Social Studies Education (Broad Field) Major (Early Adolescence-Adolescence Certification) - BS

In the social studies (broad field) education major, students can be certified at the early adolescence-adolescence level through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Students can choose to emphasize sociology when choosing one of the options within this major.

Sociology is the study of human groups and how the group influences social behavior. The field is both a science and a philosophy, seeking to answer questions about human behavior through the use of scientific methods. Sociology gives us new and important knowledge about the social world. The focus of the sociology major is to prepare students with the methodological background and analytical skills necessary for working in today’s world, while allowing students to gain a basic understanding of a variety of areas within sociology such as social stratification, criminology, social psychology and comparative sociology.

Major requirements

Admission requirements for STEP Program (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/education/#STEP-admission)

(Teacher certification program: early adolescence-adolescence)

54-64 credits

Choose either Option A (content major) or Option B (content minor) below:

Option A (content major) 57-64 credits

37-44 credit major in geography education, history education, political 37-44 science education, or sociology education

20 credits, with a minimum of three credits, from any two of the following areas outside of the major:

- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

Total Credits 57-64

Note: Teacher certification candidates must also complete additional teacher education requirements listed in the STEP Program core (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/education/#STEP-core).

Option B (content minor) 54-60 credits

18-24 credit minor in one of the following:

- Economics Education
- Geography Education
- History Education
- Political Science Education
- Psychology Education
- Sociology Education

32 credits with a minimum of three credits from three of the subject areas outside of the minor selected from the following:

- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

ECO/GEO/HIS/ POL/PSY/SOC 408 Teaching and Learning History & Social Studies in the Secondary School

Total Credits 54-60

Note: Teacher certification candidates must also complete GEO 200 Conservation of Global Environments and EFN 200 Cooperatives to fulfill statutory licensing requirements. Credits do not count toward the social studies education (broad field) major.

Degree requirements

All students must complete the general education, college core (waived for teacher certification programs), major/minor, and university degree requirements in order to qualify for a degree. The easiest way to track all of these requirements is to refer to the Advisement Report (AR) found in the Student Information System (WINGS) Student Center. All enrolled students have access to the AR.

- General education (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation)
- Baccalaureate degree requirements (p. 1)

Baccalaureate degree requirements

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science degrees must accomplish the following:

1. Fulfill the general education requirements.
2. Complete at least one ethnic studies (diversity) course.
3. Complete the courses prescribed by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for the degree desired in the respective school or college. (No substitutions for graduation may be made in course requirements for a major or minor after the fourth week of the last semester of the senior year.)
4. Earn a minimum of 120 semester credits with at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA. At least 40 credits must be earned in 300/400 (senior college) level courses. Courses earned at the 100/200 level that transferred to UW-L as 300/400 level courses do not apply to this requirement nor do courses from two-year schools.
5. Complete major and minor requirements with at least a 2.00 GPA\(^1\) in each major and minor (and concentration or emphasis, if selected).

6. A minimum of 30 semester credits in residence at UW-L is required for graduation. (See undergraduate resident requirement (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/academicpolicies/graduation/#undergraduate-residence-requirement).)

7. File a completed “Apply for Graduation” form via the WINGS Student Center as soon as the student has registered for his or her final semester or summer term in residence. December and winter intersession graduates should file by May 1. May and summer graduates should file by December 1.

\(^1\) Grade point average requirements for some programs will be considerably higher than 2.00. Re-entering students may be required to earn credits in excess of the 120 needed for graduation in any curriculum in order to replace credits earned in courses in which the content has changed substantially in recent years. Each case will be judged on its own merit.

**No degree will be awarded unless all requirements are fulfilled and recorded within 30 days after the official ending date of each term.**