

Sociology: Bachelor of Arts Major

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Start Date(s)	September January May
Intake Type	Open intake
Instructional Cycle	Semester-based
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 in Sociology program is unique in the Lower Mainland as it combines theoretical, research, and applied components in the curriculum. The BA Major in Sociology offers critical, practical, and transformative studies in local and global approaches. This program offers exceptional learning experiences in applied settings with academic rigor and a well-rounded education in various sub-fields in the discipline. The BA Major in Sociology at KPU is the only program of its kind in British Columbia that involves a practicum component, which provides students with the opportunity to volunteer in a local or global context in a community based setting, make employment contacts, and apply the knowledge students have learned in class in the field. Graduates from the program will have the option of entering a variety of rewarding careers or pursuing graduate studies.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students pursuing a major in Sociology must be admitted to the Faculty of Arts.

DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS

Students intending to graduate with this Faculty of Arts Bachelor's degree must declare the credential by the time they complete 60 credits of undergraduate coursework. At the time of declaration, the student must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- In good academic standing with the University
- Completion of a minimum of 18 credits of undergraduate coursework, including the following with a minimum grade of "C":
 - 3 credits of ENGL at the 1100 level or higher
 - 6 credits at the 1100 level or higher in the Major area

CURRICULAR 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.

Note: A first-year English course, ENGL 1100, is a requirement of this program. This course has prerequisites that may require a student to complete additional preparatory courses.

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

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

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

Other 4000 Level Courses:

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

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**.