

SOCIOLOGY | BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIOLOGY (GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES)

The Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Sociology (Gender and Sexuality Studies) at Fort Hays State University offers a multidisciplinary education that enables students to explore how social structures, institutions, and cultural beliefs shape personal identity and the self. The programs emphasize the impact of gender and sexuality across individual experiences, organizations, and global systems.

Through a comprehensive curriculum in sociological theory, feminist thought, and research design, students gain the analytical skills needed to examine the intersections of identity, values, and systemic practices. The programs also provide focused training in grant writing and research presentation, equipping graduates with the tools to apply sociological principles in professional settings and to pursue advanced studies or human-centered careers.

Program Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education	34
	Sociology Major Core Courses	21
	Concentration Courses	15
	Directed Electives	6
	Open Electives	44
	Total Hours	120

Program Requirements

General Education

All undergraduate degrees require completion of the Kansas Systemwide General Education (<https://catalog.fhsu.edu/general-education/>).

Courses identified with ^{GE} on this page may satisfy a general education requirement in addition to the identified degree requirement. Students who apply a degree requirement to satisfy a general education requirement will typically add an equal number of hours to the university elective category. This flexibility may allow you to complete a minor or certificate within the 120 hour degree. Transfer students are especially encouraged to select these courses in completing General Education requirements to maximize the likelihood of completing the degree with 120 credit hours.

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education	34-35

Effective in Fall 2025 the math pathway course (<https://catalog.fhsu.edu/general-education/gateway-courses/>) identified below is required for this degree.

The General Education Math Pathways course identified for this major is **MATH 250 Elements of Statistics**. All students pursuing this degree program will be required to complete this course or the corequisite support course. Students who place into a higher level math course may

be able to satisfy this requirement; consult with your Academic Advisor for additional information.

Placement measures for **MATH 250 Elements of Statistics** include:

- Math ACT: 19 or higher OR
- Math SAT: 510 or higher OR
- ALEKS PPL: 30 or higher OR
- Accuplacer QAS: 255 or higher OR
- HS GPA and Course Grade: 3.00 cumulative GPA (unweighted) and C- or higher in Second Semester Algebra 2 or Integrated Math 3 OR
- Institutional Measure

Students who do not meet any of the placement measures listed above will need to register for the corequisite support course: **MATH 245 Elements of Statistics with Review**. Credit for the corequisite support course will satisfy any requirement for the pathway course listed above.

Code	Title	Hours
Sociology Major Core Courses		
SOC 140	Understanding Society: Introductory Sociology	3
SOC 145	Cultural Anthropology	3
SOC 361	Sociological Theory and Literature	3
SOC 362	Methods of Social Research	3
SOC 470	Grant Writing	3
SOC 472	Social Inequality	3
SOC 621	Advanced Sociological Research	3
Major Concentration Courses		
SOC 310	Gender and Society	3
SOC 311	Feminist Theory	3
SOC 312	Masculinities	3
SOC 466	Sociology of Sexualities	3
SOC 615	Gender Research and Methods	3
Directed Electives		
Select six credit hours from the following:		6
COMM 608	Communication and Gender	
CRJ 340	Gender, Race, and Inequality in CJ	
CRJ 365	Women and Crime	
ENG 693	Studies in World Literature	
HIST 375	LGBTQ World History	
HIST 376	History of Sexuality in America	
HIST 600	Topics in History	
HIST 651	Women in American History	
LDRS 420	Women and Leadership	
PSY 325	Psychology of Human Sexuality	
Total Hours		42

Degree Requirements

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All bachelor degrees require:		
GPA of 2.0 on FHSU courses & 2.0 on all coursework (Higher program requirements prevail over the 2.0 when set)		
A minimum of 30 hours earned from FHSU with a grade of D, C, B, or A		

Successful completion of an upper division Writing and Information Literacy course (Most majors contain a course designated)

A minimum of 45 hours of recognized upper division credit

A minimum of 120 hours of recognized college credit