MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY

Sociology involves the study of societies, specifically their institutions, cultures, and transformations. Sociologists seek to uncover the processes, rules, and norms that govern social relations. They seek to understand issues such as the origins and consequences of social inequalities and collective behaviours. In our programs, students have the opportunity to apply theoretical approaches to real-world cases and learn how to use research tools such as interviewing, discourse analysis, surveys, and statistical analyses. The connection between theory and research enables students to understand a range of contemporary social issues, such as poverty, ethnic relations, deviance, gender relations, international development, power, and technology.

This program is offered in English and in French.

Program Requirements

The table below includes only the discipline-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (https://www.uottawa.ca/about-us/policies-regulations/academic-regulations/b-2-program-studies/) for information on the Honours bachelor’s with double major and the Honours bachelor’s with major and minor.

Co-operative education is available when taken as part of an honours degree.

The French immersion stream is available when taken as part of an honours degree.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2022-2023 calendars (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/) for the previous requirements.

Compulsory courses - Theory

SOC 1104 Sociology: Big Questions 3 Units
SOC 2117 Sociological Theory: From 19th Century to First World War 3 Units
SOC 2118 Sociological Theory: Mid-20th Century 3 Units
SOC 4119 Theorizing in Sociology 3 Units

Compulsory courses – Methodology

SOC 1301 Building Sociological Reasoning 3 Units
SOC 2315 Introduction to Qualitative Methodology 3 Units
SOC 2316 Survey Design and Quantitative Data Acquisition 3 Units
SOC 3315 Qualitative Analysis 3 Units
SOC 3316 Statistical Analysis in Sociology 3 Units

Optional Courses

3 course units from: 3 Units
SOC 2103 Socio-anthropology of the Family
SOC 2104 Gender and Society
SOC 2107 Principles of Demography
SOC 2151 Globalization: Sociological and Anthropological Aspects
SOC 2153 Historical Sociology
SOC 2306 Social Reconfigurations in Africa
SOC 2309 Canadian Society
SOC 2312 Political Sociology
SOC 2332 Sociology of Social Networks

SOC 2708 Sociologie des communautés francophones en situation minoritaire du Canada 6 Units
SOC 3120 Sociological Theory: Power and Inequalities
SOC 3121 Sociological Theory: Meaning and Subjectivity
SOC 3122 Sociological Theory: Reproduction and Changes

3 course units from: 3 Units
SOC 4103 Sociology of Populations
SOC 4104 Family, Life Trajectories, and Society
SOC 4121 Nationalism and Interethnic Relations
SOC 4122 Political Economy, Finance and Power
SOC 4127 Contemporary Analysis of Migration
SOC 4134 Social Change and Conflict
SOC 4303 Sociology of Science, Knowledge and Expertise

3 course units from: 3 Units
SOC 4315 Qualitative Research Laboratory
SOC 4316 Quantitative Research Project

Total: 42 Units