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*The degree in sociology will prepare students for civic and professional participation in an increasingly global society. The students will learn the skills to critically analyze the world; address social, ecological and other problems; and obtain employment opportunities that emphasize critical thinking, research and data analysis.*

**A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 42 HOURS**

*Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements.*

**B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 36 HOURS (27 advanced)**

**1 – Sociology Foundation – 21 hours (15 advanced)**

SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology  
SOCI 2305 Introduction to Social Research  
SOCI 3301 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences  
SOCI 4301 Research Methods  
SOCI 4333 Social Theory for Sociology Students  
SOCI 4391 Senior Seminar in Research (Capstone)

*Choose one:*

SOCI 4352 Social Stratification  
SOCI 4310 Sociology of Gender  
SOCI 4313 Race and Ethnic Relations

**2 – Sociology Electives – 15 hours (12 advanced)**

*Choose from:*

SOCI 1323 Social Problems  
SOCI 3312 Environmental Sociology  
SOCI 3313 Criminology  
SOCI 3324 Sociology of Health  
SOCI 3325 Social Psychology  
SOCI 3333 Urban Sociology  
SOCI 3344 World Religion in a Comparative Perspective  
SOCI 3345 Sociology of Mass Communication  
SOCI 3346 Hispanics in Global Society  
SOCI 3347 Sociology of Immigration  
SOCI 3348 Disaster and Society  
SOCI 3363 Sociology of Religion  
SOCI 3380 Religion, Race, and Ethnicity  
SOCI 3393 Sociology of Aging  
SOCI 4310 Sociology of Gender  
SOCI 4313 Race and Ethnic Relations  
SOCI 4314 Sociology of Deviance  
SOCI 4320 The Sociology of the Family  
SOCI 4323 The Mexican American Experience  
SOCI 4325 Sociology of Culture  
SOCI 4326 Population and Society  
SOCI 4331 Social Theory for Non-Majors  
SOCI 4352 Social Stratification  
SOCI 4360 Sociology of Education  
SOCI 4373 Latin American Society  
SOCI 4380 Social Protest and Social Movements  
SOCI 4385 Special Topics in Sociology  
SOCI 4383 Independent Studies

**C – FREE ELECTIVES – 42 HOURS (15 advanced)**

*Credit hours can be used to attain minor and/or second major in a different discipline. After earning enough credit hours for a minor and/or second major in a different discipline, students may choose Sociology courses, or a second minor, or use as advanced electives in other disciplines.*

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 120 HOURS  
TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 42 HOURS**

**ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:**

**Graduation requirements**

In addition to the graduation requirements listed in the UTRGV 2015-2017 Undergraduate Catalog, demonstration of proficiency in a language other than English is required at the undergraduate level equivalent to a minimum of six credit hours. Proficiency can be demonstrated by a college credit exam, a placement test approved through the UTRGV Department of Writing and Language Studies, and/or up to six credit hours of college-level language coursework.