

Program Map

Sociology & Anthropology, BS

Sociology, Anthropology, & Criminal Justice
Valdosta State University



Program Overview

This map is a term-by-term sample course schedule. The milestones listed below each year are designed to keep you on course to graduate in four years. A sample schedule is provided as a general guideline to help you build a schedule each term. Your advisor will guide you in tailoring this schedule to suit your desired learning outcomes, ensuring you satisfy all core curriculum, major, state, and institutional requirements. The sample provided assumes you take fifteen hours each fall and spring semester until graduation; if you wish to take courses during the summer semester(s), your advisor will assist with modifying this schedule.

Talented students interested in pursuing a Master of Science in Sociology can get a head start through VSU's 4+1 Accelerated Degree Program that allows students to complete the B.A. in Sociology & Anthropology and the M.S. in Sociology in just five years. Interested students should speak to their academic advisor to see if they qualify for this program. Refer to the Undergraduate Catalog for the most current curriculum.

Year 1

First Term	Hours
SOCI 1101	3
ENGL 1101	3
MATH 1101 or 1111	3
MCL 1002	3
Social Science Elective	3
Total hours	15

Second Term	Hours
ANTH 1102	3
ENGL 1102	3
MCL 2001	3
Non-STEM Elective	3
INQR 1001 or 2003	3
Total hours	15

Milestones: Complete math requirement. ≥ 2.0 GPA. By the end of year 1, you should have: completed Introduction to Sociology (SOCI 1101), Introduction to Anthropology (ANTH 1102), and completed 30 credit hours.

Year 2

First Term	Hours
SOCI 1160	3
MCL 2002	3
Lab Science	4
ENGL 2111, 2112, or 2113	3
Humanities Elective	3
Total hours	16

Second Term	Hours
Guided Elective	3
HIST 2111 or 2112	3
POLS 1101	3
Non-STEM Elective	3
INQR 2002	2
Total hours	14

Milestones: ≥ 2.0 GPA. Complete language requirement. By the end of year 2, you should have: Completed Field of Study courses. Completed 60 credit hours. Complete Core.

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Year 3

First Term	Hours
SOCI 3000	4
SOCI/ANTH Elective from Humanities	3
SOCI/ANTH Elective from STEM	3
Outside Major Elective (3XXX or 4XXX)	3
Guided Elective	2
Total hours	15

Second Term	Hours
SOCI/ANTH 3500	3
SOCI/ANTH Elective from Area E	3
SOCI/ANTH Concentration	3
Outside Major Elective (3XXX or 4XXX)	3
Guided Elective	3
Total hours	15

Milestones: ≥2.0 GPA. By fall of your junior year, you should: Begin upper-division SOCI/ANTH major courses. Submit graduation application. By spring of your junior year, you should: Submit your graduation application. Investigate future careers. ≥2.0 GPA. By the end of year 3, you should have completed 90 credit hours.

Year 4

First Term	Hours
SOCI/ANTH Concentration	3
SOCI/ANTH Concentration	3
Guided Elective	3
Guided Elective	3
SOCI/ANTH 3510	3
Total hours	15

Second Term	Hours
SOCI/ANTH Concentration	3
SOCI 4990 or ANTH Concentration	3
SOCI 4540 or ANTH Concentration	3
Guided Elective	3
Guided Elective	3
Total hours	15

Milestones: ≥2.0 GPA. By spring of your senior year, you should: Contact and apply for graduate or professional school. Contact professors to write letters of recommendation. Prepare a professional resume. ≥2.0 GPA By the end of this semester, you should have: Completed 120 credit hours. Attend graduation.

WHY MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY?

Social change. How does it occur? How do we create the society that we wish to live in? Sociologists think innovatively and creatively about the organization of society. They study how workplaces, schools, and families are shaped by the social structure of society and how organized individuals can have a profound impact on society by transforming cultural and social institutions over time. If you have a passion for challenging the status quo and becoming a progressive leader in society, the Sociology & Anthropology major is VSU's home for you.

Sociology is an exciting social science that enhances our understanding of human relationships, interaction, and behavior. It allows us to understand why conflict occurs between different groups in society with differing degrees of power, and it better equips students for the workplace and world of the future.

Sociologists listen closely to other perspectives, with a focus on how social structure shapes individual lives and experiences. They collect and analyze data to understand diverse issues, including how our environment affects our health, how we define and address crime, the changing role of religion in society, how children of different

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backgrounds fare within our educational system, and the unique experiences of those of different races, ethnicities, genders, sexualities, and abilities.

Sociologists gather and analyze qualitative data through in-depth interviews, focus groups, and observations. They also use quantitative analysis to explore data available from sources such as the Census Bureau, the Pew Research Center, the General Social Survey and the World Values Survey.

Sociology graduates go on to work in employment as varied as hospital social workers, social studies teachers, marketing researchers, case managers, directors and founders of non-profits, and urban planners.

Anthropology also involves the study of people but focuses on humans and their immediate ancestors. Anthropologists examine patterns of culture and behavior in order to understand human cultural variation in the present and past.

Students in the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology & Anthropology Program have the unique opportunity to take core classes in both disciplines before selecting a concentration in either Sociology or Anthropology.

The Valdosta State Difference

The Bachelor of Arts in Sociology & Anthropology at Valdosta State balances rigorous coursework with applied and experiential learning to prepare students for careers in the field or graduate studies. Students can gain additional hands-on experience by participating in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice's Study Abroad Program, which has provided opportunities for students to travel to Belize, Mexico, France, and other locales and immerse themselves in foreign culture while taking classes. Student organizations for majors include the VSU Sociology Club, VSU Anthropology Club, Alpha Kappa Delta: The International Sociology Honor Society, and Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society. Class sizes are small, with an average of 30 students per class.

What You'll Learn

Students in the applied and clinical sociology concentration receive a solid foundation in sociology and take courses in theory, research methods and statistics, applied sociology, and a diversity of electives. Graduates are prepared for careers in human services, human resources, community organization, program development and organizational management. Students may also choose to pursue graduate work in sociology, law, public administration, counseling, and social work. Students who choose the anthropology concentration take courses in the four major subfields of the discipline, including cultural anthropology, linguistic anthropology, archeology and biological anthropology. The program provides students with the skills needed to succeed in a variety of employment settings or to continue their studies in graduate school.