

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
B.A. DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY
FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PLAN: 2017-18

Fall Semester One	15 credits
SOCI 101, Introductory Sociology (social and behavioral science)	3
ENGH 101	3
Western Civilization/World History	3
Arts	3
Global Understanding	3

Spring Semester One	16 credits
Natural science with lab	4
Oral Communication	3
Literature	3
Social and Behavioral Science (college)	3
General elective	3

Fall Semester Two	15 credits
Foreign language 110	6
Philosophy or Religious Studies	3
Non-Western Culture	3
Natural science without lab	3

Spring Semester Two	15 credits
Foreign language 210	3
Information Technology/Ethics	3
SOCI upper-level elective*	3
Minor course/General elective	3
General elective	3

Fall Semester Three	15 credits
ENGH 302	3
SOCI 311, Classical Sociological Theory	3
SOCI upper-level elective	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
General elective	3

Spring Semester Three	16 credits
SOCI 303, Methods & Logic of Inquiry	3
SOCI 313, Stats for Behavioral Sciences (quantitative reasoning)	4
SOCI upper-level elective	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
General elective	3

Fall Semester Four	15 credits
SOCI 412, Contemporary Sociological Theory	3
SOCI 485, Capstone**	3
SOCI upper-level elective	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
Minor course/general elective	3

Spring Semester Four	15 credits
SOCI upper-level elective	3
Synthesis or upper-level elective**	3
Minor course/general elective	3
Minor course/general elective	3
General elective	3

*Students are required to take 15 credits of upper-level SOCI electives. Students may structure 12 of these elective credits into an approved concentration: Childhood & Youth; Deviance, Crime, & Social Control; Global Sociology; or Inequality & Social Change.

**Students may fulfill the capstone requirement with one of the following: SOCI 485, Sociological Analysis & Practice (3 cr), SOCI 416, Internship (3 cr), or SOCI 481, Honors Seminar in Sociology II (3 cr). SOCI 485 also fulfills Mason Core synthesis.

This document is an **EXAMPLE** of a degree path for Sociology majors. Students are strongly encouraged to meet at least once per semester with an advisor to develop a unique degree plan. Students should keep the following in mind:

- Students pursuing this degree must complete 34 credits of sociology courses with a minimum GPA of 2.00 overall and a minimum GPA of 2.00 in each core course. No more than 6 credits of courses with unsatisfactory grades (C- or D) may be applied toward the major electives requirement.
- Students should select Mason Core courses from the approved list in the [2017-18 University Catalog](#).
- Students are strongly encouraged to group some of their general and upper-level electives together so as to take at least one minor. Please consult an advisor for guidance.
- Students interested in pursuing honors in the major would complete the honors section of SOCI 485 in their senior year and should discuss their interest with their academic advisor and undergraduate director.