

2025/2026

1st year Sociology

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Participate in *Western Launch*

[Western Launch](#) is a transition program to help students thrive at western. Feel confident starting your academic journey at Western by participating in the free program. Programs are offered throughout the summer and academic year.

- [Launch Online](#) – is a series of e-learning modules designed to guide students through the transition into University life. Module 1 and 2 are offered as information videos available on [Owl Sakai](#). Please pay close attention to the “Academics 101” section of Module 1 to learn more about the degree types, module options and courses you need in first year.
- [1-1 Course Advising](#) (Formerly SAO) - *appointments available June 16 – August 7 2025*. Sign up for an appointment. You must review Module 1 and 2 of the Launch Online before your advising appointment.

Additional *Western Launch* programs

* Some programs and events require you to sign up. Please review the links below*

- [Overnight Experience](#) – stay in residence, meet other first year students, connect with upper year student leaders and learn what campus supports are available on campus. Registration will open in early June for overnight experiences scheduled *July 11-12 2025 and August 8-9 2025*)
- [SmartStart: Learning](#) - self-guided series to help you develop learning skills and strategies (*available anytime*)
- [SmartStart: Academics](#) - Prepare for the academic demands of your first year courses with this self-study course (*running throughout August 2025*)
- [Smart Start: Writing for International Students](#) (LinCS)- supports incoming international students become university level writers and achieve academic success (*July 15-16 2025*)
- [Launch Peer Mentorship Program](#) – request an upper-year peer mentor from your faculty/program to provide academic and social support (*continued support throughout first year and beyond*)
- [Faculty Fridays](#) – faculty specific orientation days focused on supporting you in your academic transition to University life. Get to know your faculty supports, meet other first year students from your program and learn more about what to expect when classes begin in the fall (*Social Science - July 11th 2025*)

First Year

First year students are part of a Home Faculty (ex: Social Science). You may have indicated Sociology as an area of interest in your application to Western, but you are not yet part of a module or program (ex: Sociology major).

The First year of your degree is an opportunity to explore different subjects and determine your true interests and strengths. Introductory level (1000-1999) courses offer students a broad overview of a subject. Students must complete first year courses in at least 4 different subjects.

Sociology

Students interested in pursuing a Sociology module (ex: Sociology Major) should aim to complete 1.0 credits in Sociology at the 1000 level in first year.

There are a variety of 1000 level Sociology courses offered at Western and the Affiliates. Main campus students should enrol in:

Sociology 1025A/B “Society and You”
AND
Sociology 1027A/B “Life is Not Always Fair”

Each of these courses are 0.5 credits. Completing both courses with a minimum final grade of 60% will satisfy the 1.0 credit admission requirement for Sociology modules.

At the end of first year, students are given an opportunity to request entry into a module or program (Ex: Sociology Major + Psychology minor) through a process known as “Intent to Register” (ITR). Students who meet the admission requirement will be accepted into the module for the start of second year.

Course Structure

Undergraduate degrees are made up of first year (1000 level) requirements, module requirements (2000-4999 level) and electives (1000-4999 level).

Western offers courses in a 0.5 credit and 1.0 credit format.

0.5 Credit = one semester course (Fall or Winter)

Fall Semester/First term: September – December.

Winter Semester/Second term: January - April

1.0 Credit = full year course: September – April

First year students typically enrol in 1000 level courses. Most students enroll in 5.0 credits for the academic year with 2.5 credits in the Fall semester and 2.5 credits in the Winter semester.

Course Suffix

Course Suffix (A, B, E, F, G, blank):

The letter at the end of a course number indicates the type of course (essay, non-essay) and when the course is offered (Fall or Winter).

- **A** = 0.5 credit non-essay course offered in the fall semester (Sept-Dec) ex: Soc 1025A.
- **B** = 0.5 credit non-essay course offered in the winter semester (Jan-April) ex: Soc 1027B.
- **F** = 0.5 credit essay course offered in the fall semester (Sept-Dec) ex: Soc 3301F.
- **G** = 0.5 credit essay course offered in the winter semester (Jan-April) ex: Soc 2190G .

The Sociology Department no longer offers 1.0 credit courses that take place throughout the academic year (Sept-April) Ex: Soc 1020, Soc 1021E. Some other departments still offer this style of course.

- **E** = 1.0 credit full year essay course (Sept-April) ex: the former Soc 1021E (no longer offered by main campus)
- **Blank/No letter** = 1.0 credit full year non-essay course (Sept-April) ex: the former Soc 1020 (no longer offered by main campus)

Course Structure Basics

Students interested in Sociology must complete 1.0 credits in Sociology at the 1000 level. To do so, students must complete both “Sociology 1025A/B” AND “Sociology 1027A/B”. The Suffix “A/B” means that the course is a 0.5 credit non-essay course with options in the fall (A) and winter (B) semesters.

Sociology 1025A “Society and You” (Fall) and Sociology 1025B “Society and You” (Winter) are the SAME course. The only difference is the semester it is offered. The course itself (Soc 1025) covers the same course content in the fall (1025A) and winter semesters (1025B). You should complete 1025A OR 1025B, but NOT both courses.

There is a great deal of flexibility in the order students complete the two courses (Sociology 1025A/B + 1027A/B) to satisfy the 1.0 credit 1000 level Sociology admission requirement:

Example 1 (different semesters): Soc 1025A (Fall) + Soc 1027B (Winter)

Example 2 (same semester): Soc 1025A (Fall) + Soc 1027A (Fall)

Example 3 (different orders): Soc 1027A (Fall) + Soc 1025B (Winter)

Example 4 (different years): Soc 1027A (Fall 2025) + Soc 1025A (Fall 2026) * this student would only be eligible to request entry into a module during ITR in March 2027 when the 1.0 credit 1000 level Sociology admission requirement would be complete.

Any combination is acceptable

Essay Requirement

All students must complete 2.0 credits of essay courses (suffix E, F, G) at some point throughout their degree.

The 2.0 essay credits include:

- 1.0 credit at any level (1000-4999) and
- 1.0 credit at the Senior level (2000-4999)

Essay courses can be completed throughout your degree and in any subject(s) of your choice.

Students are encouraged to complete some essay courses in first year (1000-1999 level) in order to gain University writing experience. Writing skills learned at an introductory level will benefit students as they complete senior level essay courses.

Essay courses must be completed at Western. A course completed as part of transfer credits, exchange or study abroad do not satisfy the essay requirement.

Breadth Requirements

All students must complete a minimum of 1.0 credits in each of the 3 Breadth categories (A, B, C). Search the [Academic Calendar](#) by course subject to determine which breadth category the course fulfills.

1.0 Category A (Social Science) ex: Sociology 1027A (0.5) + Sociology 1025B (0.5)

1.0 Category B (Arts & Humanities) ex: English 1020E (1.0)

1.0 Category C (Science) ex: EarthSci 1022A (0.5) + CompSci 1020A.


A list of [popular Science \(Category C\) courses](#) for Social Science students is available.

Typically, students aim to complete all breadth requirements in first year. Students must complete at least 2 categories of breadth requirements in first year (Category A + Category B or C). Remaining breadth requirements can still be completed throughout your degree if they were not completed in first year.

One course can fulfill a breadth requirement + essay requirement + first year requirement all at once. Ex: English 1020E.

First Year Enrollment

Course registration is completed in [Student Center](#) .

To register in courses, you will need an enrollment appointment. Approximately 2 to 3 days before your enrollment start date, an email will be sent to your Western email account about your enrollment appointment time. You can view your enrollment appointment time via [Student Center](#)  Go to Academics > Course Registration > Enrollment Appointments.

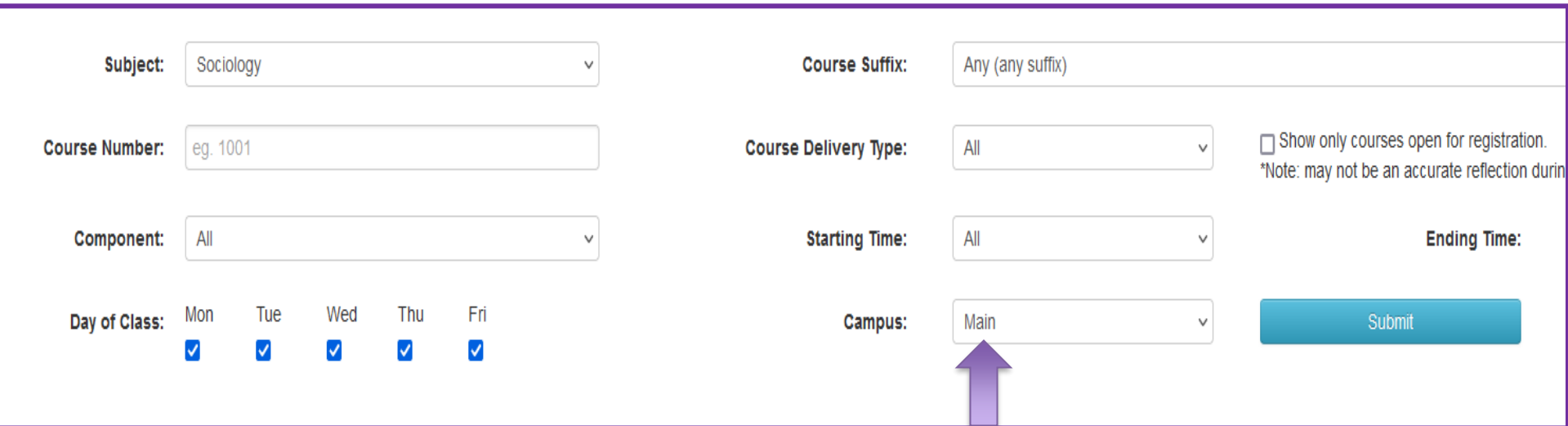
Fall/Winter 2025-2026 enrollment appointment start dates for Year 1 students will occur between June 23 and June 27

Your enrollment appointment time is the earliest date and time you can access course registration. Until this date/time is reached, you will not be able to register in courses in Student Center.

After your enrollment appointment begins, you can continue to register in courses until the end of the Fall/Winter course registration period (last day to add a course).

Course Availability

Use [Draft my Schedule](#) to search for course availability by subject, day/time and campus.



The screenshot shows a search form for course availability. The form includes several dropdown menus and checkboxes. A purple arrow points to the 'Campus' dropdown, which is currently set to 'Main'. The 'Submit' button is located to the right of the 'Campus' dropdown.

Subject:	Sociology	Course Suffix:	Any (any suffix)
Course Number:	eg. 1001	Course Delivery Type:	All
Component:	All	Starting Time:	All
Day of Class:	Mon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Thu <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fri <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		Campus:	Main
			Submit

☐ Show only courses open for registration.
*Note: may not be an accurate reflection during

It is important to filter your search by selecting “Main” as the campus.

Completing a draft schedule is NOT the same as enrolling in courses. Draft My Schedule is a system used as a workbook to help you plan your course schedule before your enrollment appointment.

Anti-requisite: Courses that overlap or share similar course content. Students cannot take two courses that are listed as anti-requisite.
Example: Sociology 1025A/B and Sociology 1020

Enrolment Priority/Restriction: A set of dates when specific groups of students can enrol in a course.

Pre-requisite: Enrollment in a particular year, module or course that must be successfully completed prior to registration in the course.
Sociology 1000 level courses do not have a prerequisite.

SOCIOLOG 1025A - SOCIETY AND YOU

Course Description: This course introduces the sociological imagination to help understand how underlying social forces shape our lives and how we, as individuals, can change society. The course explores key social problems, and how they shape our society. Antirequisite(s): Sociology 1020, Sociology 1020W/X, Sociology 1021E. Extra Inform.

Anti-requisite

Section	Component	Class Nbr	Days	Start Time	End Time	Location	Instructor	Requisites and Constraints
001	LEC	2732	M	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	SSC-2050	L. Phillips	PRIORITY TO YR 1 STUDENTS ON MAIN CAMPUS. JULY 30 PRIORITY CHANGE: ACCESS TO OTHER STUDENTS.

Priority

Course Planning Tips

- Plan ahead by reviewing the Western Launch modules to learn the basics of the degree structure and course requirements.
- Course availability may be limited. Multiple sections of Sociology 1025A/B and 1027A/B are offered in Fall and Winter. Some sections of the course fill faster than others. The sections with your preferred day/time may be full. Please choose one of the other available options.
- It is helpful to create multiple draft schedule using “Draft my schedule” so that you have a backup plan. If the courses in your Draft A schedule are full, try to enroll in your Draft B schedule.
- It is best to fill your schedule on your enrollment date. The longer you wait to enrol in courses, the fewer options will be available as courses fill throughout June.
- Attend the first lecture before deciding to drop a course. You can make changes to your schedule up until the course [add/drop deadline](#).
- If a course section was previously full, check the enrollment system often leading up to the add/drop deadline. Students often make last minute changes to their schedule which opens up spots in courses that were previously full.

Examples of 1st year Schedules

Students have flexibility to select courses in a variety of subjects based on interest and availability.

	<u>Course</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Units</u>
	PSYCHOL 1003B	200 UW	PSYCHOLOGY AS A SOCIAL SCIENCE	0.5
1.0 essay	ENGLISH 1020E	002 UW	UNDERSTANDING LITERATURE TODAY	1.0
0.5 A	SOCIOLOG 1025A	650 UW	SOCIETY AND YOU	0.5
1.0 B	GSWS 1020E	001 UW	INTRO TO GENDER AND WOMEN'S ST	1.0
0.5 C	COMPSCI 1046B	200 UW	APPROACHABLE APPS JAVASCRIPT	0.5
0.5 A	SOCIOLOG 1027B	001 UW	LIFE IS NOT ALWAYS FAIR	0.5
0.5 C	COMPSCI 1033A	002 UW	MULTIMEDIA AND COMMUNICATION I	0.5
	PSYCHOL 1002A	200 UW	PSYCHOLOGY AS NATURAL SCIENCE	0.5

This student has completed 5.0 credits in first year including the admission requirement for Sociology (Soc 1025A + Soc 1027B), all 3 categories of breadth requirements and 1.0 essay requirement.

Fall Semester (Sept – Dec) 2.5 credits

English 1020E (first half of full year course)
 Sociology 1025A
 GSWS 1020E (first half of full year course)
 CompSci 1033A
 Psych 1002A

Winter Semester (Jan - April) 2.5 credits

English 1020E (second half of full year course)
 Psych 1003B
 GSWS 1020E (second half of full year course)
 CompSci 1046B
 Sociology 1027B

Additional Examples

	<u>Course</u>			<u>Description</u>	<u>Units</u>
	PSYCHOL	1003B	200	UW PSYCHOLOGY AS A SOCIAL SCIENCE	0.5
0.5 C	MATH	1229A	200	UW METHODS OF MATRIX ALGEBRA	0.5
0.5 A	SOCIOLOG	1027B	001	UW LIFE IS NOT ALWAYS FAIR	0.5
0.5 C	DATASCI	1000B	001	UW DATA SCIENCE CONCEPTS	0.5
1.0 B	PHILOSOP	1020	200	UW INTRO TO PHILOSOPHY	1.0
1.0 Essay	GSWS	1020E	001	UW INTRO TO GENDER AND WOMEN'S ST	1.0
0.5 A	SOCIOLOG	1025A	650	UW SOCIETY AND YOU	0.5
	PSYCHOL	1002A	200	UW PSYCHOLOGY AS NATURAL SCIENCE	0.5

Students have the flexibility to select courses in a variety of subjects based on their interests and schedule availability. The possibilities are endless!

	<u>Course</u>			<u>Description</u>	<u>Units</u>
0.5 B & 0.5 Essay	GSWS	1022G	650	UW GENDER, JUSTICE, CHANGE	0.5
	MOS	1023A	001	UW INTRO TO ACCOUNTING & FINANCE	0.5
0.5 A	SOCIOLOG	1025A	001	UW SOCIETY AND YOU	0.5
0.5 C	MATH	1228B	200	UW METHODS OF FINITE MATHEMATICS	0.5
	MOS	1021B	001	UW INTRO TO CONSUMER BEHAV & HR	0.5
0.5 A	SOCIOLOG	1027B	001	UW LIFE IS NOT ALWAYS FAIR	0.5
	PSYCHOL	1003B	200	UW PSYCHOLOGY AS A SOCIAL SCIENCE	0.5
0.5 C	MATH	1229A	200	UW METHODS OF MATRIX ALGEBRA	0.5
	PSYCHOL	1002A	200	UW PSYCHOLOGY AS NATURAL SCIENCE	0.5
0.5 B & 0.5 Essay	GSWS	1021F	001	UW INTRO TO SEXUALITY STUDIES	0.5

Criminology

The Sociology department offers many modules in Sociology and some in Criminology.

New admission to the Criminology major will be discontinued effective September 1st 2026. **Students completing the admission requirement (Sociology 1025A/B + 1027A/B) during the 2025-2026 academic year will NOT have the opportunity to request the Criminology major during Intent to Register in March 2026 and beyond.**

Students are encouraged to enrol in a Sociology module. The courses required for the Criminology major are still being offered. Those exact same courses can be used to fulfill the Sociology major. The Sociology modules allow for more course selection options.

The Criminology minor is still available.

More information is available on the [Criminology FAQ](#) page.

Course Enrollment FAQ

A course I want to take is full. What do I do?

Enrol in an available section of the course or a different course that is not full. You may need to adjust your preferences and enrol in courses that are not scheduled at your preferred day/time (ex: it may not be possible to avoid morning classes). Prioritize enrolling in required courses (Soc 1025A/B + 1027A/B) for your desired module.

Two courses I want to take are scheduled at the same time. Can I take both?

No. Students cannot enrol in courses that conflict with other courses, labs or tutorials.

I am having difficulty enrolling in Sociology courses. What do I do?

The first step is to check the prerequisite and enrollment priority listed on the course. The enrollment system will not allow students to enrol unless BOTH the prerequisite and enrollment priority are met. Contact the [Registrar Live Chat](#) for assistance.

Answers to more [Frequently Asked Questions](#) are available.

Important Resources

- [Draft My Schedule](#) - Map out your class schedule.
- [Step-by-step guide](#) – Add, drop or swap courses.
- [Academic Deadlines](#) – add/drop deadlines and important dates
- [“How Do I”](#) - Guide to navigating Student Center
- [Registrar’s Office Live Chat](#) – Ask questions about course enrolment and receive assistance if you are experiencing technical difficulties with the course enrollment system.