



## Program Planning Guide

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Calendar Year: 2012/2013

Faculty: Arts & Science

### What is Sociology?

Sociology provides the conceptual and methodological framework to understand society. Its primary goal is to stimulate thinking about society, applying imagination and critical analysis to the many facets of social life.

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### About the Major in Sociology

Using the conceptual and methodological tools that sociology provides, we gain insight into how people relate to one another and become aware of the values and beliefs that shape the structures and processes of society. This encourages more than the development of analytical insight; the application of sociology can lead to a better understanding of social problems and issues and suggest how they might be addressed.

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### Career Opportunities

Sociology graduates may pursue careers in

- social work
  - criminal justice
  - law
  - rehabilitation counselling
  - services for youth, women, and families
  - employment counselling
  - admissions counselling
  - policy analysis
  - market research
  - population demographics
  - recreation program planning
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### Co-operative Education

A Co-op option, requiring three work terms, is available. Students interested in the Co-operative Education/Internship program should contact the Coordinator of Co-operative Education in the Career Resources Centre (AH154 | phone: 403-382-7154) for further information.

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**Program Requirements** The B.A. degree with a major in Sociology requires 40 semester courses, including a minimum of 14 courses (13 Sociology courses plus one cognate) in the major. A maximum of 20 courses in Sociology is allowed.

**Transfer Credit** Remember that you may use both University of Lethbridge credit and credit transferred from another college or university to meet degree and major requirements. Transfer credit may be either specified or unspecified. Specified credit is indicated on your transcript by the subject name and the specific number of the course, e.g., Sociology 1000, 2100, etc. Unspecified credit (1XXX, 2XXX, etc.) is indicated by the subject name and level of the course in parentheses, e.g., Sociology (1000 level), Sociology (2000 level), etc.

**Unspecified Course Credit** Unspecified course credit means that the University of Lethbridge does not offer the same course you transferred in, but we recognize it and treat it as a regular course. An unspecified course would count as one of your maximum of 20 from one department, but it could not meet a specific course requirement. For example, if Sociology 2200 is required in your program, you could not use Sociology (2000 level) to fulfill that requirement. Students with unspecified transfer credit need to consult an Academic Advisor to establish how the transfer credit fits in the degree program. This should be done as soon as possible after transfer credit is awarded.

**Program Worksheet**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ ID : \_\_\_\_\_

**Required courses:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Sociology 1000 - Introduction to Sociology
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Sociology 2100 - Research Methodology
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Sociology 2130 - Social Statistics I
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Sociology 2200 - Classical Sociological Theory
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Sociology 2210 - Contemporary Sociological Theory
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Sociology 3130 - Social Statistics II
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. One of:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Sociology 3110 - Survey Research
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Sociology 3120 - Qualitative Research Methods
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8-11. Four courses in Sociology at the 3000/4000 level
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12-13. Two seminar courses in Sociology at the 4000 level
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Students are reminded to plan ahead and follow the sample sequence for 4000-level courses on page 4 of this Program Planning Guide.*

**Required cognate:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. One of:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Writing 1000 - Introduction to Academic Writing (preferred)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ One course (3.0 credit hours) in English (at the 1000 level or higher)

*Note: To avoid prerequisite and sequencing problems, it is strongly recommended that Sociology 2100, Sociology 2130, Sociology 2200, and Sociology 2210 be taken during the second year of study. It is recommended that students take the required cognate during the first two years of study.*

**Recommended courses for students interested in graduate studies:**

- Sociology 3110 - Survey Research
- Sociology 3120 - Qualitative Research Methods
- Sociology 4200 - Seminar in Classical Sociological Theory
- Sociology 4210 - Seminar in Contemporary Sociological Theory

## Sample Sequencing Plan

Shown below is a sample sequence of courses for your degree. If you follow this plan, you should be able to graduate in four years, provided you complete five courses per semester. This is just one example of how you could complete your major and degree requirements; you may find that a different sequence works as well as this one.

<p><b>Year 1, Fall</b> Sociology 1000 English 1900 or Writing 1000 <i>(required cognate)</i> GLER course GLER course GLER course</p>	<p><b>Year 1, Spring</b> Sociology 2100<sup>1</sup> GLER course GLER course GLER course GLER course</p>
<p><b>Year 2, Fall</b> Sociology 2200 Elective Elective Elective Elective</p>	<p><b>Year 2, Spring</b> Sociology 2130 Sociology 2210 Elective Elective Elective</p>
<p><b>Year 3, Fall</b> Sociology 3000/4000 level Sociology 3000/4000 level Elective Elective Elective</p>	<p><b>Year 3, Spring</b> Sociology 3110 or Sociology 3120 Sociology 3130 Elective Elective Elective</p>
<p><b>Year 4, Fall</b> Sociology 4000-level seminar Sociology 3000/4000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective Elective</p>	<p><b>Year 4, Spring</b> Sociology 4000-level seminar Sociology 3000/4000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective Elective</p>

<sup>1</sup> Semester of offering may vary.

**Note:** Avoid prerequisite and sequencing problems by completing Sociology 2100, 2130, 2200, and 2210 before registering for your 20th course. These courses are crucial to the further study of Sociology.

### Terms Used

**GLER course:** A course that could count toward the General Liberal Education Requirement. You may use courses in your major towards this 12-course requirement. See the 2012/2013 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 4 - Academic Regulations (p. 90) for complete information.

The Faculty of Arts and Science offers Liberal Education 1000 and 2000, specifically designed to introduce first-year students to the wide scope of human knowledge and teach essential university success skills, critical thinking, and integrative thinking (see the 2012/2013 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 14 - Courses, p. 327). LBED 1000 and 2000 may be used toward satisfying the GLER.

**Elective:** A course that you may choose freely from all those available and applicable to your program. Use courses inside or outside your major, bearing in mind any restrictions that may apply (e.g., a maximum of 20 courses from any one department).

**Cognate:** A course from a related discipline deemed to complement the chosen area of study and to encompass knowledge and skills essential to that area.



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