

# 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.

### 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

## SOCIOLOGY ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

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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.

**After Earning an AA degree in Sociology, you will be able to:**

- (1) transfer to a four year college or university with robust sociological training
- (2) apply your sociological imagination to promote the common good in business, the public sector, human service, and community contexts

### Career Opportunities

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.

### 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)	
	<b>Total Required Units</b>	<u>9-10</u> <b>18-19</b>

## SOCIOLOGY ASSOCIATE OF ARTS FOR TRANSFER

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.

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### Program Learning Outcomes

*Upon completion of this program a student will be able to:*

- **Foundational Knowledge in Sociology:** Demonstrate a degree of mastery of the state of the discipline of Sociology Define the core concepts of sociology, theory and forms of applied research and the use of sociological data (social structures, culture, social stratification, race, ethnicity, gender, and globalization).
- **Critical Sociological Thinking:** Demonstrate a degree of proficiency at the life skills of critical thought and political consciousness to better access, evaluate, and interpret ideas found in sociological theory and research enabling people to be disciplined to communicate effectively, reach conclusions, and solve problems as a responsible global citizen - part of the social, political and economic structure in an unequal world - such that they may apply these in their professional pursuits should they choose a path of public service or community leadership, of simply community participants.
- **Personal Enrichment & Lifelong Learning – Sociological Efficacy:** Demonstrate a degree of capacity in personal sociological efficacy to assume responsible and healthy membership in society - in the application of sociological concepts explored in this learning experience (class, classes, program) in a meaningful manner to one's own self defined reality in all spheres of social interaction in society (a) as part of their everyday life as engaged persons in the modern world system; and (b) in the context of global environmental (and other) challenges.
- Articulate the various social realities for people through an intersectional framework that provides a deeper understanding of an individuals experience as it relates to group membership. Thus enabling student capacity to discuss the interpersonal, institutional, cultural and structural mechanisms that produce and maintain inequality in various social and political institutions; and, to be able to engage with such challenges and assume a degree of change agency in this context.

### 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)	3
	<b>Total Required Units</b>	<b>18-19</b>