BSOS Expectations of Students
As a University of Maryland student, you are an informed and active participant in your education. Therefore, the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences expects that you:
- Know your benchmark/gateway and degree requirements
- Develop a graduation plan which leads to a timely graduation
- Complete an academic audit during your junior year
- Take appropriate actions to remove registration blocks and register on time
- Adhere to University and College policies and deadlines
- Be responsible for your academic actions and decisions

Student Expectations of BSOS
Academic advisors are committed to assist you in meeting your educational goals. Therefore, the College is committed to the following:
- Introducing you to major and University requirements upon your entrance to a BSOS major
- Providing assistance during academic difficulty
- Referring you to helpful campus resources when needed
- Providing advising throughout your academic career

Advising Resources
BSOS Advising
General questions, registration, exceptions to University policy, academic probation, limited enrollment questions, graduation concerns
2148 Tydings Hall
(301) 405-1697

Department Advising
Major requirements and courses, registration, internships, career questions, department permission for courses
Nicole DeLoatch
2108 Parren J. Mitchell
Art-Sociology Building
(301) 405-6389
ndeloat@umd.edu

SOCY Major Benchmarks
Benchmark Requirements: In accordance with University policy, the Department of Sociology has established benchmark requirements. Students are expected to demonstrate continuing progress in their majors by completing prerequisite or required courses with the appropriate grades within an established timeframe. Students who do not complete benchmark requirements will need to choose a new major and will not be permitted to return to the Sociology major at a later time.

Benchmark 1: SOCY majors must complete the following courses within two semesters of entering the major:

- Academic Writing with C– or higher
- Additional Gen Ed course 1 with D– or higher
- Additional Gen Ed course 2 with D– or higher
- MATH107*, 120**, 140 or STAT100+ with C– or higher
- SOCY100 with C– or higher
- Additonal SOCY Foundation Course with C– or higher

*Formerly MATH111  **Formerly MATH220  +STAT100 preferred

** More than 3 SOCY courses per semester WILL NOT be permitted**
### General Education Requirements (Fall 2012 and later)

#### Fundamental Studies

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#### Distributive Studies

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<td>NL: Natural Sciences Lab</td>
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#### I-Series (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies/Diversity)

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#### Diversity (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies and/or I-Series)

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<td>UP: Understanding Plural Societies</td>
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<td>CC: Cultural Competency OR UP: Understanding Plural Societies</td>
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#### TOTAL General Education Credits

General Education requirements must total at least 40 credits

### SOCY Major Requirements

**Requirements** [Courses in brackets are prerequisite courses]

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#### SOCY Foundation Requirements (Grade of C– or higher)

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#### SOCY Substantive Requirements (C– or higher) ***

400 Level SOCY Research Courses of Choice must come from the approved list.

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***Prerequisites vary by courses, please check the schedule of classes on Testudo for specific prerequisites.

### Requirements for Graduation:

- Earn a C– or higher in Academic Writing and all major requirements
- Earn a D– or higher in every Gen Ed course except Academic Writing
- Earn a 2.0 average in all courses used to satisfy major requirements
- 15 of the final 30 credits must be earned at the 300–400 level
- 12 upper level major credits must be earned at UMD
- At least 30 credits must be earned at UMD
- Earn a cumulative 2.0 GPA in all UMD coursework
- Earn a minimum of 120 credits

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# SOCIOLOGY-Four Year Academic Plan

## Year 1
### Fall
- **Course:** ENGL101 (AW: Academic Writing)  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** MA (Math (based on placement/ Benchmark Math)  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** SOCY100 (HS: History/Social Sciences)  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** Elective  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** UNIV100  
  **Credit:** 1

### Spring
- **Course:** SOCY230  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** OC (Oral Communication)  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** NL (Natural Sciences Lab)*  
  **Credit:** 4  
- **Course:** HS (History/Social Sciences)*  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** Elective  
  **Credit:** 3

**Total:** 16

## Year 2
### Fall
- **Course:** SOCY201 (AR: Analytic Reasoning)  
  **Credit:** 4  
- **Course:** HU (Humanities)*  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** SP (Scholarship & Practice -non-major)*  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** Elective  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** Elective  
  **Credit:** 3

### Spring
- **Course:** SOCY202 (SP: Scholarship & Practice -major)  
  **Credit:** 4  
- **Course:** NS (Natural Sciences)*  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** UP (Understanding Plural Societies) or CC (Cultural Competence)  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** Elective  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** Elective  
  **Credit:** 3

**Total:** 16

## Year 3
### Fall
- **Course:** SOCY203  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** UP (Understanding Plural Societies)  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** Elective  
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### Spring
- **Course:** SOCY241, 200, or 441  
  **Credit:** 3/4  
- **Course:** PW (Professional Writing)  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** Elective  
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**Total:** 16

## Year 4
### Fall
- **Course:** 300/400 Level SOCY Course of Choice 1  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** 400 Level SOCY Course of Choice 2  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** 400 Level SOCY Research Course of Choice 3  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** Upper Level Elective  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** Elective  
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### Spring
- **Course:** 400 Level SOCY Research Course of Choice 4  
  **Credit:** 3  
- **Course:** Elective  
  **Credit:** 3

**Total:** 12

*Important Planning Notes:

- All students must take two Distributive Studies courses that will also count for the I-Series requirement. (I-Series are not listed separately in this plan)
- Understanding Plural Societies courses may also fulfill a Distributive Studies category.

Cumulative Credits + Planned Credits = Total Credits 120

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