

2006-2007 SAMPLE CURRICULUM: It may not be necessary to take these courses in the order given; please consult your

		FALL	WINTER	SPRING
FIRST YEAR	Orientation Seminar (UNST 101)	1	-	-
	College Writing (ENGL 111, 112, 113)	3	3	3
	Growing Up in America (SSCI 104) OR Identity & Society (SSCI 105) OR Childhood in Global Perspective (SSCI 106)	-	4	-
	THEME III: Religious Beliefs & Practice	-	-	4
	College Algebra (MATH 121)	-	-	4
	Modern Language through Intermediate Level (101, 102, 103)	4	4	4
	Lifetime Fitness (PEAC 120)	-	2	-
	* General Sociology (SOC 104)	4	-	-
	* Global Interactions Since the Age of Columbus (HPSC 104)	4	-	-
	* Race, Ethnicity & Class in American History (HPSC 106)	-	4	-
		<u>16.0</u>	<u>17.0</u>	<u>15.0</u>
SECOND YEAR	* The Construction of American Political Life (HPSC 274)	4	-	-
	* Critical Analysis (HPSC 275)	4	-	-
	** Introduction to Statistics (MATH 251)	-	-	4
	Exploring American Culture through Literature (HUMN 204) OR Expl. Amer. Culture through Visual & Perf. Arts (HUMN 205)	-	4	-
	THEME III: Religious Beliefs & Practice	-	-	4
	Modern Language through Intermediate Level (201)	4	-	-
	Electives	4	12	8
		<u>16.0</u>	<u>16.0</u>	<u>16.0</u>
THIRD YEAR	* Impact of Globalization (SOC 374)	-	4	-
	* Research Methods (HPSC 375)	-	-	4
	* Major Electives: 16 units chosen with department advisor	4	8	4
	THEME IIB: Historical or Contemporary Culture & Context	4	-	-
	THEME IIA: Arts Appreciation or History	-	-	4
	Adventism in a Global Perspective (RLGN 304) OR The Experience of Religion in Three Cultures (RLGN 305)	-	-	4
	Electives	8	-	-
		<u>16.0</u>	<u>16.0</u>	<u>16.0</u>
FOURTH YEAR	* Foundations of Social Thought (SOC 404)	4	-	-
	* Field Placement (SOC 495)	-	4	-
	* Senior Colloquium (HPSC 497)	1	-	-
	* Senior Seminar (HPSC 498) (HPSC 497 & 498 meet Upper Division Rhetorical Course Requirement)	3	-	-
	THEME III: Religious Beliefs & Practice	-	-	4
	THEME IVA: Life Science	-	4	-
	THEME IVB: Physical Science	4	-	-
	Scientific Foundations: Choose one course from the following: NSCI 404, 405, 406, 407	4	-	-
	Religious, Moral & Social Aspects of Sociology (UNST 404)	-	4	-
	Electives to complete 190 quarter units (Psychology or Economics recommended)	-	4	12
		<u>16.0</u>	<u>16.0</u>	<u>16.0</u>
	* Major Requirements			
	** Cognate Requirements			

SOCIOLOGY

B.A. Degree

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND RELATED OCCUPATIONS: Sociologists study society and social behavior by examining the groups and social institutions people form, as well as various social, religious, political, and business organizations. They also study the behavior and interaction of groups, trace their origin and growth, and analyze the influence of group activities on individual members. They are concerned with the characteristics of social groups, organizations, and institutions; the ways individuals are affected by social traits such as gender, socio-economic class, age, or race on a person's daily life. The results of sociological research aid educators, lawmakers, administrators, and others interested in resolving social problems and formulating public policy.

Most sociologists work in one or more specialties, such as social organization, stratification, and mobility; racial and ethnic relations; education; family; social psychology; urban, rural, political, and comparative sociology; gender roles and relations; demography; gerontology; criminology; or clinical practice—such as marriage and family therapy, addiction counseling; probation/police officer, mental health aide, child development, labor relations specialist, etc.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: Educational attainment of social scientists is among the highest of all occupations. The Ph.D. or equivalent degree is a minimum requirement for most positions in colleges and universities and is important for advancement to many top level nonacademic research and administrative posts. Graduates with Master's degrees in applied specialties usually have better professional opportunities outside of colleges and universities. Graduates with a Master's degree in social science qualify for teaching positions in junior colleges. Bachelor's degree provide a suitable background for many entry-level jobs, such as research assistant, administrative aide, or management or sales trainee. With the addition of sufficient education courses, social science graduates also can qualify for teaching positions in secondary and elementary schools.

JOB OUTLOOK: Overall employment of social scientists is expected to grow more slowly than average for all occupations through 2014. However, projected growth rates vary by specialty. Sociologists will find jobs in policy or research.

ENTERING SALARY: The National Association of Colleges and Employers reports that for Spring 2006, the national entering wage level average for those with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology was **\$30,788**.

SOURCES OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Websites:

La Sierra University

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