

# SOCIOLOGY

## ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (AA) DEGREE SOCIOLOGY CONCENTRATION

For students considering a major in SOCIOLOGY upon transferring to a four-year institution, the Associate of Arts degree with a SOCIOLOGY concentration from ACC offers a strong foundation, providing essential courses that serve as building blocks for advanced study.

A concentration in SOCIOLOGY can lead to diverse career opportunities, including teaching, research, social services, and public policy, as well as interdisciplinary fields that integrate sociology with business, law, healthcare, education, technology, community development, social work, criminal justice, public health, and government agencies focused on social policy and advocacy.

### Program Objectives

Upon graduating from ACC with an Associate of Arts degree with a concentration in SOCIOLOGY, students will:

1. **Gain** a broad understanding of sociological principles and theories within a global and cultural context.
2. **Develop** a comprehensive understanding of social structures, institutions, key historical and contemporary sociological perspectives, and their impacts on individuals, communities, and societies.
3. **Strengthen** critical thinking, research, ethical reasoning, and communication skills essential for analyzing social behavior, inequalities, and patterns in diverse personal, academic, and professional settings.

It is strongly recommended that students consult with an ACC Academic Advisor in SOCIOLOGY to ensure they meet specific program requirements, objectives, and transfer goals.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (PR)

<b>SOC 123</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (3/3)</b>
<b>PSY 101</b>	<b>GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)</b>
<b>PSY 241</b>	<b>SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)</b>

AT LEAST ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

<b>PSY 226</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)</b>
<b>PSY 230</b>	<b>HUMAN SEXUALITY (3/3)</b>
<b>PSY 242</b>	<b>ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)</b>

### GENERAL EDUCATION

#### DEGREE DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

##### GROUP 1 (G1) – ENGLISH COMPOSITION

Six (6) semester credits are required, including ENG 111 or 121 and 112, 122 or 123

##### GROUP 2 (G2) – SCIENCES/MATHEMATICS

Eight (8) semester credits are required, including at least one laboratory science course. Courses will be taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix). Note: Two (2) courses in Natural Sciences, including one with laboratory experience (from two disciplines), in addition to MTH 118 or MTH 121 or higher, are required to achieve the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).

##### GROUP 3 (G3) – SOCIAL SCIENCES

Eight (8) semester credits are required, including the Political Science or U.S. History courses used to satisfy the American Government requirement. Courses will be taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix).

##### GROUP 4 (G4) – HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS

Eight (8) semester credits are required, and they must include either: a.) A combination of courses taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix) or b.) HUM 241 and 242 — Humanities I and II. Note: Two (2) courses in Humanities and Fine Arts (from two disciplines and excluding studio and performance classes) are required for the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).

##### ELECTIVE CREDITS (EC)

The remainder of credits for an AA degree with this concentration should be oriented toward additional courses in SOCIOLOGY and PSYCHOLOGY such as **SOC 123** or **PSY 101, 226, 230, 241, and 242** when available, or selected from **ANP, ART, ECN, EDU, ENG, GEO, HST, HUM, MUS, PFA, PHL, PLS, PSY, SOC, SPE**, and/or foreign language courses in consultation with an ACC Academic Advisor in SOCIOLOGY. It is strongly recommended that foreign language preparation begin as soon as possible, if pursued.

### RECOMMENDED COURSES - SEQUENCE

#### GROUP 1-4 REQUIREMENTS + ELECTIVE CREDITS

Meets ACC degree distribution and MTA requirements

60 CREDITS - 62 CONTACT HOURS

<b>YEAR 1 FALL</b>	<b>16 CREDITS</b>
G1	ENG 111 ENGLISH COMPOSITION I (3/3)
G2	MTH 223 STATISTICAL METHODS (4/4)
<b>G3 PR</b>	<b>SOC 123 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (3/3)</b>
<b>G4 PR</b>	<b>PSY 101 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)</b>
G4	HST 121 EARLY WESTERN WORLD (3/3)

<b>YEAR 1 SPRING</b>	<b>15 CREDITS</b>
G1	ENG 112 ENGLISH COMPOSITION II (3/3)
G3	PLS 221 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & POLITICS (3/3)
<b>G3 PR</b>	<b>PSY 230 HUMAN SEXUALITY (3/3)</b>
G4	HST 122 MODERN WESTERN WORLD (3/3)
G4	SPE 121 SPEECH COMMUNICATION (3/3) <i>or</i> SPE 123 PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (3/3)

<b>YEAR 2 FALL</b>	<b>16 CREDITS</b>
G2	GEO 127 PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY (4/5)
<b>G3 PR</b>	<b>PSY 226 DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)</b>
<b>G3 PR</b>	<b>PSY 242 ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)</b>
G3	ECN 231 ECONOMICS (MICRO) (3/3)
EC	ELECTIVE GENERAL ELECTIVE (3/3)

<b>YEAR 2 SPRING</b>	<b>13 CREDITS</b>
G2	BIO 110 ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY (4/5)
<b>G3 PR</b>	<b>PSY 241 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)</b>
G3	ANP 121 CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY (3/3)
EC	ELECTIVE GENERAL ELECTIVE (3/3)