

Sociology Academic Briefing

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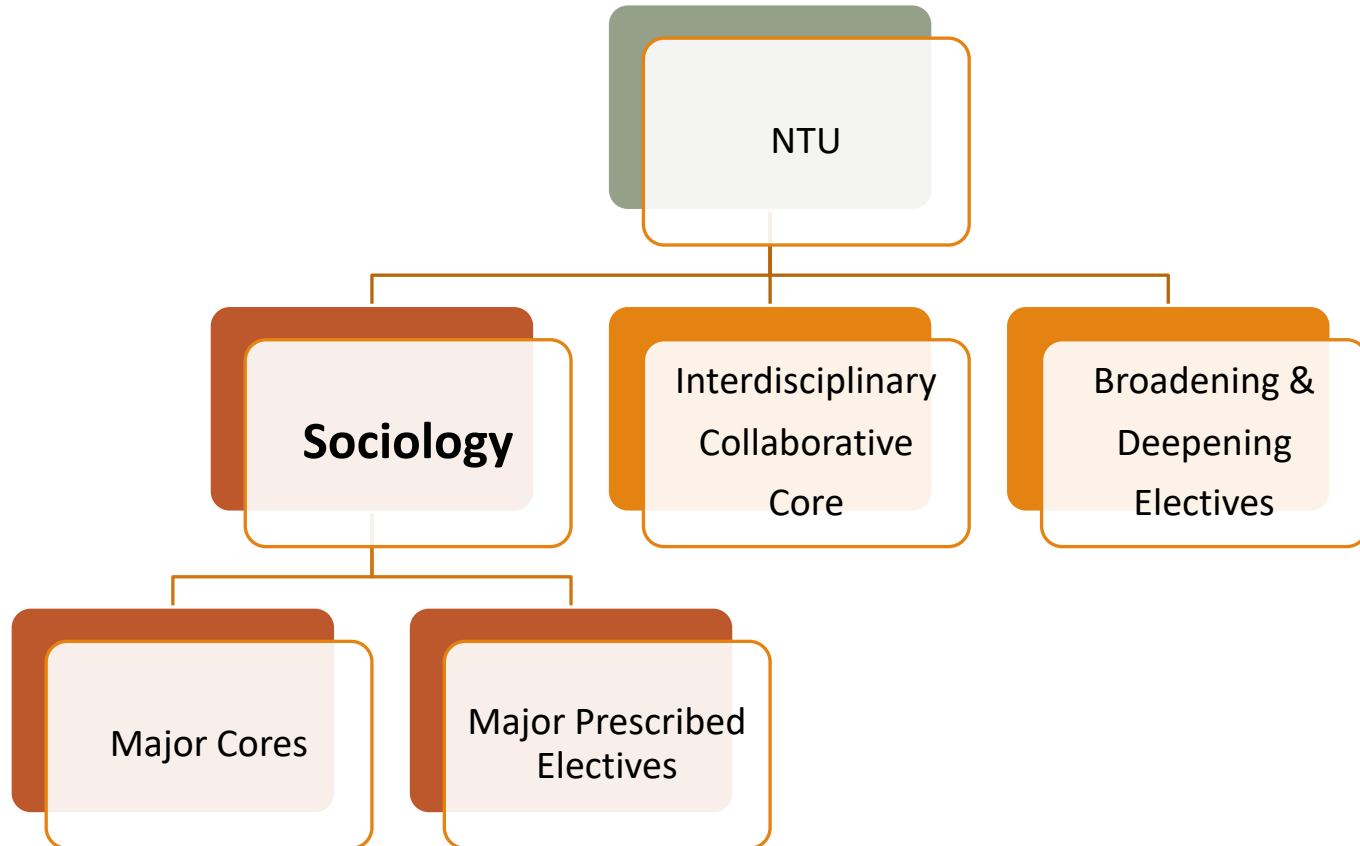
NTU School of Social Sciences

Study Guide for Sociology Majors (2026 cohort and later)

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Structure of NTU-SSS curriculum



SSS Graduation Requirements

Sociology single majors must complete

125 Academic Units (AUs):

1.	Sociology Major Requirements	69 AUs
2.	Interdisciplinary Collaborative Core (ICC) - Common Core	14 AUs
3.	Interdisciplinary Collaborative Core (ICC) - Professional Series	11 AUs
4.	Care, Serve and Learn	3 AUs
5.	Broadening and Deepening Elective Requirements (BDE)	28 AUs

Sociology Major Requirements

3 categories (69 AUs):

Level	Core	Prescribed Electives	Graduation Requirements
1000	3 AUs (1 course)	6 AUs (2 courses)	Graduation Project OR 2 4000-level courses
2000	6 AUs (2 courses)	15 AUs (5 courses)	
3000	6 AUs (2 courses)	9 AUs (3 courses)	
4000	4 AUs (1 course)	12 AUs (3 courses)	
19 AUs 6 core courses		42 AUs 13 Major-PEs	8 AUs

Interdisciplinary Collaborative Core (ICC) Requirements

1) ICC Core Courses (14 AU):

CC0001: Inquiry & Communication in an Interdisciplinary World (2 AU)

CC0003: Ethics & Civics in a Multicultural World (2 AU)

ML0004: Career Design and Workplace Readiness in a Dynamic World (2 AU)

CC00015: Health & Wellbeing (2 AU)

CC0006: Sustainability: Society, Economy & Environment (3 AU)

CC0007: Science and Technology for Humanity (3 AU)

2) ICC Professional Series (11 AU):

HW0208 Academic Communication in the Social Sciences (2 AU)

Digital Proficiency – choose one from a pool of courses (3 AU)

Professional Internship (5 AU)*

Profession Preparation (1 AU)

3) Care, Serve, Learn (CSL) (3 AU)

This component focuses on developing empathy and understanding of societal issues through community service and reflective learning.

* additional 7 AUs to be taken from BDE for those taking Semester Internship

Broadening and Deepening Elective (BDE) Requirements

BDE AUs can be used:

- for completing a Minor programme (15 AUs)

https://www.ntu.edu.sg/education/degree-programmes#Content_C109_Col03

- for completing a Second Major programme (about 35 AUs)

<https://www.ntu.edu.sg/hass/admissions/programmes/second-majors>

- to do Undergraduate Research Experience (URECA)
- to clear courses during exchange programmes
- to go on semester-long credit-bearing Professional Internship, etc

Year of study classification

Your **Year of Study Classification** depends on the number of AUs you have successfully completed.

Completed AUs	Year of Study Classification
0 to 30	Year One
31 to 65	Year Two
66 to 92	Year Three
93 and above	Year Four

Course Exemption

Eligible students will be invited to apply for course exemption via email by end of teaching week 2.

Any exemptions granted are irrevocable and any request to revoke the exemptions in future will not be considered.

Local Polytechnic Graduates	Students who have achieved an excellent grades (Merit/Distinction), may apply up to 6 AUs of Broadening & Deepening Electives (BDE).
A-level Graduates	Students who have completed H3 level subjects in their A-level and achieve excellent grades (Merit/Distinction) may apply up to 6 AUs for course exemptions in BDE (3 AUs in BDE per H3 level subject).
International Baccalaureate (IB) Graduates	IB graduates with excellent grades (Merit/Distinction) may apply up to 6 AUs for course exemptions in BDE (3 AUs in BDE per IB level subject).
Transfer students from other Universities	Students may apply up 6 AUs for course exemptions in BDE/Major PE.

Course Exemption

1. Applications for AU exemptions must be submitted in your **first semester** of enrolment in SSS.
2. AU Exemption is OPTIONAL.
3. No exemptions will be given for the following courses:
 - Major Cores
 - Major Electives
 - Interdisciplinary Collaborative Cores (ICC)
4. You may apply for up to a **maximum of 6 AUs exemptions**
 - The number of AUs available for BDE will be reduced accordingly.

Semester-by-Semester guide

USE THIS GUIDE TO CREATE YOUR PERSONALIZED PLAN

Which courses to take and when

1. The following slides are a **guide** for which courses to take each semester.
2. There is **flexibility** but special attention is needed for courses that are **prerequisites** for other courses.

A guide for your curriculum planning

Year 1		Year 2			Year 3			Year 4	
Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	ST	Sem 1	Sem 2	ST	Sem 1	Sem 2
CC0015 Healthy Living (2 AUs)	CC0001 Inquiry & Comm (2 AUs)	CC0006 Sustainability (3 AUs)	ML0004 Career Design (2 AUs)	Internship (5 AUs)	HS4001/ HS4002–Core (4 AUs)	HS4001/ HS4002–Core (4 AUs)	Internship (5 AUs)	FYP (4 AUs)	FYP (4 AUs)
Digital Proficiency II (3 AUs)	CC0003 Ethics & Civics (2 AUs)	Effective Comm II (HW0208) (2 AUs)	CC0007 S&T for Hum. (3 AUs)		or HS3XXX-MPE (3 AUs)	or HS3XXX-MPE (3 AUs)		Professional Preparation (1 AU)	HS4XXX-MPE (4 AUs)
HS1001–Core (3 AUs)	HS1003–Core (3 AUs)	CSL (3 AUs)	HS3001–Core (3 AUs)		HS3XXX-MPE (3 AUs)	HS3XXX-MPE (3 AUs)		HS4XXX-MPE (4 AUs)	BDE (3 AUs)
HS1002–Core (3 AUs)	HS2002–Core (3 AUs)	HS2001–Core (3 AUs)	HS3002–Core (3 AUs)		BDE (3 AUs)	HS4XXX-MPE (4 AUs)		BDE (3 AUs)	BDE (3 AUs)
BDE (3 AUs)	HS2XXX-MPE (3 AUs)	HS3002–Core (3 AUs) or HS2XXX-MPE (3 AUs)	HS2XXX-MPE (3 AUs)		BDE (3 AUs)	BDE (3 AUs)			
	HS2XXX-MPE (3 AUs)	HS2XXX-MPE (3 AUs)	HS2XXX-MPE (3 AUs)			BDE (3 AUs)			
		BDE (1 AU)	BDE (3 AUs)						
5 Courses (14 AUs)	6 Courses (16 AUs)	7 Courses (18 AUs)	6 Courses (17 AUs)		4 Courses (13 AUs)	5 Courses (16 AUs)		3 Courses + FYP (12 AUs)	4 Courses + FYP (14 AUs)
30 AUs		35 AUs				29 AUs		26 AUs	
TOTAL = 125 AUs									

Total AUs required for graduation = 125

Note:

- For Compulsory Internship, you can opt for OEP/Semester Internship (12 AUs) (Year 3 Sem 1 or Sem 2) or Summer Internship (5 AUs) (at the end of Year 2 or Year 3) – PLAN EARLY!
- USP students are not required to take CC0001, CC0003, CC0015, CC0006 and HW0208. These courses will be replaced by USP courses.

Course Assessment & CGPA

Course Assessment

Two components:

1. Continuous Assessment
2. Final Examination

Types of Continuous Assessment include:

1. Projects & Papers
2. Journals & Blogs
3. Videos
4. Presentations
5. Class Participation
6. Quiz

Cumulative grade point Average (CGPA)

At the end of every semester, your results will be tabulated and summarized in your **degree audit** as your SGPA & CGPA.

CGPA is **CUMULATIVE!**

Your final CGPA will determine your **Class of Honours**.

CGPA range	Honours Classification	Remarks
4.50 to 5.00	Honours (Highest Distinction)	Students must read and complete Graduation Project as well, to be eligible for this honours classification.
4.00 to 4.49	Honours (Distinction)	Students must read and complete Graduation Project as well, to be eligible for this honours classification.
3.50 to 3.99	Honours (Merit)	
3.00 to 3.49	Honours	
2.00 to 2.99	Pass	

Additional notes:

1. Flexible Grading Option (FGO)
 - Up to 24 AUs on eligible courses
 - Refer to OAS website: [Flexible Grading Option \(FGO\)](#)
2. GEM Trailblazer Summer (Short-term Programme)
[duration: May to July]
3. Short Leave of Absence
4. MOE provides subsidized tuition fees for 8 semesters only

Graduation Project Requirements

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**CGPA at end of
Year 3**

Eligibility

1.	3.90 and above	• Graduation Project is compulsory. • Either HS4099 Individual GP or HS4098 Team-based GP
2.	3.75 to 3.89	• Two additional HS4XXX courses. OR • Students may appeal to do HS4099/HS4098—subject to approval.
3.	Below 3.75	• Two additional HS4XXX courses • Not allowed to do GP

Graduation Project Requirements

In order to apply to begin your Graduation Project (HS4099 or HS4098), you **must** have completed:

- **95 AUs**
- **All core courses** (must be taken at NTU)
- **At least 7 Sociology Major Prescribed Electives**
- **Compulsory internship**

It is recommended that students do not take more than 3 other courses during the first semester of HS4099 or HS4098.

Exchange

Exchange matters

Timing: Either Sem 1 OR Sem 2 in Year 3

NOTE: Do not opt for exchange and 10-weeks internship in the same academic semester i.e. Exchange in Year 3 Sem 2 and 10-weeks internship at the end of Year 3 Sem 2.

Note: Major cores and ICC courses are offered in Years One and Two.

Consider shorter Summer/Winter exchanges

Exchange – transfer of credits

- You are responsible for the transfer of credits.
- A maximum of 6 courses or 20 AUs can be transferred back to NTU (whichever is fewer)
- A maximum of 3 courses will be counted towards fulfilling Major PEs. Only two Major PEs at the 4000-level are allowed, the third Major PE should be at the 2000-level or 3000-level.
- Important note: these AUs will be pass-fail (non-graded).

NTU Graduation Requirements

1. At least **69 AUs of Graded Courses** must be completed in NTU.
2. At least **49 AUs of Letter-Graded Core & Major PE Courses** must be completed in NTU.
3. Your **Residential Period** (physical presence on campus) in NTU must be at least **3 years**.
4. All Sociology Major Core Courses and ICC courses **must** be completed in NTU.
5. Complete **all** the academic units.

Good habits

MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON TRACK.

Keep track of your progress

1. Check your degree audit regularly.
2. Inform **SSS UG Office** <sss_ug@ntu.edu.sg> if there are discrepancies.
3. Use your **NTU email account** for all communications with NTU professors and staff.
4. If you are in doubt, please check with the **SSS UG Office** <sss_ug@ntu.edu.sg> OR your academic mentor.

Academic integrity

- We take academic integrity very seriously.
 - If you are caught cheating or plagiarizing, the penalty may include expulsion from the University.
 - If you fabricate information, you will also face disciplinary measures.

Note: Plagiarism means representing someone else's work as your own.

Support Team



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Any questions?

Eco-Bag Collection

Please collect a SSS Eco-Bag before you leave the venue 😊



Pouch Design

