

University of Oregon Sociology Department

Policy on accepting non-department courses for credit toward the undergraduate major

For a range of reasons, students occasionally ask whether coursework from outside the UO Sociology department may be counted toward their UO sociology major requirements. Such courses will be considered if one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. Is the course already cross-published with the UO Sociology department? If it is, it will count toward the major and should do so automatically – check with the Sociology academic advisor for assistance.
2. Does the instructor have a Ph.D. in Sociology? If yes, the student should present the following to the Sociology academic advisor:
 - a. evidence that the instructor holds a PhD in sociology (from UO faculty page, CV, LinkedIn, email from professor, etc)
 - b. a copy of the course syllabus
3. Is the student requesting lower division credit for the course? If so, the student should present the following to the Sociology academic advisor:
 - a. a copy of the course syllabus
 - b. a written rationale explaining how the course builds on content that the student learned in SOC 204 or SOC 207.
 - c. Evidence that the course requires either 20+ pages of writing over the term or 40+ pages of reading per week.
4. Is the student requesting upper division credit for the course? If so, the student should present the following to the Sociology academic advisor:
 - a. a copy of the course syllabus
 - b. a written rationale explaining how the course complements a UO Sociology course that the student has already taken
 - c. Evidence that the course requires either 20+ pages of writing over the term or 40+ pages of reading per week.

If none of the above conditions can apply to the course, it cannot be counted toward the sociology major requirements at the University of Oregon. Any questions on this policy may be addressed to Elizabeth Milner, Sociology academic advisor.