

**LEHMAN COLLEGE  
OF THE  
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**CURRICULUM CHANGE**

Name of Program and Degree Award: Sociology, BA

Hegis Number: 2208.00

Program Code: 34034 - SOC-BA

Effective Term: Fall 2026

1. **Type of Change:** *Change in Degree Requirements*

2. **From:**

Major Requirements: Prerequisites

~~Type: Completion requirement~~

~~**Fulfill ANY of the following requirements:**~~

~~**Complete ALL of the following Courses:**~~

- ~~● SOC 166 Fundamentals of Sociology~~

OR

~~**Complete at least 1 courses in the following Course Sets:**~~

- ~~● Sociology Electives 200 Level~~

Additional Comments:

- ~~● SOC 166 or any 200-level SOC course is a prerequisite for all 300- and 400-level courses, unless otherwise stated in the course description. The prerequisite will count as an elective course in the major.~~

Major Requirements Overall

Type: Completion requirement

**Earn at least 38 credits**

**Earn a minimum GPA of 2.0**

Additional Comments:

- At least 50% of the courses to complete the major may be taken online.

## Major Requirements: Core Courses

Type: Completion requirement

**Complete ALL of the following Courses:**

- SOC 300 - The Sociological Imagination
  - SOC 301 - Methods of Social Research
  - SOC 302 - Sociological Theory
  - SOC 303 - Advanced Methods of Social Research
  - SOC 345 - Quantitative analysis of Sociological Data
  - NOTES:
    - Students registering for SOC 300 and SOC 301 must have a grade of at least C (2.0) in a ~~prerequisite~~ sociology course.
    - Students registering for SOC 302 and all 400 level courses must have completed SOC 300 with a grade of C- (1.7) or better.
    - Students registering for SOC 303, SOC 345, and all 400 level courses must have completed SOC 301 with a grade of C- (1.7) or better.
- Satisfaction of the College math requirement prior to enrollment in these courses is strongly recommended.*

~~Major Requirements—~~Concentration in General Sociology

Type: Completion requirement

**Fulfill ALL of the following requirements:**~~Earn at least 18 credits~~**AND****Complete ANY of the following Course Sets:**

- ~~Sociology Electives 100 and 200 Level~~
- ~~Sociology Electives 300 & 400 Level~~
- ~~Sociology Electives 700 Level~~

At least 9 credits must be in SOC courses at the 300-, 400- or 700- level.

~~Major Requirements—~~Concentration in Demography and Population Health

Type: Completion requirement

**Fulfill ALL of the following requirements:**

**~~Earn at least 18 credits~~**

~~AND~~

**Complete ANY of the following Courses:**

- SOC 319 - Population and Society
- SOC 320 - Immigration and Adaptation
- SOC 339 - American Demography
- SOC 305 - Sociology of Health Care
- SOC 311 - Social Scientific Perspectives on Health, Disability and Aging

~~AND~~

**~~Complete ANY of the following Course Sets:~~**

- Sociology Electives 400 Level
- Sociology Electives 700 Level

At least 9 credits of which must be chosen from the list above and any 400- or 700- Sociology Elective, with approval.

Additional Comments:

Note: Completion of the College math requirement prior to these courses is strongly recommended prior to enrollment in these courses.

~~Major Requirements~~— Concentration in Education, Inequality & Urban Studies

Type: Completion requirement

**Fulfill ALL of the following requirements:**

**~~Earn at least 18 credits~~**

~~AND~~

**Complete ANY of the following Courses:**

- SOC 309 - Social Inequality
- SOC 334 - Urban Sociology in Global Perspective
- SOC 336 - Education and Inequality
- SOC 335 - Global and Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Education and Society.

AND

**Complete ~~ANY~~ of the following Course Sets:**

- Sociology ~~Electives~~ 400 Level
- Sociology ~~Electives~~ 700 Level

At least 9 credits of which must be chosen from the list above.

3. **To:** Underline the changes

Major Requirements Overall

Type: Completion requirement

**Earn at least 38 sociology credits**

**Earn a minimum GPA of 2.0**

Additional Comments:

- At least 50% of the courses to complete the major may be taken online.
- Students must complete one concentration (General Sociology; Demography and Population Health; OR Education, Inequality and Urban Studies).

Major Requirements: Entry-level Course

One SOC course at the 200 level or SOC 166 with a minimum grade of C.

Students may take up to three entry-level courses at the same time.

Major Requirements: Core Courses

Type: Completion requirement

**Complete ALL of the following Courses:**

- SOC 300 - The Sociological Imagination
- SOC 301 - Methods of Social Research
- SOC 302 - Sociological Theory
- SOC 303 - Advanced Methods of Social Research
- SOC 345 - Quantitative analysis of Sociological Data
- NOTES:
  - Students registering for SOC 300 and SOC 301 must have a grade of at least C (2.0) in a previous 3 or 4 credit sociology course.

- Students registering for SOC 302 and all 400 level courses must have completed SOC 300 with a grade of C- (1.7) or better.
- Students registering for SOC 303, SOC 345, and all 400 level courses must have completed SOC 301 with a grade of C- (1.7) or better.
- *Satisfaction of the College math requirement prior to enrollment in these courses is strongly recommended.*
- Students who earned at least a C in older versions of these courses, including 3 credit versions, may apply those courses to this requirement.

### Major Electives

Type: Completion requirement

**Earn at least 6 additional credits from the following:**

- Sociology Electives 200 to 400 Level
- SOC 166 Fundamentals of Sociology

### NOTES:

Students must complete at least 2 Sociology electives not used to satisfy a major requirement or the student's concentration requirements. The 2 elective courses may include any 3 or more credit 200-, 300-, 400- level Sociology course or SOC 166.

SOC 300, SOC 301, SOC 302 and SOC 345 do not count as electives.

### Major Requirements: Concentration

Type: Completion requirement

Complete the requirements for a concentration in sociology. (General Sociology; Demography and Population Health; OR Education, Inequality and Urban Studies.

Concentration in General Sociology

**Type:** Completion requirement

**Fulfill ALL of the following requirements:**

**Complete ANY 3 courses from the following Course Sets**

- Sociology Courses 300 & 400 Level

### NOTES:

- Students who have earned an A.A. or A.S. with a sociology major and have at least 12 sociology credits in at least four courses may substitute one 3 or 4 credit

course for a 3 credit 300-level course in the General Sociology concentration. Students to whom this applies should contact the Sociology Department.

- For all other students, at least 9 credits must be chosen from the list above and any 400 Sociology course, with approval. SOC 300, SOC 301, SOC 302 and SOC 345 do not count as requirements for the concentration.
- Any 200-level SOC course or SOC 166 with a minimum grade of C is a prerequisite for all 300- and 400-level courses, unless otherwise stated in the

### Concentration in Demography & Population Health

Type: Completion requirement

**Fulfill ALL of the following requirements:**

**Complete at least three of the following Courses:**

- SOC 319 - Population and Society
- SOC 320 - Immigration and Adaptation
- SOC 339 - American Demography
- SOC 305 - Sociology of Health Care
- SOC 311 - Social Scientific Perspectives on Health, Disability and Aging
- Sociology Courses 400 Level (with approval)
- Sociology Courses 700 Level (with approval)

Additional Comments:

At least 9 credits must be chosen from the list above and any 400- or 700- Sociology courses, with approval.

400 or 700 level courses used for the concentration must be on a topic related to Demography and Population Health.

### NOTES:

Completion of the College math requirement prior to these courses is strongly recommended prior to enrollment in these courses.

SOC 166 or any 200-level SOC course with a minimum grade of C is a prerequisite for all 300- and 400-level courses, unless otherwise stated in the course description. The prerequisite will count as an elective course in the major.

### Concentration in Education, Inequality & Urban Studies

Type: Completion requirement

**Fulfill ALL of the following requirements:**

**Complete ANY 3 of the following Courses:**

- SOC 309 - Social Inequality
- SOC 334 - Urban Sociology in Global Perspective
- SOC 336 - Education and Inequality
- SOC 335 - Global and Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Education and Society.
- SOC 338 - Race and Ethnicity in Society
- Sociology Courses 400 Level (with approval)
- Sociology Courses 700 Level (with approval)

At least 9 credits must be chosen from the list above and any 400- or 700- Sociology Courses, with approval.

**NOTES:**

- SOC 166 or any 200-level SOC course with a minimum grade of C is a prerequisite for all 300- and 400-level courses, unless otherwise stated in the course description. The prerequisite will count as an elective course in the major.
- 400 or 700 level courses used for the concentration must be on a topic related to Education, Inequality and Urban Studies.

**4. Rationale (Explain how this change will impact learning outcomes of the department and Major/Program):**

This will not change the learning outcomes of the program.

In the transition to Coursedog a number of unintentional and confusing changes were made to the sociology curriculum. The changes proposed are intended to ensure that the sociology curriculum used in actual practice is reflected in the catalog as well as in other connected systems such as DegreeWorks and T-Rex. We became aware of some of this confusion as a result of the most recent CUNY Universal Transfer Paths (UTPs) policy for sociology (<https://www.cuny.edu/academics/current-initiatives/transfer-initiative/about-us/#sociology>).

The changes to the UTP for sociology require our department to accept one additional transfer course from CUNY community colleges with sociology majors. Rather than adding an additional course to the major or reducing the number of required upper level

courses, we will recognize that completing an official sociology major as part of an Associate's degree implies a level of achievement that should be acknowledged. Lehman awards more BAs in sociology to transfer students than any other CUNY senior college. Our existing curriculum works well for our student population, the vast majority of whom did not have sociology majors in their previous institutions.

Changes to the General Sociology concentration will clarify that only the upper level courses are part of the concentration and will reduce confusion in DegreeWorks.

Changes to the prerequisites will clarify that no sociology courses are required to declare a sociology major. This is our practice already, but will clarify it for those reading the catalog, particularly incoming transfer students, transfer advisors and policy makers. It will also lead to the correction of misleading information currently found in DegreeWorks.

Adding SOC 338 to the Education, Inequality & Urban Studies concentration will add an important dimension linking elements of the concentration and give it the same number of options as the Demography & Population Health concentrations.

5. **Date of departmental approval:** 9/24/2025

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**CURRICULUM CHANGE**

1. **Type of change:** Experimental Course

2.

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| Department(s)                                       | Sociology                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Career                                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate                                                                                                                                      |
| Academic Level                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Compensatory <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental <input type="checkbox"/> Remedial                                                               |
| Subject Area                                        | SOC                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Course Prefix & Number                              | SOC 282                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Course Title                                        | Career Preparation for Sociology Students                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Description                                         | Prepares students to apply for and succeed in internship roles and the workplace.<br><br>NOTE: Minimum GPA of 2.5 and sociology GPA of 2.7 as well as at least 6 credits in Sociology.<br>Limited to majors in sociology |
| Pre/ Co Requisites                                  | Departmental Permission                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Credits                                             | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Hours                                               | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Liberal Arts                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                      |
| Course Attribute (e.g. Writing Intensive, WAC, etc) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| General<br>Education<br>Component         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable      |
|                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Required                       |
|                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> English Composition            |
|                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics                    |
|                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        |
|                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible                       |
|                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> World Cultures                 |
|                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> US Experience in its Diversity |
|                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Expression            |
|                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual and Society         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific World |                                                         |

### 3. **Rationale:**

With the implementation of our Internship experience course we have determined that sociology students require career training and support for entering both the internship and regular workforce. A special focus will be on relating sociology skills to specific opportunities and occupations.

### 4. **Learning Outcomes (By the end of the course students will be expected to):**

1. Articulate the relationship of sociology to a variety of occupational fields of interest.
2. Create a resume and cover letter that expresses these in writing.
3. Express the same verbally, such as in the context of an interview.
4. Utilize the career and internship resources available at Lehman College, CUNY and other organizations.

### 5. **Date of Departmental Approval:** 9/24/2025

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**CURRICULUM CHANGE**

1. **Type of change:** Experimental to Permanent Course, Course Attribute

2.

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| Department(s)                                       | Sociology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Career                                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Academic Level                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Compensatory <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental <input type="checkbox"/> Remedial                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Subject Area                                        | Sociology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Course Prefix & Number                              | SOC 471                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Course Title                                        | Internship in Sociological Practice                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Description                                         | <p>This course is designed to give Sociology majors the opportunity to apply skills and knowledge of sociology discipline in an occupational or organizational setting. Internships are completed in community based or governmental organizations or in sociologically relevant corporate settings</p> <p>NOTE: Minimum GPA of 2.5 and sociology GPA of 2.7.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Pre/ Co Requisites                                  | Department Permission                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Credits                                             | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Hours                                               | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Liberal Arts                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Course Attribute (e.g. Writing Intensive, WAC, etc) | <u>ELO; Intern</u> Remove Experimental Course Attribute                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| General Education Component                         | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Required</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> English Composition</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Science</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Flexible</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> World Cultures</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> US Experience in its Diversity</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Creative Expression</p> |

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**3. Rationale:**

This proposal is to make an experimental course permanent.

Currently sociology students have very limited opportunities to participate in internships. Fewer than 5% of graduates have done formal internships. This course will supplement students' classroom learning with an opportunity to see connections between the discipline of sociology, occupations, and organizations. The course will thus be designed to enable students to explore a variety of career interests and work environments and to apply classroom knowledge. Students will develop new skills and professional relationships. This experience will likely increase participating students' self-confidence, leadership skills, interpersonal skills, and communication skills.

The Internship Specialist at the Lehman Career Exploration and Development Center (CEDC) is available to help students find internships (although placement cannot be guaranteed). CEDC appointments can be made through CUNY Navigate. Once accepted by the work site, the student will complete a Learning Agreement, which must be signed by the student, the work supervisor, the Department, and the CEDC Internship Coordinator. Then, the student will be allowed to register for the course.

**4. Learning Outcomes (By the end of the course students will be expected to):**

- The standard workload is approximately 12 hours per week, 180 hours total.
- Develop and describe their understanding of the application of sociological concepts in a workplace setting.
- Assess, in writing, the internship experience and its relationship to sociological concepts and theories.
- Communicate with the supervisor and others at the internship site to develop and evaluate their workplace experience.
- Understand the role of sociological skills in workplace settings.

**5. Date of Departmental Approval: 9/24/2025**