BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY

Students in the bachelor of arts in sociology program enjoy a dynamic and empirically rigorous curriculum that prepares them to be informed members of their communities, critical consumers of information, and change-makers. The flexible study plan includes core courses that introduce students to the "sociological imagination" and how it connects to contemporary issues of social significance; that provide theoretical tools for analyzing key historical and contemporary issues in society; and that give students a foundation in research methods to enable them to read and produce significant empirical knowledge.

Students are immersed in a broad range of topics, including urban sociology, class and inequality, race and ethnic relations, sex and gender, and social problems. By living in a city that offers a rich social laboratory, Sociology majors are provided with real-life experiences conducting quantitative and qualitative research and developing skills in sociological observation and analysis. Program graduates are prepared to conduct research, attain advocacy positions, assume leadership roles in nonprofits and other organizations, or work in fields including criminal justice, publishing, marketing, and politics. They have gone on to work for government entities like the Census Bureau and the U.S. Congress, nonprofit organizations like the Alzheimer's Association, as well pursuing graduate and professional education and opportunities with organizations such as the Peace Corps and Teach for America.

Outside the classroom, many students engage research opportunities or take on internships at social advocacy organizations in the Washington, DC, area.

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

ADMISSIONS

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/). Applications may be submitted via the Common Application (https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/). 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 all courses that count toward the degree.

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Electives

Seven additional upper-division Sociology (SOC) courses, including at least two courses in the 2160s or 2170s.

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/), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication (G-PAC) (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/) as well as CCAS 1001. 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.

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

- **Writing**—4 credits in UW 1020 University Writing and 6 credits distributed over at least two writing in the discipline (WID) courses taken in separate semesters. WID courses are designated by a "W" appended to the course number.
- **Humanities**—one approved humanities course that involves critical 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 that employ critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, or scientific reasoning.

**Coursework for the CCAS G-PAC requirement is distributed as follows:**

- **Arts**—one approved arts course 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.
- **Local or civic engagement**—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.
- **Oral communication**—one approved course in oral communication.
- **Natural or physical science**—one additional 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).
- **Humanities**—one additional approved humanities course that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).

**Certain courses are approved to fulfill GPAC requirements in more than one category.**

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC requirements may also 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.

Lists of approved courses in the above categories are included on each undergraduate major's [page](http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#majortext) in this Bulletin.

**SPECIAL HONORS**

In addition to the general requirements stated under University Regulations [page](http://bulletin.gwu.edu/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 in SOC 4195 Senior Research Seminar during the senior year, and must receive an A grade on the research paper.