

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Complete at VCCS				Complete at VCU		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		SATISFIED BY		BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
UNIV 101	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation		SOCY 202	3	
UNIV 111-112	3	ENG 111 College Comp I	UNIV 111 is waived and students receive 3 credits for UNIV 112.	SOCY 302	0-3	Not needed if SOC 268 is taken at CC.
UNIV 200	3	ENG 112 College Comp II		SOCY 320	3	
General Education	3	Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature course (Block II)		SOCY 322	0-3	Not needed if SOC 266 is taken at CC.
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SOCY 101	3	SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology		SOCY 406	3	
General Education	3	Any UCGS History course (Block VI)		SOCY upper-level electives	18	SOC 215 and SOC 225 will apply here.
General Education	4	Any UCGS Natural Sciences (Block IV)		Electives	24-30	Consider a minor or second major.
STAT 208 or STAT 210	3	MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning or MTH 245 Statistics I	.			
General Education	3-4	Any UCGS transfer course				
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SOCY (major) equivalents	6	<b>Select 2 courses from:</b> SOC 215; SOC 225; SOC 266; or SOC 268				
VCU equivalents	6-8	Foreign language 101-102 (or transfer electives if eligible for a language waiver).	The foreign language requirements can be waived if students completed 3 or more years at high school.			
VCU equivalents	11-16	Additional transfer electives.	Recommend taking remaining two classes from: SOC 215; SOC 225;			

## TRANSFER GUIDANCE

This degree program is covered by VCU's Guaranteed Admission Agreement.

By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission to the BS in Sociology:

- Earn a transfer associate degree.
- Earn a minimum GPA of 2.5 for your associate degree. VCU will recognize the cumulative GPA as recorded on the VCCS transcript and not recalculate based on multiple course attempts.
- Complete a minimum of 30 credits at VCCS institution.
- Earn grades of "C" or higher in all community college courses.

### IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** <https://transfer.vcu.edu/>.
- **Admission Application:** By March 15 for fall admission and November 1 for spring at <https://www.vcu.edu/admissions/apply/>.
- **Financial Aid:** <https://semss.vcu.edu/our-services/financial-resources-and-guidance/>.
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** March 1 for fall semester at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.
- **Letter of Interest form:** <https://ugradadmissions.vcu.edu/register/letterofinterest>.

### WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Complete your English courses and start your math sequence in your first year.
- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org).
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and the VCU Transfer Center (<https://transfer.vcu.edu/>) in your first semester.

### IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

With a Bachelor of Science in sociology from VCU, you'll gain highly transferable analytical, organizational and interpersonal skills. This can prepare you for a job in a nonprofit organization, business or government, or to continue with graduate or professional education in sociology, law, counseling, psychology, social work, medicine, education, planning or other related fields. The baccalaureate curriculum in sociology seeks to ensure that each student develops a solid foundation in the basic principles, theories and techniques of analysis in sociology. It also encourages students to pursue an interdisciplinary approach by incorporating course credit from closely related subject areas in other programs. Since students majoring in sociology vary in their

interests and career goals, the curriculum allows for a great deal of flexibility in developing individual courses of study.

### WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** The completion of a transfer associate degree results in all lower-division general education requirements being met when you transfer to VCU.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** The completion of an associate degree concurrent with high school results in 60 credits of coursework applied towards your degree and VCU's general education courses will be satisfied. High school students must apply to VCU as freshman applicants for orientation and engagement purposes.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** VCU accepts AP, IB, Cambridge, CLEP, DANTES, and military credits.
- **Catalog Year:** VCU will honor the degree requirements of the VCU Undergraduate Bulletin in effect at the time of the student's first post-high school enrollment into an appropriate associate degree at the two-year institution. Students must stay enrolled at their community college and take no more than four years to complete their associate degree. Students must also enroll at VCU within one year of completing their associate degree.

### IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Located in downtown Richmond, within two hours of the beach, the mountains and Washington DC, VCU provides top-ranked academic programs, research opportunities and an urban setting so students can live and learn in the real world.
- VCU is a large, public research institution dedicated to the success and well-being of students and the Richmond community.
- Diversity, inclusion and equity are deeply ingrained core values at VCU. If you are looking to connect with a broad range of people, come join us!

Learn more about our college at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org).

### DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Completing your associate transfer degree satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the likelihood you will complete your bachelor's degree?
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college could exhaust your financial aid there and reduce your future financial aid at VCU?

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

### PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

Sociology majors benefit from the department's focus on personalized mentorship. Faculty are dedicated to cultivating students' potential as emergent professionals and scholars, evidenced by successful student placement in renowned graduate programs and emergent career tracks. Faculty work alongside students to identify relevant graduate studies opportunities and career pathways in nonprofit work, government, international affairs, higher education, and campaign work. With 40% of Sociology majors being transfer students, the department is committed to supporting transfer students in ensuring a smooth path to graduation.

#### WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

If you apply through general application instead of through the Guaranteed Admission Agreement, you will be considered for admission with all other transfer applicants.

Learn more about applying at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org).

#### DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

Sociology majors have opportunities to join a variety of research labs specializing in topics such as: Social Movements, Digital Sociology, Migration Studies, and Transnational Sociology. The department offers many experiential learning opportunities focused on sociological fieldwork, internships, and federal work-study assistantships. For those interested in double majoring or minoring, the department has strong relationships with Health Sciences, Psychology, Political Science, African American Studies, History, and Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies. Sociology offers two accelerated Bachelor's to Master's degree programs for those interested in pursuing graduate studies.

#### OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

All students must complete at least one VCU "REAL" experiential learning activity in order to graduate from VCU. Examples of REAL activities include: internships, research, and service learning. This requirement may be satisfied by completing a 300-level (or higher) REAL course or through an approved REAL co-curricular experience.

Learn more at <https://real.vcu.edu/>.