

ACCELERATED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIOLOGY/ MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SOCIOLOGY

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/sociology/undergraduate-programs/>

The Accelerated Bachelor of Science/Master of Arts in Sociology provides exceptional undergraduate students in the Sociology program an avenue toward accelerated completion of a Master's degree and allows undergraduates to begin taking graduate-level courses when they have completed 90 credit hours toward their baccalaureate degree, thus reducing the calendar time necessary to complete their degree. No undergraduate course may count toward the accelerated Master's degree. The Accelerated Bachelor of Science/Master of Arts in Sociology is a highly competitive program, and we anticipate accepting no more than 10 percent of our undergraduate population in any given year.

Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/the60x30-strategic-plan/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

1. Apply critical thinking, analytical reasoning skills, and sociological knowledge and skills to real-world settings.
2. Work with numbers and demonstrate quantitative skills.
3. Make a presentation on and write a non-technical report understood by non-sociologists.
4. Work with people in different groups characterized by race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic class, religion, or immigration status to achieve a goal.
5. Make an evidence-based argument.
6. Use computers to locate and analyze data.
7. Gather information and analyze social problems.

Admissions

To apply to the program

1. Enrolling students must be a current TWU Sociology major.
2. A student may apply after the completion of 72 credit hours, and no more than 90 hours. Students will typically be eligible to apply and be accepted at the end of their junior year. Admitted students will have completed all additional undergraduate courses specified as required by the degree plan, including advanced SOCI courses (3000/4000) level classes.
3. Interested students will apply to both the Sociology Master's program and to the TWU Graduate School when they have completed 72 credit hours, typically during the second semester of their junior year.
4. Applicants to the accelerated degree plan must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher at the time of application and maintain this GPA during their first year admitted to the accelerated program, through the

completion of the baccalaureate portion of their degree, or admission to the accelerated graduate program will be revoked.

5. Applicants will be required to provide one recommendation letter in support of the application from a Sociology faculty member in the TWU department.
6. A student who does not satisfy the conditions within three semesters and who has yet to complete the baccalaureate degree may petition for an extension and deferral of admission to a later date. A student who does not satisfy the conditions within three semesters but who has earned the baccalaureate degree may petition for entry into the Master's program, but without assurance of participating in the accelerated option.

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): 120

Major: 33 SCH

Program Code: SOCI.BS.ACC; **CIP Code:** 45.1101.00

Texas Core Curriculum

Code	Title	SCHs
ENG 1013	Composition I (10)	3
ENG 1023	Composition II (10)	3
Mathematics (20)		3
Life & Physical Sciences (30)		6
Language, Philosophy, & Culture (40)		3
Creative Arts (50)		3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865 (60)	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present (60)	3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government (70)	3
POLS 2023	Texas Government (70)	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences (80)		3
CAO: Multicultural-Women's Studies (90)		3
CAO: First Year Seminar, Wellness or Mathematics (91)		3
Total SCHs		42

Courses Required for Major

Code	Title	SCHs
SOCI 3023	Introduction to Sociological Theory	3
SOCI 3053	Social Research	3
SOCI 3163	Social Statistics	3
SOCI 4103	Senior Seminar: Theory and Practice	3
SOCI Electives		9
Total SCHs		21

Departmental Requirements

Code	Title	SCHs
SOCI 1013	Introductory Sociology	3
Electives (at least 12 SCH advanced)		42
Total SCHs		45

Master's Coursework

Code	Title	SCHs
SOCI 5113	Statistical Methods in Sociology	3
SOCI 5313	Research Methods and Design	3
SOCI 5473	Foundations of Classical Sociological Theories	3
or SOCI 5483	Foundations of Contemporary Sociological Theories	
One 3 SCH 5000-level SOCI Elective		3
Students may only take a 6000 level elective with permission of the instructor and the Graduate Program Director or Division Head.		
Total SCHs		12

Plan of Study**First Year**

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
ENG 1013	Composition I	ENGL 1301	3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	HIST 1301	3
Life/Physical Sciences Core			3
Creative Arts Core			3
UNIV 1231	Learning Frameworks: First-Year Seminar	EDUC 1100, EDUC 1200, EDUC 1300	1
Wellness or Mathematics CAO Core			2
SCHs			15
Spring		TCCN	
ENG 1023	Composition II	ENGL 1302	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	HIST 1302	3
Life/Physical Sciences Core			3
Multicultural Women's Studies CAO Core			3
Elective			3
SCHs			15

Second Year

Fall		TCCN	
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	GOVT 2305	3
SOCI 1013	Introductory Sociology	SOCI 1301	3
Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core			3
Social/Behavioral Sciences Core			3
Elective			3
SCHs			15
Spring		TCCN	
POLS 2023	Texas Government	GOVT 2306	3
Sociology Elective			3
Elective			3
Elective			3
Mathematics Core			3
SCHs			15

Third Year

Fall		TCCN	
SOCI 3023	Introduction to Sociological Theory		3
SOCI 3053	Social Research		3

Elective (advanced)		6
Elective		3
SCHs		15
Spring		TCCN
SOCI 3163	Social Statistics	3
Sociology Elective		3
Sociology Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
SCHs		15
Fourth Year		
Fall		TCCN
SOCI 4103	Senior Seminar: Theory and Practice	3
Elective		3
SOCI 5313	Research Methods and Design	3
SOCI 5473 or 5483	Foundations of Classical Sociological Theories or Foundations of Contemporary Sociological Theories	3
Elective		3
SCHs		15
Spring		TCCN
SOCI 5113	Statistical Methods in Sociology	3
5000-level SOCI Elective		3
Electives (advanced)		9
SCHs		15
Total SCHs:		120