

College of Humanities and Social Sciences - Sociology, BA				
	Catalog Year: 2019 - 2020		Grades	
Mason Core Requirements (31 credits)	Course Information	Credits	Earned	Needed
Written Communication:	ENGH 101 (100)	3		
Oral Communication:		3		
Quantitative Reasoning	Satisfied by SOCI 313			
Information Technology		3		
Arts		3		
Global Understanding		3		
Literature		3		
Natural Science Overview		3		
Natural Science with Lab		4		
Social and Behavioral Sciences	Satisfied by Major Requirements			
Western Civilization/World History		3		
Written Communication:	ENGH 302	3		
Synthesis/Capstone	Satisfied by SOCI 485			
College Level Requirements for the BA Degree				
<b>Philosophy or Religious Studies</b>		3		
(PHIL 323, 324, 327, 393, 460 cannot be used to fulfill this requirement. PHIL 253 and RELI 235 cannot be used to fulfill both the PHIL/RELI requirement and the Mason Core literature requirement)				
<b>Additional Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences</b>		3		
(The two courses used to fulfill the combined college and university requirements must be from different disciplines. This requirement may be fulfilled by completing any course in ANTH, CRIM, ECON, GOVT, HIST (except 100 or 125), LING, PSYC, or SOCI & these courses in GGS: 101, 103, 110, 301, 303, 304, 305, 306, 315, 316, 320, 325, 330, 357, 380)				
<b>Foreign Language</b>		0-12		
(Intermediate level in a single language by completing a course in a foreign language numbered 202 (or higher); or achieving a satisfactory score on an approved proficiency test; or by completing the following ASL three course sequence EDSE 115, 116, and EDSE 219; or students who are already proficient in a second language may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement)				
<b>Non-Western Culture</b>		3		
(Approved courses for this requirement may be found under Degree Requirements for the major listed within the University Catalog. The course used for this requirement may not simultaneously fulfill Mason Core Global Understanding)				
Major Requirements (34 credits) Minimum grade of C required in major core courses and overall				
<b>Major Core Courses (19 credits)</b>		Credits	Earned	Needed
SOCI 101	Introductory Sociology (Mason Core)	3		
SOCI 303	Methods and Logic of Inquiry	3		
SOCI 311	Classical Sociological Theory	3		
SOCI 313	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (Mason Core)	4		
SOCI 412	Contemporary Sociological Theory	3		
<b>Capstone Experience</b> (select one from the following): SOCI 416 (Internship in SOCI), SOCI 485 (Sociological Analysis & Practice), SOCI 481 (Honors Seminar in SOCI)		3		
<b>Electives in the Major (15 credits)</b> Select 15 credits in SOCI at the 100-400 level; SOCI 101 may not count toward this requirement; a maximum six (6) credits of SOCI 120, SOCI 208, and SOCI 215 can be counted toward the major. <b>Students are strongly encouraged to focus twelve (12) credits of their elective courses in one of the following concentrations: Childhood and Youth, Deviance, Crime, &amp; Social Control, Global Sociology, Inequality &amp; Social Change.</b>				
Major Elective #1		3		
Major Elective #2		3		
Major Elective #3		3		
Major Elective #4		3		
Major Elective #5		3		
Degree Notes				
No more than six (6) credits of unsatisfactory grades (C- or D) may be applied toward the degree. Any remaining credits may be completed with elective courses to bring the degree total to 120 with 45 of these credits at the 300/400 level.				

Year One – Semester One	15 credits
SOCI 101, Introductory Sociology (social and behavioral science)	3
ENGH 101 or COMM 101	3
Western Civilization/World History	3
Foreign Language 110	6

Year One – Semester Two	16 credits
Natural science with lab	4
ENGH 101 or COMM 101	3
Literature	3
Social and Behavioral Science (college)	3
Foreign Language 201	3

Year Two – Semester One	15 credits
Foreign Language 202	3
Philosophy or Religious Studies	3
Non-Western Culture	3
Natural science without lab	3
General Elective	3

Year Two – Semester Two	15 credits
Arts	3
Information Technology/Ethics	3
SOCI upper-level elective*	3
General Elective	3
Minor course/General elective	3

Year Three – Semester One	15 credits
ENGH 302	3
SOCI 303 – Methods & Logic of Inquiry	3
SOCI upper-level elective	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
General elective	3

Year Three – Semester Two	16 credits
SOCI 311 – Classical Sociological Theory	3
SOCI 313, Stats for Behavioral Sciences (quantitative reasoning)	4
SOCI upper-level elective	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
General elective	3

Year Four – Semester One	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

Year Four – Semester Two	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 electives in SOCI at the 100-400 level; SOCI 101 does not count towards the major electives requirement and a maximum of 6 credits of SOCI 120, SOCI 208, and SOCI 215 may be counted toward the major. Students may structure 12 of their 15 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 [2019-2020 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.