

Joint Concentrations in Sociology

What is a joint concentration?

A joint concentration integrates two undergraduate concentrations into a coherent field of study. Joint concentration students identify one concentration as “primary” and another as “allied,” and take the requisite courses in each.

A defining feature of a joint concentration is synthesis of the two fields in the required thesis. This looks different in every case. However, students who wish to pursue a joint concentration in Sociology are required to apply sociological theories and methods in their thesis. The Sociology Department therefore permits joint concentrations only with programs that can, in theory, accommodate a sociological approach (see below). It is the student’s responsibility to maintain communication with each department to ensure they are meeting the expectations of both.

Sociology Joint Concentration Requirements	
Sociology Primary	Sociology Allied
Introduction: SOCIOL 1000 (or SOCIOL 1001-1089 by petition)	Introduction: SOCIOL 1000 (or SOCIOL 1001-1089 by petition)
Social Theory Tutorial: SOCIOL 97	Social Theory Tutorial: SOCIOL 97
Models of Social Research: SOCIOL 1128	Models of Social Research: SOCIOL 1128
Statistics for Social Sciences: SOCIOL 1156 (or STAT 100, 102, 104, 139 by petition)	Statistics for Social Sciences: SOCIOL 1156 (or STAT 100, 102, 104, 139 by petition)
Junior Tutorial: SOCIOL 98	2 additional courses with a SOCIOL prefix
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Senior Thesis Tutorials: SOCIOL 99A and 99B	
Thesis Required	Thesis Required
9 Courses Total	6 Courses Total

How to Apply

Prior to declaring a joint concentration, we ask that you complete the [Joint Concentration Statement of Intent](#) and our [Joint Plan of Study Form](#). These documents will help you assess whether a joint is the best fit for you. If you would like to proceed, upload the forms to your Documents Center in my.harvard and request a meeting with Dr. Emily Fairchild (efairchild@fas.harvard.edu), the department's Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Sociology permits joint concentrations with the following programs:

African and African American Studies	History and Science
Comparative Study of Religion	Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
Computer Science	South Asian Studies
East Asian Studies	Statistics
Environmental Science and Public Policy	Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality (WGS)
History	



To schedule an advising appointment, contact:

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