits
Select <i>one</i> of the following: SOCI 310 - (Foundations of Social Theory) <i>or</i> , SOCI 312 - (Contemporary Social Theory)	3
A minimum of <i>fifteen</i> additional credits of Sociology courses numbered 300* and above. Note: Up to <i>three</i> of the required <i>fifteen</i> minimum credits may be taken as experiential learning options (SOCI 391 or SOCI 499). Note: Up to <i>three</i> of the required <i>fifteen</i> minimum credits may be taken from courses in other departments. Please check the departmental website or with the department chair for a current list of courses, or check with the department chair to determine other suitable courses within these areas.	15

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Recommended Electives

Electives from any Social Sciences discipline and from History are directly supportive of Sociology. Students planning a Major or Minor in Sociology should seek advice from the B.A. Degree Advisors.

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