Applying to the Sociology Major

The Sociology Department welcomes applicants to the major every quarter, including Summer. Applications are due the first Friday of each quarter, with the exception of Autumn quarter when they are due the second Friday.

The requirements for admission to the Sociology major are as follows:

1. Completion of at least one 5 credit Sociology course
2. Completion of – or enrollment in – SOC 300 the quarter for which the application is filed
3. Overall UW Sociology GPA 2.50
4. Overall UW GPA 2.00

The Sociology major is non-competitive; if you meet our admissions requirements, you will be accepted. Applicants are typically notified of admissions decisions two weeks after the application deadline. New Major Orientation takes place on Wednesday afternoon, the week following notification.

Sociology majors have priority access to the program’s upper division seminars and many of our more popular course offerings. Since the major is largely non-sequenced, Sociology majors enjoy a great deal of flexibility when it comes to choosing courses and pursuing intellectual interests.

Students considering the Sociology major are encouraged to make an advising appointment to discuss their interests. Our advising team is always happy to meet with prospective majors.

Autumn 2017 Application - due Friday, October 6, 2017 @ 4:00pm

Step 1: Print out the application using the link above. Fill in the requested information and use it as a cover sheet for your application materials.

Step 2: Print an unofficial copy of your transcript via MyUW.

Step 3: Print a copy of your Sociology Degree Audit (DARS). Go here: myplan.uw.edu/dars
NOTE: Use any browser except Chrome.

Step 4: Write a brief (1-2 page double spaced) personal statement telling us why you are interested in Sociology. Feel free to discuss favorite courses, career ambitions, or the experiences that brought you to the Sociology major and how the discipline connects to your life, goals, and/or future plans.

Step 5: Submit your materials by the deadline to the Sociology Advising Office, Savery Hall 203.

Requirements to receive a B.A. in Sociology can be found here: Current Major Requirements Checklist

Transfer Students

If you have completed or are completing Sociology courses at a community or technical college, you can see how these credits will transfer to UW by consulting the UW Equivalency Guide.

Transfer grades are considered in the admissions process to the Sociology major. Once you are admitted into the major, your transfer credits may fulfill some of the major requirements. However, transfer grades will not apply to your UW Sociology GPA. A minimum of 25 UW Sociology credits are needed to fulfill the Sociology major requirements.

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