

BA Soci

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Under Review | Fall 2024

Proposal Information

<div>Status</div> <div>Active</div>	<div>Workflow Status</div> <div>In Progress</div> <div>Faculty Senate Approval, Faculty Senate</div> <div>Waiting for Approval   Faculty Senate Approval</div> <div>Rick Holmes</div> <div>Nancy Middlebrook</div> <div>expand ▲</div>
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Proposal Information

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Effective Term and Year

<div>Proposed</div> <div>Proposed Effective Term and Year</div> <div>Fall 2024</div>
<div>Existing</div> <div>Proposed Effective Term and Year</div> <div>Fall 2023</div>

Justification

Proposed

#### **Program Justification**

The Department's internal DEI committee proposed that all sociology majors and second majors take a race-centered course. The faculty voted to approve this change on May 2, 2023.

Existing

#### **Program Justification**

The Department of Sociology faculty have approved multiple changes to our undergraduate majors and minors in order to streamline our degrees and provide consistency between the criminology and sociology programs. GPA: We are changing the overall UNM GPA (i.e., GPA for all Coursework, not just major specific) for admission into UNM's Sociology and Criminology Majors a 2.0 (equivalent to a C). This is a change from the current 2.25 overall GPA Requirement (equivalent to a C/C+). There are 16+ students who were unable to join the program because of the 2.25 GPA limitation when the faculty authorized this change.

Second Major: To incentivize sociology minors and others to take sociology as a second major, we would require students to take 28 credit hours of coursework (9 classes) to have sociology as a second major. They would have to take all the required courses, but fewer electives (6 hours, instead of 12). In effect, those with a minor would have to take Soc 381 Sociology Data Analysis 4 hrs (not currently required) and another elective.

NOTE: removed references to course numbers in the description; that information is presented in the degree requirements section. The originator put in the required courses for the 2nd major, but the system did not create an accurate total. The 2nd major requires a total of 28 credits, and the student will also need to complete the 120 required for all A&S students.

\*\*\*REG note added criminology info as it was omitted when loading data into Kuali - criminology is not a new major\*\*\*\*

## **Program Category and Level**

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### **Program Category**

Program

### **Program Level**

Undergraduate

### **Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name**

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

### **Degree Type**

Bachelor of Arts

### **Degree/Certificate Level**

Undergraduate

Proposed

#### **Is this program also offered online?**

No

Existing

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## **Associated Forms**

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Select any associated course forms that exist

Select any associated program forms that exist

## Shared Credit and Dual Degree information

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Interdepartmental Program

No

## Catalog Information

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Proposed

### **Program Description**

The sociology major requires 34 hours of course work, including the following 13 hours of required courses. See *Degree Requirements* below for course list. Students must choose 21 hours (7 courses) of additional SOCI coursework, of which 4 courses (12 credits) must be upper-division, and one course must be selected from SOCI 2315, SOCI 415, SOCI 420, SOCI 430, or SOCI 424. The student may select from a number of designated courses that provide a concentration in one of the following subfields of sociology:

1. Pre-Law . Provides background for careers or further training in police, correctional or legal institutions.
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### **Concentration in Pre-Law**

The concentration in Pre-Law is designed for students interested in law school or other careers in the legal field, and highlights those aspects of law that overlap with crime and criminal justice. The concentration provides students with an introduction to the causes of crime and deviance as well as social and institutional responses to this behavior. Students can choose from courses focusing on the personal and social forces that give rise to crime, as well as courses that examine the role of the legal and criminal justice systems in dealing with criminals and reducing crime rates.

### **Concentration in Human Services and Social Policy**

The concentration is designed for students interested in pursuing a graduate degree or a career in human services, social work, social policy, health care, mental health, or education (K-12 and post-secondary). The concentration aims to provide broad thematic coverage of these fields by drawing upon elective courses that address topics critical to understanding the context within which welfare, health, mental health, and educational institutions operate, including social problems, race/ethnic relations, and socio-economic inequality.

Existing

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### Admissions Requirements

### Graduation Requirements

## Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

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Proposed

**License/Certification associated with program**

No

Existing

**License/Certification associated with program**

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## Degree Information

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**Degree Hours**

120

**Minimum Major Hours**

34

# Degree Requirements

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## Requirements

# Sociology Programs

28 - 120

Total Credits

- Complete 1 of the following

### Major in Sociology

- Complete all of the following

#### Required courses

- Complete the following:
  - SOCI1110 - Introduction to Sociology (3)
  - SOCI371 - Sociological Theory (3)
  - SOCI380 - Introduction to Research Methods (3)
  - SOCI381L - Sociological Data Analysis (4)

#### Electives

- **Complete all of the following**
  - **Complete at least 1 of the following:**
    - SOCI2315 - The Dynamics of Prejudice (3)
    - SOCI420 - Race and Inequality (3)
    - SOCI430 - Intersectionality: Race, Gender, Class for Social Policy (3)
    - SOCI424 - Race, Class and Crime (3)
    - SOCI415 - Inequality and Power (3)
  - **Earned at least 12 credits from SOCI 300 - 499**
- ~~Earn at least 21 credits from the following types of courses:  
Students must choose 12 credit hours (4 courses) from any upper division elective courses, and select 9 credit hours (3 courses) drawn from all Sociology courses not specifically required.~~
- **Earned at least 6 credits from SOCI**
- Earn at least 86 credits from the following types of courses:  
In addition to the program-specific requirements outlined here, all undergraduate students are required to fulfill UNM's General Education Program requirements and earn at least 120 total credit hours. In some instances, courses included in an undergraduate degree program's requirement may also fulfill a General Education requirement. Please review the General Education Program in this Catalog for General Education information. Students within the College of Arts and Sciences must also complete 1) a major and a minor; or 2) two majors; or 3) one of the special curricula of the College that requires no minor.

### Second Major in Sociology

- Complete all of the following
  - Students pursuing another degree have the option to complete a second major in Sociology by completing the following requirements:

#### Required courses

- Complete all of the following
  - Complete the following:
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    - SOCI381L - Sociological Data Analysis (4)
  - **Electives:**
  - **Complete at least 1 of the following:**
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    - SOCI415 - Inequality and Power (3)
    - SOCI420 - Race and Inequality (3)

- SOCI430 - Intersectionality: Race, Gender, Class for Social Policy (3)
- SOCI424 - Race, Class and Crime (3)
- Earned at least 6 credits from SOCI 300 - 499
- Earned at least 6 credits from SOCI
- Earn at least 6 credits from the following types of courses:  
Upper division courses (numbered 300-499) in any subject.
- Earned at least 9 credits from SOCI

**Grand Total Credits: 28 - 120**

## Concentrations

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### Program Concentrations

Code	Title
CON Hum Serv Soc Plcy	Human Services & Social Policy
CON Pre Law BA Soci	Pre-Law Sociology

### Concentration Required

No

## Emphases

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Emphasis required	Emphasis Hours
N/A	

### Emphasis Rules

No Rules

## Sample Degree Plan

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Sample Degree Plan Upload



# Program Learning Outcomes

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## Learning Outcomes

### A General and Overview SLOs

- A.1. Students will be able to define social structure (aka social organization) and explain some important elements of social structure, including status, role, class, power, ethnicity, race, gender, and social stratification.
- A.2. Students will be able to define culture and explain some important elements of culture, including beliefs, values, norms and language.
- A.3. Students will be able to explain the socialization process and how it operates through at least three major agents of socialization (for example, the family, education, peer groups, and the media).

### B. Classical Theory SLOs

- B.1. Students will be able to explain the major themes of Marxian, Durkheimian, and Weberian perspectives on the social world.
- B.2. Students will be able to compare and contrast these perspectives.

### C. Contemporary Theory SLOs

- C.1. Students will be able to explain the major concepts and assumptions of at least two of the following perspectives in contemporary sociological theory: symbolic interactionist theory; rational choice, utilitarian, and/or exchange theory; phenomenology; the perspective of Parsons, Bourdieu, Giddens, Habermas, or Foucault; feminist theory; socio-biology.
- C.2. Students will be able to discuss the merits and limitations of each of the two chosen theoretical perspectives.

### D. Research Technique SLOs

- D.1. Students will be able to explain the major characteristics of the scientific method.
- D.2. Students will be able to explain the major characteristics of surveys, field research/ethnography, and experiments.
- D.3. Students will be able to discuss the main ethical concerns sociologists face in conducting research and how sociologists attempt to overcome those ethical concerns.

### E. Statistics in Research SLOs

- E.1. Students will be able to describe the difference between descriptive and inferential statistics.
- E.2. Students will be able to describe and give examples of what is meant by measures of central tendency and measures of variation.
- E.3. Students will be able to explain what is meant by correlation, how knowledge of the correlation between two or more variables helps clarify understanding of the social world, and why correlation does not necessarily imply causation.
- E.4. Students will be able to explain the logic of multivariate analysis, including the concept of controlling for variables