Declare Your Major/Minor: Sociology

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Agenda for Today’s Information Session

- 10am: Greetings and introductions
- 10:05am: Lai-Tze’s sample lecture of a Sociology course
- 10:15am: Q&A for the sample lecture
- 10:25am: General information for the Sociology major and minor
- 10:45am: Q&A for the Sociology major and minor
Sociology at UWaterloo

- Life is profoundly social. Our department cultivates a critical understanding of the diversity of perspectives, social divisions, and institutions that shape societies. We provide students with a solid foundation in the theories and methods of sociology (e.g., classical and contemporary sociological theory, qualitative and quantitative research methodologies) and expose them to the study of social phenomena in the areas of crime, law, and security; knowledge, education, and digital culture; migration, borders, and transnationalism; and social inequality and public policy. The expertise of our faculty members allows students to explore a wide variety of issues, sites, and social problems in-depth.

- As sociologists we study all aspects of human group life. We study the various ways that societies attempt to address all aspects of human activity and interaction.
What Skills Do You Gain With a Sociology Degree?

- A Sociology degree gives a strong foundation for a wide variety of occupations and professions, as well as for graduate school.
  - Sociology students are educated and learn skills that employers are looking for such as:
    - problem solving skills
    - research skills
    - critical thinking skills
    - communications skills, both written and oral
    - global and social awareness
What Careers Can a Sociology Degree Lead To?

- Over the years, our Sociology graduates have been successful in pursuing careers in the following areas, just to name a few:
  - government departments
  - policy and research institutes
  - universities
  - legal professions
  - policing
  - non-profit organizations
UWaterloo Sociology Alumni

- See our alumni webpage for previous Sociology students’ experiences in the program and where they are now:
  - [https://uwaterloo.ca/sociology-and-legal-studies/alumni/share-your-story](https://uwaterloo.ca/sociology-and-legal-studies/alumni/share-your-story)
Sociology Major Requirements

- Minimum cumulative major SOC average of 70% Honours; or 65% 3-year and 4-year general
- 16 courses in Sociology, including:
  - 7 core courses
    - one of SOC 401, SOC 404, SOC 405, SOC 406, SOC 407, SOC 408, SOC 418 (400-level Sociological theory course)
  - 3 additional SOC courses at 200-level
  - 3 additional SOC courses at 300-level
  - 3 additional SOC courses at 400-level
- At least 8 courses must be unique to the SOC major, meaning they cannot be used to fulfill another academic plan (another major or minor).
Sociology Minor Requirements

- Minimum cumulative minor SOC average of 65%
- 8 courses in Sociology, including:
  - SOC 101/SOC 101R *Introduction to Sociology*
  - 3 additional SOC courses at 200-level
  - 4 additional SOC courses at 300-level or 400-level
- At least 4 courses must be unique to the SOC major, meaning they cannot be used to fulfill another academic plan (another major or minor).
List of Sociology Courses at UWaterloo

- For a complete list of Sociology courses that can be offered at UWaterloo, see: ugradcalendar.uwaterloo.ca/courses/soc
- For Sociology courses offered in recent terms, see: https://classes.uwaterloo.ca/under.html
  - Search ‘SOC’ subject
Student Responsibility

- It is your responsibility to ensure that all your degree and plan requirements for graduation have been met.
- [https://ugradcalendar.uwaterloo.ca/page/Acad-Regs-Student-Responsibility](https://ugradcalendar.uwaterloo.ca/page/Acad-Regs-Student-Responsibility)
Degree Requirements

- Bachelor of Arts degree requirements
  - BA breadth requirements
  - Communication requirement

https://ugradcalendar.uwaterloo.ca/group/ARTS-Bachelor-of-Arts
Plan Requirements

Arts Academic Plans

Sociology

Three-Year General Sociology
Four-Year General Sociology
Honours Sociology
Sociology Minor

https://ugradcalendar.uwaterloo.ca/group/ARTS-Sociology
Sociology Plan Checklists

Program Checklists | Sociology and Legal Studies | University of Waterloo (uwaterloo.ca)

Helps you:

- Track your progress in your major/minor
- Determine which courses you still need to take
- Track double counted versus unique courses
Double Majors

- Sociology major pairs nicely with many other majors
- Especially Legal Studies (LS) and Social Development Studies (SDS)
- Also many other plans in ARTS
- Also ARBUS
- Just have to keep in mind the double-counting/unique courses rule discussed earlier
Co-op

- Alternate between a study term (full course load) and a work term (co-op job placement) from 2nd year onwards
- Find your co-op jobs through a large pool of employers in contact with the University of Waterloo (WaterlooWorks)
- 4 work terms in total (with the option of a 5th)
- The Career Centre at UWaterloo will have a virtual co-op info session on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 3:00pm EST
  - Register for free at: [https://uwaterloo.ca/arts/undergraduate/majors-and-minors/declare-your-major](https://uwaterloo.ca/arts/undergraduate/majors-and-minors/declare-your-major)
Co-op (continued)

- Why do co-op?
  - Gain valuable work experience/skills acquisition/CV building
  - Connect and network with a number of employers in the region
  - Try out different kinds of jobs, to see what you like best
  - Co-op designation on your degree
  - Extra cash!

- Sociology offers many of its core courses in the Spring term, as well as in the Fall and Winter terms, to facilitate co-op Spring study terms
Sociology FAQ Webpage

FAQ | Sociology and Legal Studies | University of Waterloo (uwaterloo.ca)

- What courses to take for degree & academic plans
- Enrolment issues
- Degree and plan requirements
- Double counted vs unique courses
- Co-op
- Academic success tips
- Resources and services, etc.
Declare Your Major/Minor

Arts Declare Your Major Form 2022 | Arts | University of Waterloo (uwaterloo.ca)

DYM form open from 1 March – 6 April 2022

For students currently in their 1B term
Plan Modification Form to Add a Major/Minor

For students in their 2A term or later


Can be submitted anytime
Key Contacts for Sociology at UWaterloo

- **The Centre**: general inquiries: [https://uwaterloo.ca/the-centre/contact-us](https://uwaterloo.ca/the-centre/contact-us)
- **Carry Derome** (SOC & LS advisor): SOC and LS inquiries
  - Email: sl-ug@uwaterloo.ca
  - Book an advising appointment with Carry (virtual or in person)
- **Dr. Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme** (Sociology undergraduate associate chair): SOC inquiries
  - Email: soc-associatechair@uwaterloo.ca
- **Sociology Student Society**
  - Email: uwsocsociety@gmail.com
- **Other advisors**: inquiries for other courses and plans