

SOCIOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT

University of Illinois at Springfield

<http://www.uis.edu/sociologyanthropology/>

SOA has a **joint major** that combines both Sociology and Anthropology. Students may choose to **minor** in either Anthropology or Sociology. An Honors Track allows students to strengthen their skills and enhance their resumes by pursuing independent projects.

SOA MAJOR – 30 credit hours

The following five core courses are required, and make up 19 credit hours of the total 30 required for the major. Cores courses are offered once each year in the semester indicated in the table below. We suggest that you take them in this order if possible. You should take the Senior Seminar in the final spring semester you are in the program.

	Fall	Spring
Year 1	SOA 302 Understanding Cultures (4)	SOA 304 Human Evolution (4)
Year 2	SOA 405 Sociocultural Theories (4)	SOA 411 Social Research Methods (4) SOA 410 Senior Seminar (3)

Also required for the major, at least 11 more hours of SOA including:

- At least 1 Diversity/Inequalities course (3-4 credits) chosen from the list below:
SOA 231 ECCE: Introduction to Race & Ethnicity in the U.S. (also satisfies ECCE US Communities)
SOA 235 ECCE: Working USA and the 99% (also satisfies ECCE US Communities)
SOA 301 ECCE: Introduction to Women and Gender Studies (also satisfies ECCE US Communities)
SOA 441 ECCE: Global Social Stratification (also satisfies ECCE Global Awareness)
- At least two SOA electives (7-8 credits) – Electives may include lower-division courses, but at least one must be at the 400 level. Electives may include additional Diversity/Inequalities courses or other ECCE courses.

HONORS TRACK IN THE SOA MAJOR

Students develop a plan for departmental honors (typically in the junior year) with a SOA faculty sponsor.

Requirements:

- Maintain an overall GPA of 3.25 and a GPA of 3.6 in the major.
- Complete two enhanced SOA core or elective courses involving an independent project OR one “enhanced course” and a study abroad program or demonstrated competence in a second language.
- Closure Project: Students enroll in 2-4 credit hours of SOA 491 ECCE Undergraduate Research, write a 15-25 page closure project, and present their work at the STARS symposium or another public venue.

ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR (at least 15 hours, 4-5 courses)

- 2 core courses: 302 Understanding Cultures and 304 Human Evolution
- 2-3 anthropology electives (at least one must be at the 400 level) [See list in the UIS Catalog.]

SOCIOLOGY MINOR (at least 15 hours, 4-5 courses)

- 2 core courses:
 - SOA 101 Introduction to Sociology OR SOA 221 Social Problems
 - AND
 - SOA 405 Sociocultural Theories OR 411 Social Research Methods
- 2-3 sociology electives (at least one must be at the 400 level) [See list in the UIS Catalog.]

ADVISING & FACULTY MENTORING

- SOA major advisor: Nicole Hager (UHB 3038; 217-206-8616; nhage01s@uis.edu)
- SOA majors and students minoring in ANT or SOC should schedule an appointment to talk to a SOA faculty member to select electives that suit their interests and career plans. Contact lfish1@uis.edu to learn more.