

Choose 1	Communication (Core)
Choose 1	Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core)
Choose 1	American History (Core)
Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences (Core)
UNIV 1301	Learning Framework
Choose 1	Communication (Core)
Choose 1	American History (Core)
Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences (Core)
Choose 1	SOCI 1301
Choose 1	Introduction to Sociology
Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option (Core)

FIRST YEAR

Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture (Core)
Choose 1	13XX-X3XX Elective
Choose 1	Mathematics (Core)
Choose 1	Government/Political Science (Core)
Choose 1	SOCI 13XX-43XX
Choose 1	Sociology Elective
Choose 1	Government/Political Science (Core)
SOCI 3301	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences
13XX-X3XX	Choose Minor or 2nd Major Elective
Choose 1	Creative Arts (Core)
Choose 1	Government/Political Science (Core)
Choose 1	SOCI 33XX-43XX
Choose 1	Sociology Advanced

SECOND YEAR

SOCI 4301	Research Methods
SOCI 33XX-43XX	Sociology Advanced
13XX-X3XX	Choose Minor or 2nd Major Elective
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SOCI 33XX-43XX	Sociology Advanced
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13XX-X3XX	Choose Minor or 2nd Major Elective
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THIRD YEAR

SOCI 4333	Sociology Students
13XX-X3XX	Choose Minor or 2nd Major Elective
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SOCI 4391	Senior Seminar in Research (Capstone)

FOURTH YEAR

Additional Info

Students are encouraged to complete SOCI 3301 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences and SOCI 4301 Research Methods before completing their sociology electives. Waiting to take these courses could delay graduation.

SOCI 4391 can be substituted for any upper division elective

Sociology majors do not need to have a minor

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SOCIOLOGY

Catalog: 2017-18

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Degree Info

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.

BLUEPRINT EXPERIENCES

FIRST YEAR

SECOND YEAR

THIRD YEAR

FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND

MILESTONES

- UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. Make it a point to visit them!
- Complete your core English classes (section 010) during your first year.
- Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.
- Shoot for a GPA of 3.5.
- Take your MATH course in your first year.

ADVICE & SUPPORT

- Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!
- Choose a major with confidence- Visit my.UTRGV.edu and check out the Kuder Journey.
- Visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about class.
- Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your group.
- Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits.

APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN

- Look for a service-learning course! For guidance, visit Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project.
- Ask a student in class to study with you.

GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.
- Attend a diversity based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service).
- Attend a departmental program such as Anthropology Club Event.
- Join a student organization! Consider looking into Alpha Kappa Delta or visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.

LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Career Connection icon: (My.UTRGV.edu).
- Got summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some job shadowing.
- Research shows that students who work on campus perform better than those who work off campus. Look for a job on the Career Center portal!
- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger- locate and attend one student workshop.

- Shoot for a GPA of 3.5.
- Complete major foundation classes.
- Complete 30 credit hours.

- Want to explore different careers? Check out Kuder Journey on my.utrgv.edu!
- Come ready with course suggestions and questions when you visit your academic advisor.
- Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your speeches.
- Trouble making your tuition payment? The Financial Aid Office can help. Payment plans and emergency loans are also available

- To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.

- Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to South America or Mexico.
- Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.
- Join another student organization. Perhaps Sociology Club or visit VLink for options.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch- bring a friend!

- Update your resume in Career Connection and have it reviewed.
- Visit the Career Center site to find a job fair to attend. At the event, approach a recruiter and discuss internships.
- Will a minor expand your career options? No minor is required in sociology.
- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.

- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.

- Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization such as American Sociological Association.
- Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for graduation next year.
- Apply for internship and/or job shadowing opportunities. Discuss this with your advisor, faculty mentor, or Career Center.

- Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!
- Sharpen your writing skills! Visit the Writing Center or become the secretary for your organization.

- Consider serving on a campus life/community committee or become a student leader and make a difference. Visit VLink or speak with your Student Government Association for more information!
- Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for International Programs & Partnerships.

- Check out the Sociology department website for postings on career/graduate school.
- Think about three people you can ask for letters of recommendation (professors, mentors, advisors, supervisors, etc.). Give them at least two weeks' advance notice!
- When is the deadline for your graduate school application? Visiting the program admissions webpage. Most do not accept late applicants!

- Shoot for a GPA of 3.5.
- "I have a plan for after graduation." If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!
- Register for your Capstone/senior/portfolio project.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.

- Engage in an independent study project or an academic internship to complement your major.
- Discuss future plans with your faculty mentor or advisor that includes employment, finances, and other life goals.
- Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated date. Visit the Academic Advising Center to ensure you are on track.

- Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium.
- Set up an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in.

- Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job fairs, online, at on-campus information sessions, staffing agencies, etc. The Career Center can help.
- Before a job interview, schedule a mock interview with the Career Center or speech coaching with the Communication Hauser Lab.

- Have you received your acceptance for graduate school or an employment offer? If not, network: talk to faculty, the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.
- Formulate and implement a strategy for life after graduation: attend career fairs, graduate fairs, apply to fellowships, etc.
- Update your information with Alumni Relations. Enjoy alumni mixers, events and continued access to Career Center services!
- Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov.

CAREERS

- Research
- Data analysis
- Policy or program analysis
- Demographics
- Market research
- Information sourcing
- Statistics
- Administration:
 - Advocacy
 - Programming
 - Community relations
 - Development/ Fund raising
 - Grant writing
 - Non-profit management
 - Volunteer coordination

For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out "What Can I Do With This Major?" www.utrgv.edu/careercenter