What Classes Do I Register For?

Four questions to ask yourself:
- What classes did I take at the community college?
- Did I complete the Writing Skills Test (WST) Directed Self Placement exercise?
- What is my concentration?
- What classes are available?

Try to take the core courses as soon as possible. Core classes include:
- Lower division:
  - SOCI 001 (Introduction to Sociology), SOCI 080 (Social Problems), SOCI 015 (Statistics)
- Upper division core sequence:
  - SOCI 100W (Writing Workshop), SOCI 101 (Social Theory) should be taken at the same time.
  - SOCI 104 (Quantitative Research Methods), SOCI 105 (Qualitative Research Methods). SOCI 101 needs to be completed before you take one of these.
  - SOCI 104B/105B/181B (these are the Capstone classes—you only need to take one). In order to register for the Capstone, you must have have completed either SOCI 104 or SOCI 105.
  - SOCI 116 (Global Society) can be taken at any time after SOCI 001 has been completed.

If you can’t take core classes, take major electives:
- Sociology upper division electives are classes numbered between SOCI 118 and SOCI 179.
- What major elective you take depends on your concentration.

Classes for minor:
- Consult an advisor from your minor program.

University electives:
- University electives are classes that count toward your minimum 120 unit count but do not meet any University, major, or minor requirements.
- Consult an ACCESS advisor.
Courses offered by the Department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences will be taught online. You will notice in the schedule of classes that some sections are associated with specific meeting times (synchronous), while others have no specified meeting (TBA; asynchronous), and still others may be a combination of both modes (hybrid).

Synchronous online learning is the kind of learning that happens in real time. This means that you, your classmates, and your instructor interact in a specific virtual place, through a specific online medium, at a specific time. Methods of synchronous online learning include video conferencing, live chatting, and live-streaming lectures and discussions.

Asynchronous online learning happens on your schedule. While your instructor may provide materials for reading, lectures for viewing, assignments for completing, you will have the ability to access and satisfy these requirements within the deadlines established by the instructor. Methods of asynchronous online learning include self-guided lesson modules, streaming video content, virtual libraries, posted lecture notes, and exchanges across discussion boards or social media platforms.
Case Study #1

- **Background Information**
  - Took Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, and Statistics at community college
  - Completed the WST Directed Self Placement and placed into SOCI 100W
  - In the General Concentration
  - Minor in Biology
  - Wants to take 15 units

- **What Should/Could this Student Take?**
  - SOCI 100W
  - SOCI 101
  - SOCI 116 or Major Elective
  - Area R, S, or V
  - Minor Elective (consult minor department)
Case Study #2

- **Background Information**
  - Took Introduction to Sociology and Statistics at community college but did not take Social Problems
  - Completed the WST Directed Self Placement and placed into SOCI 100W
  - In the Social Interaction Concentration
  - No minor
  - Wants to take 12 units

- **What Should/Could this Student Take?**
  - SOCI 080 (Social Problems)
  - SOCI 100W
  - SOCI 101
  - SOCI 116 or Major Elective or Area R, S, or V
Case Study #3

- **Background Information**
  - Took Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, and Statistics at community college
  - Has not completed the WST Directed Self Placement or did not self-place into SOCI 100W
  - In the Community Change Concentration
  - No minor, wants to take 15 units

- **What Should/Could this Student Take?**
  - Complete the WST Directed Self Placement or take English 100A (if self-placed into that course)
  - SOCI 116
  - Major Elective
  - Major Elective
  - Major Elective or University Elective
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Case Study #4

■ Background Information
  ■ No classes in major available

■ What Should/Could this Student Take/Do?
  ■ Get on wait lists for Major Electives.
  ■ Did you take the WST Directed Self Placement? If eligible, take any Area R, S, V classes.
  ■ Do you have a minor? Take any remaining minor classes.
  ■ How many University Elective units do you need? Register for remaining University Electives.
  ■ Monitor enrollments in major classes daily.
Tips for Being Successful at SJSU

- Become familiar with the department website.
- The SISS Department office can be reached at sociology@sjsu.edu
- Use your sjsu.edu email.
- Include your SJSU ID number in your emails.
- Become familiar with your MyProgress report.
- Don’t know how to address your teacher? Use “Professor.”
- Complete the Writing Skills Test (WST) Directed Self Placement as soon as possible.
- Complete SOCI 100W and SOCI 101 before the start of your third semester at SJSU.
- Complete either SOCI 104 or 105 (ideally both) before the start of your fourth semester at SJSU.
- When you create your schedule, take into account that in addition to being at a new university on a new campus, you will be transitioning from lower division to primarily upper division classes.
- The University encourages students to take 15 units per semester to complete their degrees in two years.
- If you are disqualified in Sociology, you will have one opportunity for reinstatement. After a second disqualification, you will have to find another major.
- It is possible to receive a “D-” in a course in the major and graduate, but your major GPA and your overall SJSU GPA must be 2.0 for graduation.
- If your transfer units have not posted by the first day of class email: eval@sjsu.edu.
- If you have a question ask a Designated Undergraduate Sociology Advisor.