The Inequality and Society minor is designed to provide undergraduate students with a focused sequence of coursework in a sub-field of sociology in which our faculty are exceptionally strong. The minor provides students with a sociological approach to understand societal inequality, and preparation for public sector and research-oriented employment dealing with poverty, family, education, work, politics, and other important social issues.

**Overview**

Students must complete 3 required courses (9 hours) and 3 electives (9 hours) for a total of 18 hours of course work in Sociology. The required courses are: Sociology 2202 (Social Problems), Sociology 3306 (Sociology of Poverty), and Sociology 3463 (Social Stratification: Race, Class, and Gender).

Students majoring in Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies are required to consult with a Sociology academic counselor to develop a curriculum plan.

*This minor is not available to Sociology Majors.*

**Required courses**

- Sociology 2202 Social Problems
- Sociology 3306 Sociology of Poverty
- Sociology 3463 Social Stratification: Race, Class, and Gender

**Elective courses**

SOCIOL 2210, 2290, 2300, 2309, 2310, 2320, 2330, 2340, 2345/H2345, H2367.01, 2367.02, H2367.03, 2370, 2391, 3302, 3315, 3380, 3407, 3410, 3430, 3434, 3435, 3460, 3464, 3467, 3487, 3488, 3549, 3597.01, 3597.02, 3630.

SOCIOL 4000S/E, 4505, 4506, 4508, 4509, 4510, 4511, 4591S, 4606, 4608, 4609, 4610, 4623, 4635, 4650, 4655, 4666, 4670, 4671, 4672, 4998, 5450, 5503, 5563, 5601, 5605, 5616, 5629, 5680.

**Sociology department minor program guidelines**

The following guidelines govern this minor.

**Required for graduation** No

**Credit hours required** 18 hours. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 credit hrs must be at the 3000 level or above.

**Transfer and EM credit hours allowed** A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination toward the minor.

**Overlap with the GE** A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and a minor.

**Overlap with the major and additional minors**

- The minor must be in a different subject from the major (as identified by the registrar’s official listing of approved majors).
- Each minor completed must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minors (i.e., if a minor requires more than 12 credit hours, a student is permitted to overlap those hours beyond 12 with the major or with another minor).

**Grades required**

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required in the minor course work.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of course work graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

**X193: No more than 3 credit hours.**

**Minor Approval** The minor may be approved by the student’s College/School Advising Office via the Degree Audit Report (DAR). If the minor is not complete on the DAR, the student must consult with a Dept. of Sociology advisor.

**Filing the minor program form** A minor program form is not required. The DAR certifies the minor. The minor must be declared at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to the student’s College/School Advising Office.

**Changing the minor** Once the minor is certified as a part of applying for graduation, any changes must be approved by an advisor in the Dept. of Sociology.