

BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

In the bachelor of arts in sociology program, students build a foundation in sociological research methods, data analysis, and theory. Courses include topics as varied as Sociology of Sports, Sociology of the Holocaust and Genocide, Alternatives to Imprisonment, Race and Minority Relations, and many more.

Outside the classroom, many students in the BA in sociology program engage in research (<https://sociology.columbian.gwu.edu/research/>) opportunities or take on internships at social advocacy organizations in the Washington, D.C., area.

Visit the program website (<https://sociology.columbian.gwu.edu/ba-sociology/>) for more information.

ADMISSIONS

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website. Applications may be submitted via the Common Application.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
The George Washington University
800 21st Street NW, Suite 100
Washington DC 20052

Contact for questions:
gwadm@gwu.edu or 202-994-6040

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Programs (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext>).

Program-specific curriculum (below).

Achievement of a minimum grade of C- in any course that counts toward the degree.

Code	Title	Credits
Prerequisites		
SOC 1001	Introduction to Sociology	
or SOC 1002	The Sociological Imagination	
SOC 1003	Introduction to Criminal Justice	

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
SOC 2101	Social Research Methods (recommended to be taken before the senior year)	
SOC 2102	Techniques of Data Analysis (recommended to be taken before the senior year)	
SOC 2135	Youth and Delinquency	
SOC 2136	Criminology	
SOC 2145	Criminal Law	
SOC 4192	Advanced Seminar in Criminal Justice	
SOC 4193	Internship in Criminal Justice	
Electives		
Five courses selected from the following, including at least one Sociology (SOC) course and at least one non-Sociology course:		
ANTH 3513	Anthropology of Human Rights	
ECON 2167	Economics of Crime	
FORS 2104	Introduction to Forensic Sciences II	
FORS 2151	Crime Scene Investigation	
HIST 2341	History of FBI Counterintelligence	
HIST 3370	U.S. Constitutional History	
PSC 2213	Judicial Politics	
PSC 2215	U.S. Constitutional Law and Politics II	
PSYC 2011	Abnormal Psychology	
PSYC 2554	Psychology of Crime and Violence	
SOC 2137	Transnational Crime	
SOC 2139	Alternatives to Imprisonment	
SOC 2143	Criminal Justice System Arrest Through Appeal	
SOC 2146	The Bill of Rights and Criminal Justice	
SOC 2164	Sociology of the Holocaust and Genocide	
SOC 2167	Sociology of Law	
SOC 2177	Sociology of the Sex Industry	

SOC 2178	Deviance and Control
SOC 2184	Violence and the Family
SOC 2185	Victims, Victimization, and the System
SOC 2189	Special Topics in Criminal Justice

Note: A student majoring in sociology may not declare a second major or a minor in criminal justice, or vice versa.

GENERAL EDUCATION

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#text>), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication, or G-PAC (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/>). Together with the University General Education Requirement, G-PAC engages students in active intellectual inquiry across the liberal arts. Students achieve a set of learning outcomes that enhance their analytical skills, develop their communication competencies, and invite them to participate as responsible citizens who are attentive to issues of culture, diversity, and privilege.

G-PAC approved courses, Dean's Seminars, and Sophomore Colloquia that may be available for registration are listed on the CCAS Advising website (<https://advising.columbian.gwu.edu/general-education-courses/>).

Coursework for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:

- Writing—one approved course in university writing and two approved writing in the disciplines (WID) courses.
- Humanities—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical or creative thinking skills.
- Mathematics or Statistics—one approved course in either mathematics or statistics.
- Natural or Physical Science—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry.
- Social Sciences—two approved courses in the social sciences.

Coursework for the Columbian College general education curriculum is distributed as follows:

- Arts—one approved course in the arts that involves the study or creation of artwork based on an understanding or interpretation of artistic traditions or knowledge of art in a contemporary context.
- Global or Cross-Cultural Perspective—one approved course that analyzes the ways in which institutions, practices, and problems transcend national and regional boundaries.
- Humanities—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one

course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).

- Local or Civic Engagement—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.
- Natural or Physical Science—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Oral Communication—one course in oral communication.

Certain courses are approved to fulfill the requirement in more than one of these categories.

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC also may be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University may count toward the University General Education Requirement and G-PAC, if those transfer courses are equivalent to GW courses that have been approved by the University and the College.

SPECIAL HONORS

In addition to the general requirements stated under University Regulations, in order to be considered for graduation with Special Honors, students must maintain a 3.5 grade-point average in the major, must be registered for 3 credits of SOC 3195 Research during the senior year, and must receive a grade of A on the research paper.