

2008-2009 CURRICULUM CHECK SHEET is a guide to the requirements of this major. **It is NOT necessary to take these courses in the order given.** Please consult the online Bulletin for specific details (<http://www.lasierra.edu/academics/bulletin>).

		FALL	WINTER	SPRING
FIRST YEAR	* General Sociology (SOCI 104)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* Global Interactions Since the Age of Columbus (HPSC 104)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* Race, Ethnicity & Class in American History (HPSC 106)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	First Year Seminar (UNST 101/100)(2-6 units)	_____	_____	_____
	College Writing (ENGL 111, 112, 113)(9 units)	_____	_____	_____
	Growing Up in America (SSCI 104) OR Identity & Society (SSCI 105) OR Childhood in Global Perspective (SSCI 106)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	THEME III: Religious Beliefs & Practice (4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	Math Foundational Studies requirement (4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	World Language Foundational Studies requirement (12 units)	_____	_____	_____
	Lifetime Fitness (PEAC 120)(2 units)	_____	_____	_____
	SECOND YEAR	* The Construction of American Political Life (HPSC 274)(4 units)	_____	_____
* Critical Analysis (HPSC 275)(4 units)		_____	_____	_____
** Introduction to Statistics (MATH 251)(4 units)		_____	_____	_____
Exploring American Culture through Literature (HUMN 204) OR Expl. Amer. Culture through Visual & Perf. Arts (HUMN 205)(4 units)		_____	_____	_____
THEME III: Religious Beliefs & Practice (4 units)		_____	_____	_____
Electives		_____	_____	_____
THIRD YEAR	* Impact of Globalization (SOCI 374)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* Research Methods (HPSC 375)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* Major Electives: 16 units chosen with department advisor (16 units)	_____	_____	_____
	THEME IIB: Historical or Contemporary Culture & Context (4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	THEME IIA: Arts Appreciation or History (4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	Adventism in a Global Perspective (RLGN 304) OR The Experience of Religion in Three Cultures (RLGN 305)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	Electives	_____	_____	_____
FOURTH YEAR	* Foundations of Social Thought (SOCI 404)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* Field Placement (SOCI 495)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	* Senior Colloquium (HPSC 497)(1 unit)	_____	_____	_____
	* Senior Seminar (HPSC 498) (HPSC 497 & 498 meet Upper Division Rhetorical Course Requirement)(3 units)	_____	_____	_____
	THEME III: Religious Beliefs & Practice (4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	THEME IVA: Life Science (4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	THEME IVB: Physical Science (4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	Scientific Foundations: Choose one course from the following: NSCI 404, 405, 406, 407 (4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	Religious, Moral & Social Aspects of Sociology (UNST 404)(4 units)	_____	_____	_____
	Electives to complete 190 quarter units (Psychology or Economics recommended)	_____	_____	_____
	* Major Requirements (56 units)			
	** Cognate Requirements			

SOCIOLOGY

B.A. Degree

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND RELATED OCCUPATIONS: Sociologists study society and social behavior by examining the groups and social institutions people form, as well as various social, religious, political, and business organizations. They also study the behavior and interaction of groups, trace their origin and growth, and analyze the influence of group activities on individual members. They are concerned with the characteristics of social groups, organizations, and institutions; the ways individuals are affected by social traits such as gender, socio-economic class, age, or race on a person's daily life. The results of sociological research aid educators, lawmakers, administrators, and others interested in resolving social problems and formulating public policy.

Most sociologists work in one or more specialties, such as social organization, stratification, and mobility; racial and ethnic relations; education; family; social psychology; urban, rural, political, and comparative sociology; gender roles and relations; demography; gerontology; criminology; or clinical practice—such as marriage and family therapy, addiction counseling; probation/police officer, mental health aide, child development, labor relations specialist, etc.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: Educational attainment of social scientists is among the highest of all occupations. The Ph.D. or equivalent degree is a minimum requirement for most positions in colleges and universities and is important for advancement to many top level nonacademic research and administrative posts. Graduates with Master's degrees in applied specialties usually have better professional opportunities outside of colleges and universities. Graduates with a Master's degree in social science qualify for teaching positions in junior colleges. Bachelor's degree provide a suitable background for many entry-level jobs, such as research assistant, administrative aide, or management or sales trainee. With the addition of sufficient education courses, social science graduates also can qualify for teaching positions in secondary and elementary schools.

JOB OUTLOOK: Overall employment of social scientists is expected to grow more slowly than average for all occupations through 2014. However, projected growth rates vary by specialty. Sociologists will find jobs in policy or research.

ENTERING SALARY: The National Association of Colleges and Employers reports that for Spring 2006, the national entering wage level average for those with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology was **\$30,788**.

SOURCES OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Websites:

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<http://www.lasierra.edu/>

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