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.