

SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

Learning Objectives

Sociological understanding supports meaningful and effective participation in public discourse, workplaces, and civil life. Sociologists offer explanations for life chances and achievements grounded in evidence and knowledge about how society is organized and operates. Fordham's sociology major will guide you in understanding

- how society shapes people's lives
- [the ways in which people and place interact, in New York City and other areas](#)
- [the patterns, causes, and consequences of social inequality and oppression](#)
- [how and why societies and social structures change](#)
- [how to critically and ethically evaluate sociological research and evidence, and to understand how sociological research is conducted](#)
- [how to communicate sociological research and insights to a range of audiences](#)

CIP Code

45.1101 - Sociology, General.

You can use the CIP code to learn more about career paths associated with this field of study and, for international students, possible post-graduation visa extensions. Learn more about CIP codes and other information resources.

Requirements

Students majoring in sociology at FCRH, FCLC, and PCS are required to complete 10 courses.

Requirements for students in Fordham College at Rose Hill

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses ¹		
SOCI 1100	Introduction to Sociology	3
or SOCI 1102	Introduction to Sociology: Health Focus	
SOCI 2800	Sociological Theory	4
SOCI 2850	Methods Social Research I	4
SOCI 2851	Methods Social Research II	4
Electives ²		
Four Sociology electives ³		12 to 16
Two additional Sociology electives or Anthropology electives ⁴		6 to 8

¹ These required courses are designed to help the student achieve basic sociological literacy and obtain a reasonable grasp of empirical research techniques.

² With the written approval of the chairperson or associate chairperson, two courses in other social science departments may be counted toward the elective courses, giving the major considerable opportunity to develop an interdisciplinary approach to the study of human social behavior.

³ Any course with the SOCI subject code or the SOCI attribute code may fulfill this requirement.

⁴ Any course with the SOCI subject code or the SOCI attribute code, or the ANTH subject code or the ANTH attribute code, may fulfill this requirement. Courses with the subject code SSCI numbered 2000-4999 (offered through PCS) may also fulfill this requirement.

Requirements for students in Fordham College at Lincoln Center

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses ¹		
SOCI 1100	Introduction to Sociology	3
or SOCI 1102	Introduction to Sociology: Health Focus	
SOCI 2800	Sociological Theory	4
or SOCI 3017	Inequality in America	
SOCI 2606	Social Science Statistics	4
or SOCI 2851	Methods Social Research II	
SOCI 2650	Basic Research Methods	4
or SOCI 2850	Methods Social Research I	
Electives ²		
Four Sociology electives ³		12 to 16
Two additional Sociology electives or Anthropology electives ⁴		6 to 8

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² Students may, with prior approval, take up to two courses outside sociology, from African and African American studies, Latin American and Latino studies, and social work.

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⁴ Any course with the SOCI subject code or the SOCI attribute code, or the ANTH subject code or the ANTH attribute code, may fulfill this requirement. Courses with the subject code SSCI numbered 2000-4999 (offered through PCS) may also fulfill this requirement.

Requirements for students in School of Professional and Continuing Studies

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses ¹		
SOCI 1100	Introduction to Sociology	3
or SOCI 1102	Introduction to Sociology: Health Focus	
SOCI 2800	Sociological Theory	4
or SOCI 3017	Inequality in America	
SOCI 2606	Social Science Statistics	4
SOCI 2650	Basic Research Methods	4
Cross-Disciplinary Course		
Select one cross-disciplinary course in consultation with an adviser		3 to 4
Electives		
Four Sociology electives ²		12 to 16
One additional Sociology elective or one Anthropology elective ³		3 to 4

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- ² Any course with the SOCI subject code or the SOCI attribute code may fulfill this requirement.
- ³ Any course with the SOCI subject code or the SOCI attribute code, or the ANTH subject code or the ANTH attribute code, may fulfill this requirement. Courses with the subject code SSCI numbered 2000-4999 (offered through PCS) may also fulfill this requirement.

Availability

The major in sociology is available at Fordham College at Rose Hill, Fordham College at Lincoln Center, and Fordham's School of Professional and Continuing Studies at Rose Hill and Lincoln Center.

Professional and Continuing Studies students: *The requirements above are in addition to those of the PCS Core Curriculum and any additional electives that may be required to earn a minimum of 124 credits.*

Fordham College at Rose Hill students: *The requirements above are in addition to those of the Core Curriculum.*

Fordham College at Lincoln Center students: *The requirements above are in addition to those of the Core Curriculum.*