

Starting Fall 2026, we have new Sociology Major requirements! There are three main changes:

1. Sociological Theory fulfills the ICC Writing Intensive requirement.
2. Research Design is no longer a prerequisite for Data Analysis. Data Analysis is now SOCI-24300.
3. Our new major has TWO CAPSTONE PATHWAYS. Both pathways fulfill capstone requirements for the ICC and for your sociology major. Either fulfills the capstone requirements if you joined the major before Fall 26.

CAPSTONE PATHWAY 1:

SOCI-45000 - Research Capstone - (4 credits)

A capstone experience in which students define and execute a sociological research project that involves collecting and analyzing data and writing a research paper. Students also reflect on the relevance of sociology with respect to charting future pathways through their own life course. Satisfies ICC Capstone.

- Prerequisites are SOCI 24200, SOCI 24300, SOCI 31100.
- Restriction: Senior Standing
- Approval from the department chair and a 3.3 GPA in the sociology major is required to enroll in the course.
- If you would like to take this course but do not meet the criteria, please talk to your advisor or the department chair.

This course teaches students intensive research skills and offers practice with oral and written communication for academic contexts. This pathway is for you if you are looking forward to a focused research project, are interested in graduate school, a career in an academic or scholarly context or teaching, and/or wish to develop research skills.

CAPSTONE PATHWAY 2:

IISP 49800 - H&S Integrative Core Curriculum Capstone - (1 credit)

AND an additional SOCI Elective (3 or 4 credits)

IISP 49800 – Taught online, asynchronous. Explores the relationships between the various components of the integrative core curriculum (ICC), the student’s primary major, other learning experiences at the College, and future goals. Reflection on the role of a liberal arts education. Students enrolling in this course should have completed most of the requirements of the ICC.

- Prerequisites: Senior standing
- Pass/fail

This pathway is for you if your academic trajectory requires a little more flexibility in scheduling, if you prefer to take another elective rather than conduct independent research, or if your career priorities require you develop other skills, abilities or knowledge that you can gain from another elective.