

What is sociology?

Sociology is an academic and applied discipline that investigates the structure of groups, organizations and society, and how people interact within these contexts. Sociology is the study of social life, social change, and social causes that effect human behavior.

Contemporary issues in Sociology: Culture, Social Stratification, Complex Organizations and Social Institutions, Small Group Interaction, Deviant Behavior/Criminology, Social Problems, Marriage and Families, Gender, Race and Ethnicity, and Religions.

Where does my path start?

You will complete an Associate of Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) at Shoreline.

Use the AA -DTA **Degree Planning Guide** to understand the requirements for graduation.

Once you complete your Shoreline degree, you can transfer to a four-year school to earn a baccalaureate degree in Sociology or Social Work.

Sociology is also an excellent major for graduate studies in Sociology, Psychology, Social Work, Law, Business, and Education.

Where can I go for help?

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Where can I transfer?

Students can transfer to a number of public and private colleges and universities in the U.S., but the Direct Transfer Agreement applies only within Washington. The following colleges in Washington offer a bachelor's degree in Sociology, which may require specific courses for admission. Contact the Sociology department at your chosen four-year school(s) for more information..

[Central Washington University](#)
[Eastern Washington University](#)
[Gonzaga University](#)
[Pacific Lutheran University](#)
[Seattle Pacific University](#)

[Seattle University](#)
[The Evergreen State College](#)
[University of Puget Sound](#)
[University of Washington – Seattle](#)
[University of Washington – Bothell](#)

[Walla Walla University](#)
[Washington State University](#)
[Western Washington University](#)
[Whitman College](#)
[Whitworth University](#)

What can I do with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology?

Students who major in Sociology gain the knowledge and skills that can be applied to a wide range of careers. For example, sociologists become social workers, counselors, case managers, probation officers, professors, researchers, consultants, mediators, lawyers, statisticians, labor relations specialists and journalists.

Potential employers include: Federal, state and local governments, colleges and universities, courts and correctional facilities, hospitals, Health and Human Services, mental health facilities, law firms, public advocacy groups, private foundations, non-profit organizations, advertising and marketing firms, newspapers, radio and tv stations. For more, please visit <http://www.shoreline.edu/counseling-services/career-counseling.aspx>

What courses should I take?*

Below are recommendations for fulfilling the AA-DTA requirements if you are planning to pursue a four-year degree in Sociology.

Strongly Recommended
These are commonly **required** for admission. Check with your chosen four-year program(s) to confirm.

Other Recommendations
These courses are well-matched with this major, but are not commonly required for admission.

I. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Quant. and Symb. Reasoning

MATH &146 or 211

II. DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

Humanities

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CMST &101, &210, &220, &230, 235, PHIL 102, 210, 230, 240, 248; World Language if required by 4-yr prog.

Natural Sciences

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PSYC 202, MATH &151, &152, 209

Social Sciences

SOC &01, &201

ANTH &206; GWS 284-286, PHIL 102, 210, 240, 248, PSYC &100, &200, 206-208, 210, &220, 245, SOC 250, 288

III. GENERAL ELECTIVES

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ANTH& 206; GWS 284-286, PHIL 102, 210, 240, 248, PSYC &100, &200, 206-208, 210, &220, 245, SOC 112, 250, 288; World Language if required for university admission or graduation.

What does your chosen four-year school require?

Before choosing classes, become familiar with the four-year program where you want to apply: visit the website, email the department, and/or speak with a Shoreline advisor. Below are examples from Washington schools with different admissions and graduation requirements. Check with the school for world language requirements. (Non-native speakers of English are often exempt from this requirement.)

School	Degrees	Requirements	SCC Courses
Seattle Pacific University	B.A. in Sociology	Admission requirements —2.5 minimum GPA, plus 15 credits in Sociology courses. Graduation requirement – MATH& 146	ANTH& 206, SOC &101, &201, 250 and 288
Seattle University	B.A. in Sociology	Program admission requirements – Cumulative and major/program GPA minimum 3.5 and completion of SOCL 302 and 402. Graduation requirement – Cumulative and major/program GPA minimum 2.0.	ART 109, 110, HIST &136, &137, &148, HUM 113
University of Washington – Seattle	B.A. in Sociology	Admission requirements— 5 credits in Sociology and completion or current enrollment in SOC 300. Submit a 1-2 page personal statement. Graduation requirement: 2.5 minimum cumulative GPA, 2.0 minimum grade in each course used toward major requirements.	SOC &101, &201, and MATH &146.
University of Washington – Bothell	B.A. in Society, Ethics & Human Behavior	Admission requirements – 2.5 minimum cumulative GPA, written goal statement	PSYC& 220
Western Washington University	BA or BS in Sociology	Admissions Requirements: complete 5 credits of Sociology with a 2.0 or better. Graduation Requirement – B.S. degree requires MATH &151, &152 and 208 to graduate.	SOC&101, 112, 250, 288

**** This unofficial guide is intended to support you as you prepare for your major. Please consult with an advisor and your chosen four-year school(s), as program and admissions requirements vary and may change without notice.**