

SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

What is Sociology? Sociology is the scientific study of social lives of people, groups, and societies. Sociologists apply the rigors of the scientific method to relevant issues in the social world, from micro interaction like the public order, to macro forces like globalization. A sociological perspective is a remarkable tool that helps people analyze the practical impact and ethical implications of people’s choices and decisions in the workplace, family, community, and wider society.

Why study Sociology at College of Alameda? Our lower-division courses introduce students to the most important concepts, methods, and empirical research in sociology. Students learn multiple methods of data collection, professional writing, and presentation skills, which help them succeed academically at four year colleges and universities and also make them marketable in the labor market.

What you can do with Sociology? Sociology is applicable to multiple issues in our diverse world. As a result, students who take our courses are prepared for academic study and careers across many disciplines. Every organization can use a sociologist. Students who complete our programs work in a variety of academic and applied settings from marketing, social work, business, criminology, the public sector, law enforcement, health, medicine, and even programming.

The **AA degree in Sociology** will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of the major course requirements listed below and the General Education requirements for the Associate in Arts Degree listed in the Degrees and Programs section of this Catalog.

Degree Major Requirements:

Dept/No.	Title	Units
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 2	Social Problems	3
Select one course (3 units) from the following:		
SOC 3	Sociology of Women (3)	
SOC 5	Minority Groups (3)	3
Select three courses (9-10 units) from the following:		
ANTHR 3	Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology (3)	
MATH 13	Introduction to Statistics (4)	
PSYCH 1A	Introduction to General Psychology (3)	
PSYCH 1B	Introduction to General Psychology (3)	
PSYCH 7A	Psychology of Childhood (3)	
PSYCH 7B	Adolescent Psychology (3)	
SOC 3	Sociology of Women (3) (if not already selected above)	
SOC 5	Minority Groups (3) (if not already selected above)	
		<u>9-10</u>
Total Required Units		18-19

The **Associate in Arts in Sociology for Transfer (AA-T)** is designed for students planning to transfer into the Sociology major at a California State University. A student pursuing this degree will meet the AB 1440 Transfer Curriculum Model for CSU.

Degree Major Requirements:

Dept/No.	Title	Units
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology	3
Required (two of the following):		
SOC 2	Social Problems (3)	
SOC 120	Introduction to Research Methods (3)	
MATH 13	Introduction to Statistics (4)	6-7
Required (two of the following):		
SOC 3	Sociology of Women (3)	
SOC 5	Minority Groups (3)	
SOC 8	Crime and Deviance (3)	
PSYCH 12	Human Sexuality (3)	6
Required (one of the following):		
ANTHR 3	Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology (3)	
HIST 18	20th Century American Protest Movements (3)	
POSCI 4	Political Theory (3)	<u>3</u>
Total Required Units		18-19

SOC 1

Introduction to Sociology

3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR)
 Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC
 Basic concepts, theoretical approaches, and methods of sociology: Analysis and explanation of social structure, group dynamics, socialization and the self, social stratification, culture and diversity, social change and global dynamics. 2208.00
 AA/AS area 2; CSU area D; IGETC area 4; C-ID SOCI 110

SOC 2

Social Problems

3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR)
 Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC
 Study of society through the application of sociological principles and critical thinking skills to the identification and analysis of selected social problems: Poverty, racism/sexism, drug abuse, crime, and population control. 2208.00
 AA/AS area 2; CSU area D; IGETC area 4 ; C-ID SOCI 115

SOC 3**Sociology of Women**

3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Also offered as Hist 56. Not open for credit to students who have completed or are currently enrolled in Hist 56.

Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Exploration of various conceptual frameworks regarding the status of women: Structure-function, role dynamics, dominant-subordinate minority group interaction, and concepts of oppression-liberation with emphasis on current trends of the movement. 2208.00

AA/AS area 2; CSU area D; IGETC area 4; C-ID SOCI 140

SOC 5**Minority Groups**

3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR)

Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Analysis of racial, religious, and ethnic minority groups: General principles of dominant-minority group relations. 2208.00

AA/AS area 2, 5; CSU area D; IGETC area 4; C-ID SOCI 150

SOC 48AA-FZ**Selected Topics in Sociology**

.5-5 units, 0-5 hours lecture, 0-15 hours laboratory (GR or P/NP)

Acceptable for credit: CSU

See section on Selected Topics. 2208.00

SOC 49**Independent Study in Sociology**

.5-5 units, .5-5 hours lecture (GR)

Acceptable for credit: CSU

See section on Independent Study. 2208.00

SOC 120**Introduction to Research Methods**

3 Units, 3 Hours Lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisite: SOC 1

Recommended Preparation: MATH 13

Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Introduction to empirical research for the social sciences: Nature of theory, hypotheses, variables, ethics of research; application of qualitative and quantitative analytic tools including survey, observational, experimental, case study, and comparative 2208.00

AA/AS area 2; CSU area D; IGETC area 4

C-ID SOCI 120; C-ID POLS 160

SOC 248AA-FZ**Selected Topics in Sociology**

.5-5 units, 0-5 hours lecture, 0-15 hours laboratory (GR or P/NP)

See section on Selected Topics. 2208.00

