



# Sociology Requirements

| Course   | Hours     | Grade |
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| <b>Sociology Major Requirements</b>  |           |       |
| <b>Required Courses</b>  |           |       |
| SOC 200 Introductory Sociology   | 3         |       |
| SOC 344 Social Research I  | 3         |       |
| SOC 345 Social Statistics I  | 3         |       |
| SOC 360 Sociological Perspectives  | 3         |       |
| SOC 375 Social Stratification  | 3         |       |
| SOC 391 Junior Seminar   | 3         |       |
| SOC 475 Senior Seminar (Capstone)  | 3         |       |
| <b>Elective Courses (a minimum of 18 credits)</b>  |           |       |
| A minimum of 6 credits must be selected from courses on social diversity:<br>SOC 401 Population and Human Ecology<br>SOC 423 Social Class, Power and Conflict<br>SOC 425 Race and Ethnicity<br>SOC 440 Introduction to the Sociology of Aging<br>SOC 455 Sociology of Sex and Gender<br>Or any anthropology course (courses with the prefix ANT) | 3         |       |
| A minimum of 3 credits must be selected from courses on social institutions:<br>SOC 342 American Society<br>SOC 408 The Family<br>SOC 433 Industrial Sociology<br>SOC 450 Sociology of Religion  | 3         |       |
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| <b>TOTAL HOURS</b>   | <b>39</b> |       |

The sociology program at Marshall seeks to ensure that each student develops a solid foundation in the principles, theories and techniques of analysis in the discipline. While allowing for a great deal of flexibility to accommodate students' diverse interests, the curriculum ensures that students are introduced to social theory, stratification and institutions and courses in the basic methods of the discipline.

| Sociology Minor Requirements   | Hours     | Grade |
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| A minor in sociology requires at least 15 credits. As listed below, 9 of these credits constitute the core of the minor. The remainder of the required credits can be taken from any class with the prefix SOC. A maximum of 6 credits below 300-level can be counted towards the minor. |           |       |
| SOC 200 Introductory Sociology   | 3         |       |
| SOC 344 Social Research I  | 3         |       |
| SOC 360 Sociological Perspectives  | 3         |       |
| Elective   | 3         |       |
| Elective   | 3         |       |
| <b>TOTAL HOURS</b>   | <b>15</b> |       |

Sociology is the study of human societies. We ask basic questions like “why do humans do what we do” and “how does society work.” Along the way we pick up essential human questions like: What does it mean when we say that we live in a socially constructed reality? What is the place of the individual in society?

If you have ever thought about questions like these, you might want to consider a degree in sociology. Humans are social beings and we interact in a social environment. Sociology is the scientific discipline that studies human behavior and social interactions of individuals, groups, organizations and whole societies. Sociology focuses primarily on contemporary societies, though we incorporate a historical and developmental perspective.

The sociology program at Marshall University offers students the opportunity to study the intricacies of social life: how to negotiate the collaboratively constructed institutions through which our social world works, how social stratification affects opportunities for individuals and groups, how to critically analyze the problems inherent in the way we construct society, how to empirically determine the facts we construct into truths. The social and analytical skills developed through the program are essential for any job dealing with people and organizations – especially those dealing in multiethnic and global environments and that require breadth and adaptability.

You don't often see jobs with “sociologist” in the title, but a sociology BA is recognized as an excellent preparation for a wide variety of occupations, especially for careers in social policy, education, union organizing or other social movements, health care, criminology, aging network, industrial or public relations, marketing, human resource management, organizational research, or community and social services. Of course, Marshall's sociology program also offers an excellent preparation for professional degrees and/or advanced degrees in sociology. A recent study by CareerCast.com ranked sociology as the eighth most appealing job in its analysis of 200 occupations based on job characteristics such as perceived work environment, income, employment outlook, physical demands, security, and stress.

**College of Liberal Arts  
General Education Requirements**

| <b>English Composition Requirement (6 Hours)</b>  | <b>Dept. #</b> | <b>Hrs.</b> |
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| ENG 101 & 102 (Jr. & Sr. 302) or ENG 201H must be taken for the requirement. (ACT of 0-17=ENL 095; 18-27=ENG 101; 28-33=ENG 201H; 34-36= Credit for ENG 101- 102. ENL 095 does not count in the 128 hrs.) Juniors and seniors who have not completed ENG 102 must take ENG 302. Students must earn at least a C in ENG 102, 302 or 201H to graduate.  | ENG 101        |             |
|   | ENG 102        |             |
|   | ENG 201H       |             |
|   | ENG 302        |             |
| <b>Foreign Language Requirement (12 Hours)</b>  | <b>Dept. #</b> | <b>Hrs.</b> |
| Successful completion of 12 hour sequence ending with ARB 204; FRN 204; GER 204; GRK 302; JPN 204; LAT 204; MDL 204; CHN 204; or SPN 204. Students must complete the sequence beginning with the first course they take. Students with at least 2 years of high school Spanish or French can begin with SPN 112 or FRN 112 for which they will receive 6 hours of credit (for FRN 1-1 or SPN 101) if they earn at least a C. The next course in the sequence would then be Spanish 203 or French 203. Up to 3 semesters may be waived by the Modern Language Department for language taken in high school. This requirement also may be waived through conclusive proof of native proficiency of a foreign language |                |             |
| <b>Communication Studies Requirement (3Hrs)</b>   | <b>Dept. #</b> | <b>Hrs.</b> |
| CMM 103 or CMM 104H must be taken to fulfill this requirement. This requirement may be waived by the Communication Studies Dept. if high school speech was taken and the student passes the proficiency examination.  |                |             |
| <b>Fine Arts Requirement (3 Hours)</b>  | <b>Dept. #</b> | <b>Hrs.</b> |
| ART 112, or MUS 142 or THE 112  |                |             |
| <b>Classics, Philosophy or Religious Studies Requirement (3 Hours)</b>  | <b>Dept. #</b> | <b>Hrs.</b> |
| Any CL except 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, or 236; Any PHL; or any RST except 304, 310, 320, 325, or 351.  |                |             |
| <b>Literature Requirement (6 Hours)</b>   | <b>Dept. #</b> | <b>Hrs.</b> |
| Hours taken from: CL 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, or 236; Any ENG 300 or 400 level <b>literature</b> course; RST 304, 310, 320, 325, or 351; LAT any 300 or 400 level course; any 300 or 400 level literature in FRN, GER, or SPN.   |                |             |
| <b>Social Science Requirement (15 Hours)</b>  | <b>Dept. #</b> | <b>Hrs.</b> |
| <b>Courses must be taken from at least three fields.</b><br>Any Criminal Justice; Economics; Geography: GEO 100, 203, 206, 305, 317, 401, 403, 404, 405, 407, 408, 409, 410, 412, 420, 422; History; Political Science; Psychology; Sociology/Anthropology (except SOC 108); Women's Studies: WS 101.   |                |             |

| <b>Mathematics Requirement (3 Hours)</b>   | <b>Dept. #</b> | <b>Hrs.</b> |
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| MTH 121 or higher. (ACT 1-9=MAT 080; ACT of 10-18=MAT 097; 19=MTH 121. MAT 080 and 095 do not count toward the 128 hours needed for graduation.  |                |             |
| <b>Computer Requirement (3 Hours)</b>  | <b>Dept. #</b> | <b>Hrs.</b> |
| SOC 344  |                |             |
| <b>Natural Science Requirement (12 Hours)</b>  | <b>Dept. #</b> | <b>Hrs.</b> |
| <b>Integrated Science -- 4 Hrs (PR MTH 121 or Higher)</b>  |                |             |
| Choose 8 additional hours of Science from<br>Biology<br>Chemistry<br>Geography 101 (only)<br>Geology<br>Physical Science<br>Physics  |                |             |
| <b>Minor Requirement (12-18 Hours)</b>   | <b>Dept. #</b> | <b>Hrs.</b> |
| A minor subject may be chosen from certain departments in the university with the approval of your faculty advisor. With the exception of college approved interdisciplinary minors, each academic department/division designates the specific courses or range of courses required for each minor it offers, if any. Students should check the department descriptions of the minor in the Undergraduate Catalog. |                |             |
| <b>New Student Seminar</b>   |                |             |
| UNI 101 or HON 101   |                |             |
| <b>Marshall Plan Requirement</b>   | <b>Dept. #</b> | <b>Hrs.</b> |
| <b>All students must meet these requirements, some of which will overlap with major and college requirements.</b>  |                |             |
| <b>Multicultural Studies (3 Hours)</b> Courses Designated Multicultural in the Schedule of Courses   |                |             |
| <b>International Studies (6 Hours)</b> Courses Designated International in the Schedule of Courses   |                |             |
| <b>Writing Intensive Course (3 Hours)</b> Courses Designated Writing Intensive in the Schedule of Courses  |                |             |
| <b>Capstone Course</b><br>SOC 475  |                |             |
| <b>MTH 121 or Higher (3 hours)</b>   |                |             |
| <b>Integrated Science (4 hours)</b>  |                |             |
| <b>Computer Competency (3 hours)</b> SOC 344   |                |             |

**A student must complete 128 hours to graduate and 48 of these hours must be taken at the 300-400 level. Courses with course numbers which begin with a 0 do not count toward graduation.**