

Sociology: Bachelor of Arts Major and Minor

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Admission Type	Selective entry
Enrolment Type	Open enrolment
Program Type	Undergraduate
Credential Granted	Baccalaureate Degree
Offered At	Langley Richmond Surrey
Format	Full-time Part-time
How to Apply	www.kpu.ca/admission

DESCRIPTION

The Bachelor of Arts, Major or Minor in Sociology is unique in the Lower Mainland as it emphasizes practical, applied and community based approaches to learning and makes connections between societies in local, Canadian and global contexts. The curriculum reflects the cultural diversity of our region, presenting course materials from critical and transnational perspectives, a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches, and multiple knowledge bases.

The overall goal of the B.A. in Sociology program is to increase access to high quality education that meets the needs of diverse student populations and communities in both regional and global contexts. The Bachelor of Arts, Major in Sociology program marries unique learning experiences in applied settings with academic rigor and offers a well-rounded education in various sub-fields in the discipline. Graduates from the program will have the option of entering variety of rewarding careers or pursuing graduate studies.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The curriculum design for the B.A. Major in Sociology program incorporates a number of skills that are valuable for success in a variety of different occupational fields and/or for the purpose of pursuing graduate studies. Students will develop analytical, written and oral communication and research skills, and a broad understanding of the social, cultural, economic, and political relationships between local, regional, and global communities. These are important and desired qualifications sought by prospective employers in public, private and non-profit organizations. Emphasis on principles of equity, equality, democracy, cultural diversity and active citizenship as important elements of the curricula will prepare students for living, studying, working, conducting research, and participating in a diverse society as informed citizens, and for interpersonal relationships as well as employment within a culturally, socially, economically, and politically heterogeneous and interconnected world. Today, sociologists are working in a broad range of fields including, but not limited to, government, communications, corrections/law,

business, community affairs, health, teaching, research, and marketing.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to KPU's General university admission requirements, including the undergraduate-level English Proficiency Requirement, the following program admission requirements apply:

Year One Admission:

- English 12 with a 'B' (or equivalent)
- Mathematics:
 - Minimum grade of 'C' in Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Mathematics 11, or Applications of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C+' in Foundations of Mathematics 11 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C-' in Pre-Calculus 12 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent)

Year Three Admission:

- 60 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 (including all 1100- and 2000-level major/minor program requirements).
- Grade of 'C' in all required 1000- and 2000-level courses, including the English writing requirement (ENGL 1100 and one of either ENGL 1202 or 1204, or equivalent).
- Two Quantitative courses (total of six or more credits).
- 12 credits of breadth courses
- Mathematics:
 - Minimum grade of 'C' in Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Mathematics 11, or Applications of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C+' in Foundations of Mathematics 11 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C-' in Pre-Calculus 12 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C+' in the above Two Quantitative courses (three credits of which must be from the Faculty of Science & Horticulture)
- Second language at the Grade 11 level or 6 credits of post-secondary language courses in the same language. Note: Students need only achieve a passing grade to fulfill this requirement. Beginner's or Introductory Language 11 courses are ineligible to meet this requirement. Students who can demonstrate competency in a second language may request an assessment to have this requirement waived.

Qualifying Year

Students who do not qualify upon initial application to KPU may be eligible for entry to the Qualifying Year. Students who possess at least a 'C' in English 12 (or equivalent) and a passing grade in either Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Math 11, Foundations of Mathematics 11, Applications of Math 12 (or equivalents) will be able to apply for entry to the BA Qualifying Year. Students will be admitted to the BA program in the second year provided they have successfully completed appropriate qualifying courses. Other applicants who do not qualify are encouraged to consult an Educational Advisor for the appropriate qualifying courses that satisfy the application criteria.

CONTINUANCE REQUIREMENTS

Current BA students must meet the following requirements to continue into their 3rd year of study. Registration access to third or fourth year courses is first awarded to students who have completed the following:

- 60 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 (including all 1100- and 2000-level major/minor program requirements).
- Grade of 'C' in all required 1000- and 2000-level courses, including the English writing requirement (ENGL 1100 and one of either ENGL 1202 or 1204, or equivalent).
- Two Quantitative courses (total of six or more credits).
- 12 credits of breadth courses
- Second language at the Grade 11 level or 6 credits of post-secondary language courses in the same language. Note: Students need only achieve a passing grade to fulfill this requirement. Beginner's or Introductory Language 11 courses are ineligible to meet this requirement. Students who can demonstrate competency in a second language may request an assessment to have this requirement waived.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete all requirements in the Bachelor of Arts framework in addition to their major or minor program requirements.

Sociology Major

Students pursuing a BA Major in Sociology must complete a total of 54 credits from sociology courses, which includes 27 credits from core, required sociology courses, and an additional 27 credits from sociology course electives as follows:

1000 LEVEL

Courses at the 1000 level provide a foundation in core concepts, theories, methodologies and sub-fields in sociology.

Students are required to complete:

SOCI 1125	Introduction to Society: Processes and Structures	3 credits
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Note: Completion of SOCI 1125 with a minimum GPA of 2.0 provides a pre-requisite for all sociology courses at the 2000, 3000 and 4000 levels.

2000 LEVEL

Courses at the 2000 level offer more extensive study in sociological theory and research methods, as well as specialized areas in sociology.

Students will be required to complete 21 credits from 2000 level sociology courses including the following required courses:

SOCI 2225	Canadian Society	3 credits
SOCI 2235	The Development of Sociological Thought	3 credits
SOCI 2260	Research Methods in Sociology	3 credits
SOCI 2365	Introduction to Social Research Statistics	3 credits

Additional 2000-level Courses

SOCI 2230	Racialization and Ethnicity in Canada	3 credits
SOCI 2240	Women in Canada	3 credits
SOCI 2250	Families in Canada	3 credits
SOCI 2255	Sociology of Everyday Life and Interaction	3 credits
SOCI 2270	Sociology of Education: A Critical Perspective	3 credits
SOCI 2275	Mass Media and Society	3 credits
SOCI 2280	Sociology of Health and Illness	3 credits
SOCI 2285	Gods in the Global Village: A Sociological Perspective of World Religions	3 credits
SOCI 2311	Social Justice in Local and Global Contexts	3 credits

3000 AND 4000 LEVEL

Students will be required to complete a total of 30 credits from sociology courses at the 3000 and 4000 levels which must include 12 credits of required 3000- and 4000-level courses as described below.

Courses at the 3000-level continue to provide breadth and build on course content covered the 2000-level courses on sociological theories, research methods and studies in specific focus areas of the discipline. Students must complete 6 credits from required sociology courses as follows:

One of:

SOCI 3235	Classic Sociological Theories	3 credits
SOCI 3330	Contemporary Sociological Theories	3 credits

And one of:

SOCI 3260	Qualitative Research Methods	3 credits
SOCI 3365	Quantitative Research Methods	3 credits

At the 4000 level, students are required to complete 6 credits from courses that include a service learning, applied or experiential learning component, consolidating what they have learned at previous levels, while gaining practical experience. Courses that satisfy this requirement include:

One of:

SOCI 4325	Sociological Aspects of Community Service	6 credits
SOCI 4330	Global Community Services	6 credits

Or both of:

SOCI 4225	Advanced Topics in Canadian Issues	3 credits
SOCI 4320	Advanced Topics in Global Studies	3 credits

It is recommended that students complete at least 60 course credits in total before taking courses at the 4000-level.

Other 3000 Level Courses:

SOCI 3210	Science, Technology and Society	3 credits
SOCI 3230	International Migration and Ethnic Communities	3 credits
SOCI 3240	Gender in a Global Context	3 credits
SOCI 3270	Education, Nation Building, and Globalization	3 credits
SOCI 3275	Sociology of Popular Culture	3 credits
SOCI 3280	Sociological Aspects of Dying and Death	3 credits
SOCI 3300	Sociology of Work and Occupations	3 credits
SOCI 3310	Conflict Analysis and Resolution	3 credits
SOCI 3320	Sociology of Global Inequalities	3 credits
SOCI 3345	Social Policy in Context	3 credits
SOCI 3385	Demography	3 credits

Other 4000 Level Courses:

SOCI 4275	Lost in Transmission: Diversity and the Media	3 credits
SOCI 4280	Sociological Aspects of Assisted Death (discontinued)	3 credits
SOCI 4310	Terrorism, Globalization, and Social Justice	3 credits

Sociology Minor

1000 LEVEL

Students will be required to complete:

SOCI 1125	Introduction to Society: Processes and Structures	3 credits
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Completion of SOCI 1125 with a minimum grade of 'C' provides a pre-requisite for all sociology courses at the 2000, 3000 and 4000 levels.

2000 LEVEL

Students will be required to complete 15 credits in SOCI courses at the 2000 level sociology courses, as follows:

SOCI 2225	Canadian Society: Conflict and Consensus	3 credits
SOCI 2235	The Development of Sociological Thought	3 credits
SOCI 2260	Research Methods in Sociology	3 credits

6 credits of additional SOCI 2000-level courses 3 credits

3000 LEVEL

Students will be required to complete a minimum of 12 credits in SOCI courses at the 3000 level. Note that some courses at the 3000 level require specific course prerequisites in addition to SOCI 1125.

4000 LEVEL

All BA Minor in Sociology students must complete 6 credits chosen from the following:

One of:

SOCI 4325	Sociological Aspects of Community Service	6 credits
SOCI 4330	Global Community Service	6 credits

Or both of:

SOCI 4225	Advanced Topics in Canadian Issues	3 credits
SOCI 4320	Advanced Topics in Global Studies	3 credits

It is recommended that students complete at least 60 course credits in total before taking these courses.

CREDENTIAL AWARDED

Upon successful completion of the major program students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Arts**. Transcripts will indicate a **Major in Sociology**.

Upon successful completion of the minor as part of a Bachelor of Arts program, transcripts will indicate a **Minor in Sociology**.