

SOCIOLOGY, B.S. (CAPITAL)

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Harrisburg

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2026-27 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition.

General Option: Sociology, B.S. at Harrisburg Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15, 15S, 30T, or ESL 15 [‡]	3 CAS 100A or 100S [‡]	3
Quantification (GQ)	3 PSYCH 200 or STAT 200 ^{*†}	4
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
SOC 1 ^{*†}	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 General Education Course	3
13.5		16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202A [‡]	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 Select 3 credits in AMST, ANTH, ART, ARTH, COMM, CRIMJ, ENG, HDFS, HIST, IHUM, MGMT, MUSIC, PLSC, PSYCH, PUBPL, THEA, WMNST	3
Select 3 credits in AFAM, BESC, GEOG, SOC	3 Elective	3
Elective	2	
15.5		15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
SOC 30, 403, 411, 416, 429, 430, 446, or 456 [*]	3 SOC 30, 403, 411, 416, 429, 430, 446, or 456 [*]	3

SOC 15, 109, 297, 424, 432, 445, 448, or 454 [*]	3 SOC 15, 109, 297, 424, 432, 445, 448, or 454 [*]	3
AFAM 211, BESC 464, SOC 110, SOC 409, SOC 428, SOC 435, SOC 461, 492, or 420 [*]	3 AFAM 211, BESC 464, SOC 110, SOC 409, SOC 428, SOC 435, SOC 461, 492, or 420 [*]	3
SOC 405 [*]	3 SOC 207 [*]	3
Elective	3 Select 3 credits on the 400-level in AMST, ANTH, ART, ARTH, COMM, CRIMJ, ENG, HDFS, HIST, IHUM, MGMT, MUSIC, PLSC, PSYCH, PUBPL, THEA, WMNST	3
15		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
SOC 30, 403, 411, 416, 429, 430, 446, or 456 [*]	3 SOC 30, 403, 411, 416, 429, 430, 446, or 456 [*]	3
SOC 15, 109, 297, 424, 432, 445, 448, or 454 [*]	3 SOC 15, 109, 297, 424, 432, 445, 448, or 454 [*]	3
AFAM 211, BESC 464, SOC 110, SOC 409, SOC 428, SOC 435, SOC 461, 492, or 420 [*]	3 SOC 400W [*]	3
Select 3 credits on the 400-level in AFAM, BESC, GEOG, SOC [*]	3 SOC 495 or PSYCH 495 [*]	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
15		15

Total Credits 120

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education

Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy Cultural Diversity Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

Community Option: Sociology, B.S. at Harrisburg Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15, 15S, 30T, or ESL 15 [‡]	3 CAS 100A or 100S [‡]	3
Quantification (GQ)	3 PSYCH 200 or STAT 200 ^{*†}	4
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
SOC 1 ^{*†}	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 General Education Course	3
	13.5	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 Select 3 credits in AFAM, AMST, ANTH, ART H, BESC, COMM, CRIMJ, ENG, GEOG, HDFS, HIST, IHUM, MGMT, MUSIC, PLSC, PSYCH, PUBPL, SOC, THEA, WMNST	3
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202A [‡]	3
SOC 5 ^{*†}	3 Elective	3
Elective	2	
	15.5	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
SOC 30, 403, 411, 416, 429, 430, 446, or 456 [*]	3 SOC 30, 403, 411, 416, 429, 430, 446, or 456 [*]	3
SOC 15, 109, 297, 424, 425, 432, 445, 448, or 454 [*]	3 SOC 15, 109, 297, 424, 425, 432, 445, 448, or 454 [*]	3
AFAM 211, BESC 464, SOC 110, SOC 409, SOC 428, SOC 435, SOC 461, 492, or 420 [*]	3 AFAM 211, BESC 464, SOC 110, SOC 409, SOC 428, SOC 435, SOC 461, 492, or 420 [*]	3
SOC 405 [*]	3 SOC 207 [*]	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
SOC 30, 403, 411, 416, 429, 430, 446, or 456 [*]	3 SOC 15, 103, 406, or 412 [*]	3
SOC 15, 109, 297, 424, 425, 432, 445, 448, or 454 [*]	3 SOC 400W [*]	3
BESC 407, PSYCH 449, SOC 3, SOC 403, or SOC 404 [*]	3 SOC 495 or PSYCH 495 [*]	3

SOC 376, 408, MGMT 321, or MGMT 331 [*]	3 Select 3 credits on the 400-Level in AFAM, AMST, ANTH, ART H, BESC, COMM, CRIMJ, ENG, GEOG, HDFS, HIST, IHUM, MGMT, MUSIC, PLSC, PSYCH, PUBPL, SOC, THEA, WMNST	3
BESC 370 [*]	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Total Credits 120

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¹ The following course is only offered in fall semesters:

- SOC 405 - Sociological Theory

² The following are only offered spring semesters

- SOC 1H - Honors Introductory Sociology
- SOC 207 - Research Methods in Sociology
- SOW 400W - Senior Research Seminar
- SOC 495 - Internship

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Advising Notes

- GWS, GQ, GA, GH, GS, GN and GHW are codes used to identify General Education requirements.
- US, IL, and US;IL are codes used to designate courses that satisfy University United States/International Cultures requirements. All students are required to take one IL and one US course before graduation. A course designated as US;IL may be used as a US or an IL, not both.
- W suffix signifies the course satisfies the University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

Program Notes

Students must complete a 3-credit course in "United States Cultures (US)" and a 3-credit course in "International Cultures (IL)."

Sociology, B.S. (3-Year Fast-Track) at Harrisburg Campus

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First Year			
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
ENGL 15 or 30T (GWS) [‡]	3 CAS 100A or 100S (GWS) [‡]	3 General Education Course	3
SOC 1 ^{*†}	3 PSYCH 200 (GQ) ^{*†}	4 Elective	3
SOC Offering [*]	3 SOC Offering [*]	3	
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3	
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3	
	Elective	3	
	15	19	6

Second Year			
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
SOC Offering [*]	3 ENGL 202A (GWS) [‡]	3 Supporting [*]	3
SOC Offering [*]	3 SOC Offering [*]	3 Elective	3
General Education Course	3 Supporting [*]	3	
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3	
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3	
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3	
	18	18	6

Third Year			
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
HDFS 312W [*]	3 SOC 400W [*]	3 Internship [*]	3
SOC 405 [*]	3 SOC Offering [*]	3	
SOC Offering [*]	3 SOC Offering [*]	3	
SOC Offering [*]	3 SOC Offering [*]	3	
SOC Offering [*]	3 Related	3	
Supporting [*]	3 Elective	3	
	18	18	3

Total Credits 121

[‡] Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education

[#] Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

[†] Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

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