

# BA SOCIOLOGY ONLINE

The program is administered by the Department of Social Sciences within the College of Arts and Sciences

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Born in Alexandria, Egypt of Greek parents and having lived and traveled in many countries globally, Dr. Hadjicostandi has a wide knowledge of Sociology, cultural diversity and multiculturalism. Her teaching and research interests include international development, migration, gender, race, social class, ethnicity, community development and labor markets.

Sociology is the scientific study of human behavior within a society. It emphasizes human interaction within group settings, diversity of cultures and societies, factors that influence social behavior within institutions, formal and informal organizations, and the study of various social groups.

The sociology program at U. T. Permian Basin is committed to the personal, analytical and professional development of its students. The faculty is committed to developing the student's sensitivity to the human and social condition, coupled with an understanding and ability to participate constructively in the improvement of both. Also, practical applications of sociological knowledge are emphasized.

Sociology offers numerous career fields: including secondary social science teaching, industrial sociology, voluntary organizations, private and government foundations, human resource management, consulting, social research, substance abuse counseling, aging, health and illness, law enforcement, ministry, consumer behavior, diversity training, demographic analysis, social work and other related social service organizations.

Sociology majors will take course work in sociology or related cross-listed courses. The sociology advisor will assist in developing a degree plan that best suits the needs of the individual student.

## **Degree Requirements**

The total minimum credits required for the B. A. in Sociology online is **120**.

### **General Education**

**44 Credits**

Students must complete the requirements shown in the General Education Requirements section of this catalog. The Social Science requirement will be met by any social science course other than SOCI 1301.

### **Computer Use**

All online sociology majors must demonstrate their computer proficiency by virtue of the fact that all the courses in this program are delivered online.

### **Sociology Major Requirements**

**34 Credits**

Requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree are **34** semester credit hours. The following courses are specifically required for the major:

SOCI 1301

Introduction to Sociology

SOCI 3317	Introductory Statistics
SOCI 3327	Sociological Theory
SOCI 4303	Social Research Methods
SOCI 4399	Senior Research Seminar

All students must complete SOCI 1301 and 12 semester credits of core courses followed by 18 semester credits from a selected list of sociology or approved cross-listed courses. It is recommended that SOCI3327 Sociological Theory is completed as soon as possible.

### **Sociology Minor Requirements**

Requirements for a minor in Sociology are 18 semester credit hours of which 12 credits must be junior or senior level courses. SOCI 1301, Introduction to Sociology is required. If a student chooses to obtain the minor online, there are several options at UTPB. Please consult your advisor.

#### **Course Listing**

##### **SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology (3)<sup>†</sup>**

Students are introduced to the basic concepts and theories used to study the nature of social processes and the structure of society. F, S

##### **SOCI 3317 Introductory Statistics (3)**

Measures of central tendency and dispersion, elementary probability theory, the binomial and chi-square distribution, tests of hypotheses and parameter estimation and simple correlation and regression. Emphasis is on the application of statistical methods to research in the social sciences. Prerequisite: must have fulfilled first general education mathematics and COSC1335 or permission of instructor. F

##### **SOCI 3326 Modern Europe (3)**

Europe from the French Revolution to the present. Emphasis on social and political trends. Summer

##### **SOCI 3327 Sociological Theory (3)**

This course involves the study of the development of sociological thought and perspectives through the examination of the ideas of classical and contemporary theorists; these may include Marx, Durkheim, Du Bois, Martineau, Parsons, Gramsci, or Lukacs among others. Substantive theories of social organization are examined. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. F

##### **SOCI 3347 Sociology of Work (3)**

Analyzes dramatic changes occurring in the work lives of Americans and considers the future of American workers within the global economy. Explores emerging labor markets and technology in shaping contemporary American work settings. Prerequisite: Sociology 1301. F

##### **SOCI 3348 Population Dynamics (3)**

Trends in mortality, fertility, and migration for selected countries, and their projected consequences. Associated policies and options are considered. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. F

##### **SOCI 3365 Juvenile Delinquency and Justice (3)**

A study of the juvenile justice system, theories of causation, the distribution and frequency of delinquency, correctional treatment, and prevention programs in modern society. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. F, Summer

##### **SOCI 3389 Multi Listing Course (3)**

Undergraduate courses which will be offered only once, will be offered infrequently or which are being developed before a regular listing in the catalog. F, S

##### **SOCI 3390 The Family (3)**

A historical and comparative approach in the examination of changing structure and functions of the family institution. The course provides a broad-based but intensive understanding of the family. Issues include the effect of economic,

demographic and cultural changes on male-female relationships, sex roles, marriage and child care. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. F

**SOCI 3391 Contract Study (3)**

Students who are pursuing independent study or research as described in the contract study format. F, S, Summer

**SOCI 4305 Drugs and Behavior (3)**

Pharmacologic basis of psychotropic drugs and their associated abuses. Theories of cause and treatment of abusers are reviewed. Prerequisite: PSYC 1301.

**SOCI 4403 Social Research Methods (4)**

The course provides a comprehensive overview of social science research methods, with emphasis given to the concepts used in the conduct of research, measurement strategies, and research designs. This course includes a one-semester credit hour lab that focuses on the steps undertaken in the completion of a research paper. Required for all sociology majors. Prerequisite: SOCI 3317 and at least one additional course in sociology. S

**SOCI 4315 Sociology of Organizations (3)**

The focus of the course is on the role and evolution of organizations in social life. Among the topics of analysis are the conditions under which organizations are created, grow, establish relations with other aspects of their environments, adopt tactics for survival, and how they fail. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. F, S

**SOCI 4316 Social Determinants of Energy Use (3)**

This course will consider the social consequences of the economic and environmental impact of energy choices in the U.S. and globally and how they shape societal norms and values. It will develop a critical understanding of the social attitudes, norms, values and behaviors toward energy consumption. S, Summer

**SOCI 4320 Social Stratification (3)**

Focuses on theories of social inequality as applied to the exercise of power and large-scale social control. Issues of class, race and gender and other inequalities are considered in the U.S. and globally. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. F

**SOCI 4324 Political Sociology (3)**

Relationship between political and social structures with emphasis on the concepts of power, ideology, elites, class, and politics. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. S, Summer

**SOCI 4325 Globalization (3)**

This course examines and analyzes the transformation of post colonial societies through capitalist, socialist or other forms of development in a political economy context. It explores the international division of labor, labor migration, state formation, among other issues in the U.S. and what has been called the "Third World." Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. F

**SOCI 4362 Sociology of Health and Illness (3)**

Social and cultural factors associated with the definition, occurrence, and experience of health and illness. An examination of the social determinants that affect the etiology and distribution of illness and the social organization of the medical profession and the hospital. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301

**SOCI 4389 Selected Topics (3)**

Undergraduate courses which will be offered only once or will be offered infrequently or which are being developed before a regular listing in the catalog. May be acceptable for graduate credit. F, S, Summer

**SOCI 4391 Contract Study (3)**

Advanced independent study or research (equivalent to senior-level course). These courses will not count for graduate credit. Prerequisite: Consent of the Instructor. F, S, Summer

**SOCI 4393 Internship in Applied Sociology (3)**

A supervised program to utilize and develop sociological skills, as they apply to natural social settings. Students will be placed in a community organization. Variable credit of 3 or 6 hours depending on the number of hours worked and the academic requirements as established by the instructor. In the event of fulfilling 6 hours, only 3 will apply to the course, while the other 3 will be used as elective hours. Prerequisite: Consent of the Instructor and junior or senior standing. F, S

**SOCI 4394 Independent Research in Sociology (3)**

Study and research under supervision of a member of the sociology faculty. Students wishing to enroll should prepare a short plan for this coursework and present it to the instructor at the beginning of the semester. F, S, Summer

**SOCI 4399 Senior Research Seminar (3)**

A scientific research study under the supervision of a member of the sociology faculty. The integration of theory and research is emphasized through basic or applied social research. Prerequisites: senior standing, SOCI 3317 and SOCI 4403. F, S

† Course fulfills general education requirements

# 2011-2013 Degree Plan: BA SOCIOLOGY ONLINE

**General Education Requirements: 44 hours** (Please refer to the catalog for specific course choices to fill the requirements.)

- \_\_\_ English Composition (6 hours) 1301 & 1302
- \_\_\_ U.S. History (6 hours) 1301 & 1302 recommended
- \_\_\_ U.S. and State Government (6 hours) 2305 & 2306
- \_\_\_ Physical or Life Science (8 hours) any science
  - \_\_\_ Literature (3 hours) at 2xxx level
  - \_\_\_ Mathematics (college algebra or above) 3 credits
  - \_\_\_ Mathematics (math, statistics) 3 credits
  - \_\_\_ Visual/Performing Arts (3 hours)
  - \_\_\_ Social Science (3 hours) other than SOCI 1301
  - \_\_\_ Communication (3 hours)

**MINOR** \_\_\_\_\_

In general, the minor is 18sch with 12sch at the upper level. Please refer to the catalog for specific minor requirements.

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**NOTES ON GRADUATING:**

1. Read the U. T. Permian Basin catalog and be familiar with the University's requirements for the B. A. degree, and the general education requirements for the B. A. degree. It is the student's responsibility to read the catalog and be familiar with and fulfill all the requirements for the B.A. degree.
2. Complete at least **120** semester credit hours for the B. A. degree. At least **30** of these must be completed at U. T. Permian Basin.
3. At least **48** credits must be at the junior and senior level.
4. Complete at least **18** credits in a minor area: At least **12** of these 18 credits must be at the junior or senior level.
5. Obtain at least a C grade in all major courses. Maintain a GPA of 2.0 or "C" in all courses applicable toward the B. A. degree.
6. During the semester in which a student intends to graduate, a degree check & the appropriate forms must be submitted to the Academic Counselor. Check class schedule for dates.

**SOCIOLOGY MAJOR:** Sociology majors are required & expected to complete 34 sch in Sociology of which 16 sch must include the following list of 5 required core courses. The remaining 6 courses must be selected from the list below that.

**CORE COURSES: 15 hours.**

- \_\_\_ SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology
- \_\_\_ SOCI 3317 Introduction to Statistics \*
- \_\_\_ SOCI 3327 Sociological Theory
- \_\_\_ SOCI 4403 Social Research Methods \*
- \_\_\_ SOCI 4399 Senior Research Seminar \*

**\*SOCI 3317; SOCI 4403; SOCI 4399 MUST BE TAKEN IN SEQUENCE SHOWN.**

**ADDITIONAL COURSES: 18 hours must be completed from the following courses.**

- \_\_\_ SOCI 3326 Modern Europe
- \_\_\_ SOCI 3347 Sociology of Work
- \_\_\_ SOCI 3348 Population Dynamics
- \_\_\_ SOCI 3365 Juvenile Delinquency and Justice
- \_\_\_ SOCI 3389 Multi Listing Course \_\_\_\_\_
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