Sociology is about understanding and interpreting society and the people within it. Sociologists are concerned with the ways we organise our lives and institutions and the consequences of such activity. Central to the work of sociology are themes related to culture, identity, power and inequality and an investigation of how these are changing in contemporary life. The social world is explored with the help of theories about the nature of social life and a range of qualitative and quantitative data collection methods.

Sociology can be studied as
- single and extended majors in the Bachelor of Arts or a major in the Diploma in Arts
- electives as part of the Bachelor of Social Science, or another degree program offered by UQ

Bachelor of Arts

**Single Major (#16)**

- Each course is worth 2 units (#2)
- #2 for gateway course -
  - SOCY1050 Introduction to Sociology
- and #2 from -
  - SOCY1030 Introduction to Health, Illness and Society
  - SOCY1060 Gender, Sexuality and Society: An Introduction
- and #2 for cornerstone course -
  - SOCY2345 Thinking Sociologically: contemporary and classical approaches to social life and social thought
- And #6 from –
  - SOCY2019 Introduction to Social Research
  - SOCY2339 Introducing Quantitative Research
  - SOCY3329 Qualitative Social Research
- and #2 from -
  - SOCY2020 Sociology of the Environment
  - SOCY2040 Families, Households and the Life Course
  - SOSC2169 Social Media: Technology, Self and Society
  - SOCY2179 Sex, Drugs and Disease: Health of the Marginalised
  - SOSC2190 Human Bodies, Culture & Society
  - SOCY2220 Globalisation & Development in Post-Colonial Societies
  - SOCY2280 Sociology of Sport
  - SOCY2340 Sociology of the City
  - SOCY3020 Medicine, Markets and Health: Sociological Perspectives on Health and Illness
  - SOCY3039 Applied Quantitative Research

- plus #2 for capstone course –
  - SOCY3200 Current Issues & Debates in Sociology

**Extended Major (#24)**

- Each course is worth 2 units (#2)
- #2 for gateway course –
  - SOCY1050 Introduction to Sociology
- and #2 from -
  - SOCY1030 Introduction to Health, Illness and Society
  - SOCY1060 Gender, Sexuality and Society: An Introduction
- And #2 cornerstone courses –
  - SOCY2345 Thinking Sociologically: contemporary and classical approaches to social life and social thought
- and #6 from –
  - SOCY2019 Introduction to Social Research
  - SOCY2339 Introducing Quantitative Research
  - SOCY3329 Qualitative Social Research
- and up to #6 from –
  - SOCY2020 Sociology of the Environment
  - SOCY2040 Families, Households and the Life Course
  - SOSC2169 Social Media: Technology, Self and Society
  - SOCY2179 Sex, Drugs and Disease: Health of the Marginalised
  - SOSC2190 Human Bodies, Culture & Society
  - SOCY2220 Globalisation & Development in Post-Colonial Societies
  - SOCY2280 Sociology of Sport
  - SOCY2340 Sociology of the City

- plus #2 for capstone course –
  - SOCY3200 Current Issues & Debates in Sociology

- and at least #4 from –
  - ANTH3019 Development Practice & Social Impact
  - SOCY3020 Medicine, Markets and Health: Sociological Perspectives on Health and Illness
  - SOCY3039 Applied Quantitative Research
  - SOCY3050 Independent Study in Sociology
Requirements for majors
Please note that a course can only count towards ONE major within the program. Students should declare their chosen major/s via mySi-net by their third year.

The course list, along with program rules and requirements for the Bachelor of Arts can be accessed via Programs and Courses: my.uq.edu.au/programs-courses.

Bachelor of Social Science
This program offers students a sound academic basis for careers relating to people, or postgraduate study.

The following majors are available in the Bachelor of Social Science
- Development
- Environment and Society [new]
- Health and Society
- Social and Public Policy

Honours
Honours can be undertaken as a fourth year of study following completion of the Bachelor of Arts. Honours provides students with skills that are highly sought after by employers, particularly in advanced training in research design and methods, experience in conducting independent research and advanced communication skills. Students who do very well during their honours year may be eligible to go onto a higher degree research (Master or PhD).

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