

Applied Sociology, BA/BS

Program Description

The Applied Sociology program at Utah Tech provides students with the skills they need to successfully compete in a competitive marketplace as well as to do well in graduate programs of various kinds. Our emphasis on theory, methodology, and real world experience makes us unique among undergraduate programs in Sociology. Students gain an understanding of how sociological theory is relevant to the communities and organizations where they live and work, how different data gathering methodologies provide information about these communities and their needs, and learn to apply theory and methodology as professional sociologists. Students graduating with an Applied Sociology degree can expect to find meaningful employment in any number jobs in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors of society.

Program Curriculum

120 credits

Utah Tech General Education Requirements

All Utah Tech General Education requirements must be fulfilled. A previously earned degree may fulfill those requirements, but courses must be equivalent to Utah Tech's minimum General Education standards in American Institutions, English, and Mathematics.

General Education Core Requirements (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)

Code	Title	Hours
English		3-7
Mathematics		3-5
American Institutions		3-6
Life Sciences		3-10
Physical Sciences		3-5
Fine Arts		3
Literature/Humanities		3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		3

Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Arts: Foreign Language Requirement		3-16

Complete one of the following:

- Complete 16 credits in a single foreign language, through earned credit (grade C or higher), credit by examination, or vertical credit from the courses listed on the GE Foreign Language Requirement page ¹
- Complete a 2020 or higher foreign language course (grade C or higher)
- Complete a 3060 foreign language course listed below (grade C or higher)
- Receive 16 transfer credits for GEFL 1000 (8) and GEFL 2000 (8) in a single foreign language (grade C or higher)

OR

Complete a 1010 course listed below in a second foreign language (grade C or higher) AND one of the following:

1. In a language not taught at Utah Tech, receive 12 FLATS exam credits for FLAT 1000 (8) and FLAT 2000 (4)
or
2. In a language not taught at Utah Tech, receive 12 transfer credits articulated as GEFL 1000 (8) and GEFL 2000 (4) (all grade C or higher)

OR

Available only to students who are nonnative English speakers, complete one of the following:

- Complete 16 credits of ESL courses listed below (grade B or higher)
- Complete ESL 2750 or ESL 2760 (grade B or higher).

- Submit one of the following test scores required for unconditional Utah Tech admission: TOEFL (61 iBT, 173 CBT, or 500 PBT); or Michigan (70); or USU-IELE equivalent score. Other tests may be accepted for admission to Utah Tech but will not fulfill this requirement. Official scores must be submitted to the Registrar's Office.

Total Hours**3-16**

¹ General Education Foreign Language Classes may be found on the General Education page. (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)

Sociology Core Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
MATH 1040	Introduction to Statistics (MA) ^{2,3}	3
SOC 1010	Introduction to Sociology (SS, GC) ^{2,3}	3
SOC 3111	Research Methods ³	3
or CJ 3300	Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice	
SOC 3112	Social Statistics ³	3
SOC 3140	Sociological Theory	3
SOC 4890	Applied Sociology Internship	3
SOC 4910	Senior Capstone	3

Sociology Elective Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 24 credit hours in Sociology (SOC) of which at least 15 credit hours must be upper-division (3000+).		24
No more than 12 credits total may be taken from SOC 4800R, SOC 4850R, or SOC 4860R.		

² Course may be used to meet both Sociology and General Education requirements.

³ Course fulfills a requirement for the Certificate in Social Research Methods (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/applied-sociology-criminal-justice/social-research-methods-certificate/).

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of 120 college-level credits (1000 and above).
2. Complete at least 40 upper-division credits (3000 and above).
3. Complete at least 30 upper-division credits at Utah Tech for institutional residency.
4. Cumulative GPA 2.0 or higher.
5. Grade C or higher in each Sociology Core and Sociology Elective course.

Graduation Plan

1st Year		
Fall Semester	Hours Spring Semester	Hours
First Year Recommended Elective	2 Sociology Elective: Lower division	3
SOC 1010	3 ENGL 2010	3
ENGL 1010	3 General Education (American Institutions) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3
MATH 1040	3 General Education (Fine Arts) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3

General Education (Life Sciences) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequisitestext)	3 General Education (Physical Sciences) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequisitestext)	3
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14**15****2nd Year**

Fall Semester	Hours Spring Semester	Hours
Sociology Elective: Lower Division	3 SOC 3111 or CJ 3300	3
General Education (Literature/Humanities) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequisitestext)	3 Sociology Elective: Upper Division	3
General Elective	3 Foreign Language: 1010	4
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
General Elective	2 General Elective	3

14**16****3rd Year**

Fall Semester	Hours Spring Semester	Hours
SOC 3112	3 SOC 3140	3
Sociology Elective: Upper Division	3 Sociology Elective: Upper Division	3
Foreign Language: 1020	4 Foreign Language: 2010	4
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
Sociology Elective: Upper Division	3 Upper Division Elective	3

16**16****4th Year**

Fall Semester	Hours Spring Semester	Hours
Sociology Elective: Upper Division	3 Sociology Elective: Upper Division	3
Sociology Elective: Upper Division	3 SOC 4910	3
Foreign Language: 2020	4 Upper Division Elective	3
SOC 4890	3 Upper Division Elective	3
	Upper Division Elective	3

13**15****Total Hours 119****BA/BS Applied Sociology Program Learning Outcomes**

At the successful conclusion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate competency in knowledge of key theories, ideas, institutions, and processes related to the study of sociology.
2. Demonstrate an ability to collect and compare appropriate forms of sociological evidence.
3. Produce written and oral presentations using accepted sociological professional methodologies.
4. Analyze and differentiate between causal and correlative data.