

What is Sociology?

Sociology explores the way in which we interact with one another, construct social meaning and understand our sense of self. It's an analysis of our group membership and a journey through our day-to-day activities. "As a discipline, Sociology is interested in social landscapes, our neighborhoods, our schools, our families, our media, and our nation. These landscapes profoundly impact how we see ourselves in the world and how the world sees us. Sociology is Living."
- BC Sociology Department

Which Degree do I Begin with?

You will want to complete the **Associate in Arts and Sciences** Direct Transfer Agreement (AAS-DTA) at BC.

At Bellevue College students may study Sociology as an "Academic Concentration in Sociology" by completing 20 credits of Sociology within the AAS-DTA.

Once students transfer to a university, they may study Sociology as a major and pursue a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree.

What Are Some Common Prerequisites that I'll Need to Take Here?

Every university and major concentration will require slightly different prerequisites. It is **highly recommended** that you speak with a representative at the target university in conjunction with an academic advisor here at BC to ensure that you are taking the proper courses. Double-checking requirements is as easy as going to the university department website. Below is a general guide to the courses **recommended** and the areas of study they fulfill on the DTA for students interested in a Sociology major (this is not an official list):

Written Communication	Mathematics	Major Specific	Other Recommended Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENGL& 101† ENGL 201† 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MATH 138† or MATH 130 or MATH& 151 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOC&101† SOC electives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psychology Communication studies Cultural and Ethnic Studies Anthropology Criminal Justice Philosophy Geography
†: Recommended during the first year of study.			

Important notes about class selection above:

- Many Sociology programs have prerequisites. Please check with the major-specific website or an advisor at your target university to learn about other important prerequisites.
- The Math track will depend on the program requirements and your interest in a BA or BS degree. The BS degree may require Math 151 as a graduation requirement.
- Sociology classes require strong writing and research skills. If you need additional support with reading or writing please be sure to visit the Academic Success Center in D204: <https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/asc/>

Check your degree progress!
Log into degree audit at:
<http://bellevuecollege.edu/degreeaudit/>

Course Planning Notes

Use the space below to write down a course sequence for this school year. Remember to maintain balance each quarter (i.e. try not to take all sciences or all writing-based classes in a single quarter). Also, keep in mind that 12 credit hours or more is considered full time; make sure to balance class load with your personal and/or work life. This is not an official educational plan— you should see an academic advisor if you have questions about course selection.

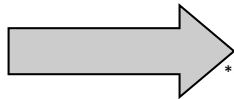
SUMMER		FALL		WINTER		SPRING	
COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
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Beyond BC with a Sociology Degree!

Students that major in Sociology gain the knowledge and skills that can be applied to a wide range of careers. For example, sociologists become social workers, counselors, case managers, probation officers, high school teachers, professors, researchers, consultants, mediators, lawyers, and more. In addition, the study of sociology offers valuable preparation for careers in journalism, public relations, politics, and business or public administration. In short, Sociology as a broad liberal arts degree is applicable to those careers that require a deep understanding of human behavior and social interactions.

For more career information please visit WOIS/The Career Information System-
<https://www.wois.org/use/careers/viewer.cfm?ocnum=100199>

Select Washington universities which offer a degree in Sociology.



Central Washington University
Eastern Washington University
Evergreen State College
Gonzaga University
Pacific Lutheran University
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University
University of Puget Sound
University of Washington-Seattle*
Washington State University
Western Washington University
Whitman College
Whitworth University

*UW Bothell does not have a Sociology major, but does offer a similar major in Society, Ethics & Human Behavior

Here's the Scoop! Considerations for this Major:

- Programs will differ from university to university; for example, some will not offer a Bachelor of Science in Sociology (BS).
- Know the school's admission requirements, expectations, deadlines, and areas of specialization.
- Attend the information sessions offered by the universities.
- Most universities have admission and exit foreign language policies; know what they are so you don't miss the graduation requirements.
- Consider completing an "Academic Concentration in Sociology". Students who are pursuing an Associate in Arts and Sciences-Direct Transfer Agreement (AAS-DTA) can complete coursework in Sociology that will be specially notes on their transcript and degree.
- Be sure to discuss prerequisite requirements and transfer program options with your academic advisor.
- Check with each university for the recommended/competitive GPA requirements.
- Apply to more than one university and have more than one back-up plan.

Who To Contact for more Information:

Bellevue College has a variety of friendly faces and resources to help you plan and register for classes.

New to Bellevue College? Connect with BC's Welcome Center via www.bellevuecollege.edu/welcome/ or email welcome@bellevuecollege.edu

Currently Taking Classes? Connect with the Academic Advising Department via www.bellevuecollege.edu/advising/ or call 425-564-2212.

The Sociology major is part of the Social Science division. In order to make an appointment with an academic or faculty advisor, call **425-564-2331** or **425-564-2212**.

Looking for specific Career Information? Connect with the Center for Career Connections via www.bellevuecollege.edu/careers/ or call **425-564-2279**.

This is an unofficial guide only, designed to prepare students for entry into Washington State programs. It is the student's responsibility to research and communicate with all community college and university programs to which he/she intends to apply to establish prerequisites and admission requirements, as they vary and are subject to change without notice .

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