# UNIVERSITY OF South Carolina

This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding "critical courses" for this particular Program of Study.

| Critical | Course Subject and Title | Credit Hours | Min. Grade[1] | Major GPA[2] | Code | Prerequisites | Notes |
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| **Semester One (15-17 Credit Hours)** | | | | | | | |
| ! | ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition | 3 | C | | CC-CMW | | |
| | Carolina Core ARP Requirement | 3-4 | | | CC-ARP | | |
| | Foreign language[3] *or* other Carolina Core Requirement[4] | 3-4 | | | CC-GFL | | |
| | Carolina Core Requirement[4] | 3 | | | CC | | |
| | UNIV 101 The Student in the University *or* Carolina Core Requirement[4] | 3 | | | PR/CC | | |
| **Semester Two (15-16 Credit Hours)** | | | | | | | |
| ! | ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition | 3 | C | | CC-CMW CC-INF | C or better in ENGL 101 | |
| | Carolina Core ARP Requirement | 3-4 | | | CC-ARP | | |
| | Foreign language[3] *or* other Carolina Core Requirement[4] | 3 | | | CC-GFL | | |
| | Carolina Core Requirement[4] | 3 | | | CC | | |
| | SOCY 101 Introductory Sociology | 3 | C | | CC-GSS | | |
| **Semester Three (15-16 Credit Hours)** | | | | | | | |
| | SOCY Elective *(300-level or above)* | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | Foreign language[3] *or* Carolina Core Requirement[4] | 3 | | | CR/CC | | |
| | Carolina Core Requirement[4] | 3-4 | | | CC | | |
| | Social Science | 3 | | | CR | | |
| | History[5] | 3 | | | CR | | |
| **Semester Four (15-16 Credit Hours)** | | | | | | | |
| | SOCY 391 Sociological Research Methods | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | Cognate or Minor Course[6] | 3 | C | | PR | | |
| | Humanities or Fine Arts | 3 | | | CR | | |
| | Carolina Core Requirement[4] *or* Elective[7] | 3-4 | | | CC/PR | | |
| | Carolina Core Requirement[4] *or* Elective[7] | 3 | | | CC/PR | | |
| **Semester Five (15 Credit Hours)** | | | | | | | |
| | SOCY 392 Elementary Statistics for Sociologists | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | SOCY Elective *(300-level or above)* | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | Humanities or Fine Arts | 3 | | | CR | | |
| | Cognate or Minor Course[6] | 3 | C | | PR | | |
| | Elective[7] | 3 | | | PR | | |
| **Semester Six (15 Credit Hours)** | | | | | | | |
| | SOCY 393 Sociological Theory | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | SOCY Elective *(300-level or above)* | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | Cognate or Minor Course[6] | 3 | C | | PR | | |
| | Humanities or Fine Arts | 3 | | | CR | | |
| | Elective[7] | 3 | | | PR | | |
| **Semester Seven (15 Credit Hours)** | | | | | | | |
| | SOCY Elective *(500-level or above)* | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | SOCY Elective *(300-level or above)* | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | Cognate or Minor Course[6] | 3 | C | | PR | | |
| | Elective[7] | 3 | C | | PR | | |
| | Elective[7] | 3 | | | PR | | |
| **Semester Eight (13 Credit Hours)** | | | | | | | |
| | SOCY 561 Real World Research Experience | 3 | C | | MR/CC-INT | C or better in SOCY 101, 391, & 392 | |
| | SOCY Elective *(500-level or above)* | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | Minor Course[6] *or* Elective[7] | 3 | C *(minor)* | | PR | | |
| | Minor Course[6] *or* Elective[7] | 3 | C *(minor)* | | PR | | |
| | Approved Elective[7] | 1 | | | PR | | |

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**Graduation Requirements Summary**

| Minimum Total Hours | Minimum Major Requirements Hours | College & Program Requirements Hours | Carolina Core Hours | Minimum Institutional GPA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 120 | 30 | 46-58 | 32-44 | 2.000 |

1. Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA.
2. Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses.  Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
3. Students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score.
4. The Carolina Core provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
5. The College of Arts and Sciences requires one U.S. History and one non-U.S. History course, both of which must be chosen from the approved Carolina Core GHS courses.  Whichever is not fulfilled through the Carolina Core GHS requirement must be fulfilled through this college requirement.
6. The cognate is intended to support the course work in the major.  The cognate must consist of twelve hours of courses at the advanced level, outside of, but related to the major.  In place of a cognate, a student may choose a minor consisting of at least 18 credit hours of courses concentrated in one area that follow a structured sequence.  A second major eliminates the minor/cognate requirement.
7. No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences.  The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses.  Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Program Notes:**
- Courses identified as "critical" must be completed in the student's first 60 semester hours of work in order for these courses to be credited toward graduation.
- All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade that covers the founding documents. This course may fulfill any requirement in the program of study. Courses that meet this requirement are listed in the academic bulletin.
- Graduation "with Distinction" is an optional program of study, in which students actively engage in significant research, scholarship, and/or performance activities in collaboration with a faculty mentor within a chosen major.  Graduation with Distinction for this program of study requires: 1) cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher and GPA of 3.50 or higher in the major; 2) successful completion of requirements for the Sociology major; 3) research proposal approved by faculty committee; 4) successful completion of 3-6 hours SOCY 599, including written and oral presentation of research project.  Students who successfully complete these requirements will be awarded their degree with "Distinction in Sociology" upon graduation.  A student seeking to graduate with "Distinction in Sociology" must select a faculty member to chair the committee that guides and evaluates the research project.  At least two other faculty members will be appointed by the committee chair to serve as members of the committee.  A written sponsorship agreement signed by the committee chair must be filed with the departmental chair.  The student must successfully defend a research proposal and final paper to the committee.  Ideally, the project should be finished within two semesters.  Research projects must conform to the University's policy on the treatment of human subjects.  Proposals must additionally be subjected to the scrutiny of the Department of Sociology ethics committee.
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

**Codes:**

| Code | Description | Code | Description |
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| CC | Carolina Core | CC-INF | Carolina Core – Information Literacy |
| CC-AIU | Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding | CC-INT | Carolina Core – Integrative Course |
| CC-ARP | Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving | CC-SCI | Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy |
| CC-CMS | Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component | CC-VSR | Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility |
| CC-CMW | Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component | CR | College Requirement |
| CC-GFL | Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language | MR | Major Requirement |
| CC-GHS | Carolina Core – Historical Thinking | PR | Program Requirement |
| CC-GSS | Carolina Core – Social Sciences | | |

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study.  Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.