Sociology Track in Community Studies

The Applied Sociology Track for Community Studies prepares the student for a career in a broad range of community service, non-profit, and non-governmental (NGO) occupations. This course of study will help the student gain experience related to these occupations and specialized knowledge in social theories and issues related to communities. The track indicates meritorious completion of the appropriate courses and does not represent a degree per se.

All students in this track program must complete the following requirements:

- SOCI 484*
- SOCI 479: Professional Development in Sociology II
- SOCI 404: Sociology of the Community
- 6 scheduled credit hours of additional sociology coursework, chosen from the following list:
  - SOCI 211: Sociology of Deviance OR SOCI 304: Criminology**
  - SOCI 312: Population and Society
  - SOCI 314: Social Problems
  - SOCI 317: Racial and Ethnic Relations OR SOCI 323: Sociology of African Americans OR SOCI 403: Sociology of Latinos**
  - SOCI 328: Environmental Sociology
  - SOCI 335: Sociology of Organizations
  - SOCI 412: Political Sociology
  - SOCI 413: Social Movements
  - SOCI 415: Sociology of Education
  - SOCI 419: Class in Contemporary Society

- 6 scheduled credit hours of additional elective coursework, chosen from the following list:
  - RPTS 308: Foundations of Community and Community Development
  - RPTS 311: Planning and Implementation of Events and Programs
  - RPTS 408: Community Development and Supporting Institutions (prerequisite RPTS 308)
  - GEOG 306: Introduction to Urban Geography
  - GEOG 311: Cultural Geography
  - GEOG 406: Geographic Perspectives on Contemporary Urban Issues (prerequisite GEOG 304 or GEOG 306)**
  - POLS 340: Introduction to Public Administration (prerequisite POLS 206)
  - POLS 341: Urban Administration (prerequisites POLS 206 and 207)
  - URPN 201: The Evolving City
  - URPN 202: Building Better Cities
  - URPN 361: Urban Issues
  - URPN 371: Environmental Health Planning and Policy
  - URPN 471: Planning Healthier Communities
  - COMM 415: New Media and Civil Society
  - COMM 449: Activism and Communication OR COMM 431: Rhetoric in Social Movements**

- A cumulative GPR of 3.0 or above must be earned in courses counting toward the track
- The Undergraduate Program Director may approve substitutions for alternative courses to count towards completion of the track. No more than TWO (2) courses taken at institutions other than Texas A&M University-College Station may be substituted. In the event of the unavailability of an Internship, the student MUST substitute the equivalent in scheduled credit hours from the approved list of additional Sociology courses in the track.

*Internships must be in an agency related to community studies, to be determined by the Director of the Sociology Internship Program
**Only one of these courses can fulfill a 3 credit hour requirement for the track of Applied Sociology: Community Studies.