SOCIOLOGY: ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY, BA

Degree Requirements

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2026-2027. Learn more about University Academic Regulation 3.1 (https://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#matriculation).

Minimum Overall Grade Point Average: 2.00
Total Hours: 120

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements		
English Composition		
See Academic Regulation 3.5 (https://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#english-composition)		
ENGL 1113	Composition I	3
or ENGL 1313	Critical Analysis and Writing I	
ENGL 1213	Composition II	3
or ENGL 1413	Critical Analysis and Writing II	
or ENGL 3323	Technical Writing	
American History & Government		
HIST 1103	Survey of American History	3
or HIST 1483	American History to 1865 (H)	
or HIST 1493	American History Since 1865 (DH)	
POLS 1113	American Government	3
Quantitative Thought & Logical Reasoning (Q)		
STAT 2013	Elementary Statistics (Q)	3
or STAT 2053	Elementary Statistics for the Social Sciences (Q)	
Understanding Humanities-Human Heritage & Cultures (H)		
Courses designated (H)		6
Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (N)		
Must include one Laboratory-Based Inquiry (L) course		
Courses designated (N)		6
Exploring Society & Human Behavior (S)		
Courses designated (S)		3
Diversity (D)		
Courses designated (D)		3
Global Cultural Competency (G)		
Courses designated (G)		3
Additional General Education		
Additional general education credit hours (at least 4 hours) are required to meet the total 40-hour minimum. If courses carry more than one general education designation and can be used to meet multiple minimum general education designation hours above, more than 4 hours of additional general education will be required here to meet the 40-hour minimum.		
Courses designated (Q), (H), (N), (S), (D), (G), or (F).		4
Hours Subtotal		**40**
College/Departmental Requirements		
UNIV 1111	First Year Seminar (or other approved first-year seminar course)	1
Arts & Humanities		
See note 2.a.		9
Natural & Mathematics Sciences		
See note 2.b.		3
Foreign Language		
See note 3		9
Non-Western Studies		
At least one course		
See note 2.d.		
Upper-Division General Education		
Select 6 hours outside major department		
See note 2.c.		
Hours Subtotal		**22**
Major Requirements		
Minimum major GPA 2.50 in major block.		
Minimum GPA in all SOC/ANTH courses 2.50 with a minimum grade of "C" in all SOC/ANTH courses.		
Minimum 30 hours of courses with SOC/ANTH prefix.		
Core Requirements		
SOC 1113	Introductory Sociology (S)	3
SOC 2123	Social Problems (DS)	3
or ANTH 1353	Introduction to Anthropology (S)	
SOC 3113	Theoretical Thinking in Sociology	3
SOC 4133	Social Research Methods	3
SOC 4243	Quantitative Methods in Sociology	3
Select 6 hours of the following:		6
SOC 3133	Racial and Ethnic Relations (DS)	
SOC 3993	Sociology of Aging (DS)	
SOC 4213	Sociology of Sexualities (S)	
SOC 4383	Social Stratification (S)	
SOC 4643	Sociology of Gender (S)	
Environment and Society		
SOC 3323	Collective Behavior and Social Movements	3
SOC 4433	Environmental Sociology (S)	3
SOC 4453	Environmental Inequality (S)	3
SOC 3343	Technology and Society (S)	3
Select 18 hours of approved related courses (3 hours may be lower-division):		18
SOC 3133	Racial and Ethnic Relations (DS)	
SOC 3223	Social Psychology (S)	
SOC 3423	Urban Sociology	
SOC 3953	Applied Sociology	
SOC 3993	Sociology of Aging (DS)	
SOC 4213	Sociology of Sexualities (S)	
SOC 4383	Social Stratification (S)	
SOC 4473	Oklahoma Environmental Sociology	
SOC 4493	Sociology of Environmental Hazards and Disasters	
SOC 4533	World Population Problems	
SOC 4643	Sociology of Gender (S)	
AGEC 3023	Farm to Fork	
AGEC 4503	Environmental Economics and Resource Development	

ECON 4913	Urban and Regional Economics	
ENVR 1113	Elements of Environmental Science (N)	
FDSC 2103	Regional Diversity in Food Production, Selection and Consumption (D)	
FEMP 3103	Introduction to Emergency Management (S)	
GEOG 2002	Global Sustainability (N)	
or GLST 2002	Global Sustainability (N)	
GEOG 2103	Global Perspectives (GS)	
or GLST 2103	Global Perspectives (GS)	
GEOG 3153	Conservation of Natural Resources (S)	
GEOG 3373	Health and Maps	
GEOG 4003	Natural Hazards and Society	
HIST 2513	Plantation to Plate: Sugar, Bananas, and Coffee in America (H)	
or AMST 2513	Plantation to Plate: Sugar, Bananas, and Coffee in America (H)	
HIST 4523	American Environmental History (H)	
NSCI 3543	Food and the Human Environment (GS)	
POLS 4363	Environmental Law And Policy	
POLS 4593	Natural Resources and Environmental Policy	
PSYC 4213	Conflict Resolution (S)	
Hours Subtotal		**51**
Electives		
Select 7 hours		7
May need to include 6 hours upper-division general education outside major department (see note 2.c.) and 1 additional upper-division hour.		
Hours Subtotal		**7**
Total Hours		**120**

Other Requirements

- See the College of Arts and Sciences Requirements.
- **Upper-Division Credit:** Total hours must include at least 40 hours in courses numbered 3000 or above.

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

1. **Hours in One Department:** For B.A. and B.S. degrees, no more than 54 hours in one department may be required to meet degree requirements. Courses used to satisfy the General Education English Composition, U.S. History, American Government, and Mathematics or Statistics requirements will not count toward the 54-hour maximum required from one department.
2. **A&S College/Departmental Requirements**
   a. Arts and Humanities are defined as any course carrying an (H) designation or courses from AMST, ART, DANC, ENGL (except ENGL 3323 Technical Writing) HIST, MUSI, PHIL (except PHIL 1313 Logic and Critical Thinking (Q), PHIL 3003 Symbolic Logic (Q) and PHIL 4003 Mathematical Logic and Computability), REL, TH, and foreign languages.
   b. Natural and Mathematical Sciences are defined as any course from the following prefixes: ASTR, BIOC, BIOL, CHEM, CS (except CS 4883 Social Issues in Computing), GEOL, MATH, MICR, PBIO, PHYS, and STAT; or courses from other departments that carry an (Q) or (N) general education designation.
   c. Six upper-division hours are required from General Education or any CAS courses outside the student's major department (https://catalog.okstate.edu/college-arts-sciences-major-departments/). This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
   d. Non-Western Studies Requirement for B.A. and B.F.A.; One course in Non-Western Studies (N.W.). This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
   e. The College of Arts & Sciences requires a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major requirements and a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major-prefix courses applied to the degree.
3. **Foreign Language Proficiency**
   a. The foreign language requirement for the B.A. may be satisfied by 9 hours college credit in the same language, which must include 3 hours at the 2000-level, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement. Currently Arabic and Mvskoke are not offered at the 2000-level at OSU.
   b. The foreign language requirement for the B.S., B.M. and B.F.A. may be satisfied by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language (passing grades at second-year level of study). It may also be satisfied by 6 hours college credit in the same language, which must include language courses 1713 and 1813, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement.
   c. In addition to a. and b., students pursuing teacher certification must meet novice-high foreign language proficiency by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language with no grade below B. Or, students may complete 3 hours college credit in a single language with no grade below C (or pass an advanced standing examination, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam, or Oral Proficiency Interview developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, equivalent to 3 hours of college credit.) Or, students may meet the requirement by transfer of documentation of meeting the foreign language competency from one of the teacher education programs in the State of Oklahoma approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
4. **Exclusions**. Courses with ATHL or LEIS prefixes and leisure activity courses may not be used for degree credit.

Additional State/OSU Requirements

- At least: 60 hours at a four-year institution; 30 hours completed at OSU; 15 of the final 30 or 50% of the upper-division hours in the major field completed at OSU.

- Limit of: one-half of major course requirements as transfer work; one-fourth of hours earned by correspondence; 8 transfer correspondence hours.
- Students will be held responsible for degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation and any changes that are made, so long as these changes do not result in semester credit hours being added or do not delay graduation.
- Degrees that follow this plan must be completed by the end of Summer 2032.

Example Plan of Study

Finish in Four Plan of Study

The plan below is an **example** of how students can successfully complete degree requirements in four years. This suggested class schedule plan may be used as a guide and can be adjusted based on individual needs. Students are required to meet with an academic advisor prior to enrollment each semester to plan their class schedule, and students are ultimately responsible for completing all degree requirements.

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman		
Fall		
A&S 1111	A&S First Year Seminar	1
SOC 1113	Introductory Sociology (S)	3
ENGL 1113	Composition I	3
STAT 2013	Elementary Statistics (Q)	3
Foreign Language I		3
General Education course		3
	Hours	**16**
Spring		
SOC 2123	Social Problems (DS)	3
ENGL 1213	Composition II	3
POLS 1113	American Government	3
PSYC 1113	Introductory Psychology (S)	3
Foreign Language II		3
	Hours	**15**
Sophomore		
Fall		
SOC 3113	Theoretical Thinking in Sociology	3
HDFS 2113	Lifespan Human Development (S)	3
HIST 1103	Survey of American History	3
Foreign Language III		3
General Education course		3
	Hours	**15**
Spring		
SOC 3323	Collective Behavior and Social Movements	3
Inequalities SOC course		3
Environment & Society course		3
General Education courses		7
	Hours	**16**
Junior		
Fall		
SOC 4133	Social Research Methods	3
SOC 4433	Environmental Sociology (S)	3
Environment & Society courses		6
General Education course		3
	Hours	**15**
Spring		
SOC 4453	Environmental Inequality (S)	3
Inequalities SOC course		3
Environment & Society course		3
General Education courses		6
	Hours	**15**
Senior		
Fall		
SOC 4243	Quantitative Methods in Sociology	3
Environment & Society course		3
College and Elective courses		9
	Hours	**15**
Spring		
SOC 3343	Technology and Society (S)	3
SOC 4493	Sociology of Environmental Hazards and Disasters	3
College and Elective courses		7
	Hours	**13**
	Total Hours	**120**