

Academic Programs

Associate in Arts Degree with a Concentration in Sociology (656)

The concentration in sociology prepares students to transfer to four-year universities to pursue a bachelor's degree in sociology. Sociology studies people, organizations, and systems.

Sociology - IAI Recommended Baccalaureate Curriculum

Transfer Consideration

Students who have already chosen the university to which they plan to transfer should consult that institution's catalog or department advisor and an SVCC academic advisor in planning their program

Community college students are strongly encouraged to complete an Associate in Arts degree prior to transfer.

1. *Students wanting to major in sociology may have a choice of earning a B.A. or a B.S. degree, depending on the transfer institution they attend. Sociology majors typically pursue a B.A. degree, but students should consult their academic advisor on the differences between degrees.
2. A sociology major may choose to pursue a program leading to state certification in high school social science (9-12) with an option in Sociology/Anthropology. To teach in Illinois public schools, teachers must be licensed by the state of Illinois. Information regarding Illinois standards for Professional Educator license is available on the Illinois Board of Education Website at www.isbe.net. Per Illinois law, a criminal background investigation will be required on applicants for employment. Students who have questions about this law should seek counseling with SVCC faculty or advising staff early in their program to determine if specific criminal background convictions may affect their participation and eligibility.
3. Bachelor's degree programs in sociology can include degree paths in general sociology, criminology and/or anthropology. A minor may be required or recommended.
4. Students should complete Introduction to Sociology (SOC 111). Other recommended courses include Social Problems (SOC 112), Human Sexuality and Marriage (SOC 251), and Anthropology (SOC 115 and/or 116). As a part of the associate degree, students are encouraged to complete additional foundation courses especially in the social and behavioral sciences and mathematics.

Competitive Admissions

Since admission may be competitive, completing the recommended courses does not by itself guarantee admission.

Special Considerations

Sociologists typically need a master's degree or Ph.D. to enter into the occupation.

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

- Academic Advising, 815-835-6354
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Minimum Total Credit Hours - 64-66 Hours

Suggested Program

First Semester - 17 Hours

- *Electives/Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- Personal Development 3 Semester hour(s)
- COM131 - Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)

- ENG101 - Composition I (3 Semester Hours)
- FYE101 - First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)
- SOC111 - Introduction to Sociology (3 Semester Hours)

Second Semester - 16 Hours

- Electives 4 Semester hour(s)
- ENG103 - Composition II (3 Semester Hours)
- MAT220 - Finite Mathematics (3 Semester Hours)

OR

- MAT240 - Elementary Statistics (3 Semester Hours)
- PSY103 - Introduction to Psychology (3 Semester Hours)
- SOC112 - Social Problems (3 Semester Hours)

Third Semester - 15-17 Hours

- **Life Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Electives 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- SOC115 - Intro to Anthropology (3 Semester Hours)
- SOC251 - Human Sexuality and Marriage (3 Semester Hours)

Fourth Semester - 15-17 Hours

- Humanities/Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- **Physical Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Electives 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Humanities 3 Semester hour(s)
- SOC116 - General Cultural Anthropology (3 Semester Hours)

Footnotes

- *B.A. degree may require competency in a single foreign language through the third or fourth college semester or three to four years of a high school foreign language. B.S. degree may require more courses in mathematics, statistics and/or computer science. Consult an academic advisor for more information.
- **One lab science required.