THE MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY

General Requirements

The B.A. degree requires a minimum of 36 semester hours and the B.S. degree requires 45 semester hours. A GPA of 2.0 in sociology courses is required of majors (you must meet this both with and without transfer credit). Transfer students must take at least 12 semester hours in sociology at The University of Iowa. In addition to completing the required courses listed below, the sociology major requires the completion of a Portfolio containing representative samples of the student’s work and progress in the major (described on page 2 of this handout).

Course Sequence Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree

A. Required Basic Courses, 15-16 s.h.

_____ SOC:1010 Introduction to Sociology Principles (GE: Social Science), 3-4 s.h.
_____ SOC:2130 Sociological Theory (Prerequisite: SOC:1010 or consent of instructor), 3 s.h.
_____ SOC:2170 Research Methods (Prerequisites: SOC:1010 and completion of SOC:2160 or statistics substitute), 3 s.h.
_____ SOC:4910 The Capstone Course in Sociology, 3 s.h.
_____ SOC:4409 Graduation Portfolio, 0 s.h. (taken in the last semester)

B. Seven Elective Courses Divided into Two Categories, 21 s.h.

(Students can count a maximum of 6 sh of CRIM classes toward their Sociology electives)

1) Five sociology electives taken in any session (excluding SOC: 1000, SOC:4930 and SOC:4990). Three electives can be any course level, TWO must be numbered 3000-4899.

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2) Two sociology electives, must be taken after (and not concurrent with) the completion of SOC:2130, SOC:2160 or stats course, SOC:2170.

****These courses must be numbered 3000-4899 (excluding SOC:1000, SOC:4930 or SOC:4990)

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