

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
B.A. DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY
FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PLAN: 2016-17

Fall Semester One	15 credits
SOCI 101	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	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	16 credits
ENGH 302	3
SOCI 313, Stats for Behavioral Sciences	4
SOCI upper-level elective	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
General elective	3

Spring Semester Three	15 credits
SOCI 303, Methods & Logic of Inquiry	3
SOCI 311, Classical Sociological Theory	3
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 416** or SOCI upper-level elective	3
Synthesis***	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 are encouraged to structure their electives into an approved concentration: Childhood & Youth; Deviance, Crime, & Social Control; Global Sociology; or Inequality & Social Change.

**Students are strongly encouraged to take both SOCI 485 and SOCI 416 (internship) in their senior year.

***Sociology synthesis options include SOCI 377 and SOCI 483.

This document is an **EXAMPLE** of a degree path for Sociology majors. Students are strongly encouraged to meet regularly, at least once per semester, with an academic advisor to work through their own 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. No more than 6 credits of courses with unsatisfactory grades (C- or D) may be applied toward the degree.
- Physical education courses (prefix PHED, PRLS, and RECR) do not count towards the 120-credit requirement
- Students should select Mason Core courses from the approved list available under their catalog year in the University Catalog: <http://catalog.gmu.edu>
- 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 academic advisor for guidance.