

## Bachelors of Arts Degree (B.A.)

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) examination regulations of the University of Freiburg for the faculties of philology, philosophy, and economics and behavioral studies dated 29.09.2005 based on the degree specifications from 10.07.2008\* and the latest version of the general regulations

### Sociology, Major

#### Article 1 Degree requirements

120 ECTS credits are required to receive a major in sociology.

#### Article 2 Contents of studies

##### Fundamentals of Sociology I (18 ECTS credits)

Courses	Type	C/ECTS	
Introduction to sociology	L, T	C	10
Introduction to empirical research methods	L, T	C	8

##### Fundamentals of Sociology II (6 ECTS credits)

Courses	Type	C/ECTS	
Conflict studies (theory course)	S	C	6

##### Modernization and theories of globalization (20 ECTS credits)

Courses	Type	C/ECTS	
Individuals, work and knowledge in processes of modernization	L, T	C	10
European social structure and globalization	L, T	C	10

To register for these courses, the successful completion of the lecture introduction to sociology is required.

##### Research methods for sociologists I (16 ECTS credits)

Courses	Type	C/ECTS	
Methodology and statistics for social scientist I	L, T	C	8
Methodology and statistics for social scientist II	L, T	C	8

To register for these courses, the successful completion of the lecture introduction to sociology is required.

Furthermore, only students who have successfully completed Methodology and statistics for social scientist I can register for Methodology and statistics for social scientist II

##### Research methods for sociologists II (16 ECTS credits)

Courses	Type	C/ECTS	
Empirical research project I	S	C	8
Empirical research project II	S	C	8

To register for these courses, the successful completion of the lecture introduction to sociology is required.

Furthermore, only students who have successfully completed Empirical research project I can register for Empirical research project II

### **Sociological theories (6 ECTS credits)**

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>C/ECTS</b>	
Empirical research project I	S	C	6

To register for this course, the successful completion of the lecture introduction to sociology is required.

### **Practical experience and interdisciplinary aspects of sociology**

Students have a choice between sociological career oriented seminars and seminars on the interdisciplinary aspects of sociology, or they can work on a study project.

### **Sociological career choices (8 ECTS credits)**

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>C/ECTS</b>	
Practical work experience and work counseling (see description)	S	C	8

To register for this course, the successful completion of the lecture introduction to sociology is required.

A further requirement of the sociological career choices module is the mandatory participation in seminars on interdisciplinary aspect of sociology.

#### Practical work experience and work counseling seminar

Participation in the practical work experience seminar involves a total of six weeks of work experience at a private or public institute or office providing sociology related work. To receive recognition for the work performed, students must provide an attest from their employer that they were actively involved in the office work. Students must also submit a written report about this work experience.

### **Interdisciplinary aspects of sociology (12 ECTS credits)**

Participation in seminars on interdisciplinary aspects of sociology with a total of 12 ECTS credits is required.

To register for this course, the successful completion of the lecture introduction to sociology is required.

The module interdisciplinary aspects of sociology is a mandatory element of the practical work experience module.

### **Study project (20 ECTS credits)**

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>C/ECTS</b>	
Study project (see description)		C	20

To register for this course, the successful completion of the lecture introduction to sociology is required.

#### Study project

Under the guidance of a supervisor, students are required to develop, plan, carry out and evaluate an independent study project (ex. an empirical study, presentation, consulting project, project for a company working in the field of sociology and work in an archive). Accredited recognition of the study project requires the approval of the proposal from a supervisor in the field of study and the submission of a written academic project report.

### **Advanced studies in selected study areas**

Students can choose between one of the following advanced studies modules:

- advanced studies in general sociology
- advanced studies in empirical research

### **Advanced studies in (general) sociology (8 ECTS credits)**

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>C/ECTS</b>	
Advanced studies in (general) sociology	S	C	8

To register for this course, the successful completion of the modules introduction to sociology, fundamentals of sociology I, fundamentals of sociology II, modernization and theories of globalization, research methods for sociologists I, and research methods for sociologists II is required.

### **Advanced studies in empirical research (8 ECTS credits)**

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>C/ECTS</b>	
Advanced studies in empirical research	S	O	8
Participation in a research project		O	8

One of the two optional courses must be completed.

To register for this course, the successful completion of the modules introduction to sociology, fundamentals of Sociology I, fundamentals of Sociology II, modernization and theories of globalization, research methods for sociologists I, and research methods for sociologists II is required.

## **Article 3 Progress evaluations and exams (Preliminary exams)**

- (1) The following courses require progress evaluations or examinations as listed below:
  - introduction to sociology: written examination
  - individuals, work and knowledge in processes of modernization: written examination
- (2) Additional requirements

As part of the evaluation, you are required to have completed the 8 ECTS credit course introduction to empirical research methods.
- (3) To pass the progress evaluation, the successful completion of the 28 ECTS credits outlined in article 1 and 2 is required.

## **Article 4 Intermediate examination**

- (1) Progress evaluation

The following courses require progress evaluations or examinations as listed below:

  - individuals, work and knowledge in processes of modernization: written examination
  - methodology and statistics for social scientist II: written examination
  - empirical research project II: written examination
- (2) To pass the intermediate examination, the successful completion of a total of 70 ECTS credits as outlined in article 3, section 2 and article 4, section 1 is required.

## **Article 5 B.A. Examination**

(1) Progress evaluation

1. The following courses contribute to the final grade and require progress evaluations or examinations as listed below:

a) Fundamentals of sociology I

- introduction to sociology: written examination (preliminary examination)

b) Fundamentals of sociology II

- conflict studies (theory course): written examination

c) Modernization and theories of globalization

- individuals, work and knowledge in processes of modernization: written examination (preliminary examination)
- European social structure and globalization: written examination (intermediate examination)

d) Research methods for sociologists I

- Methodology and statistics for social scientist II: written examination (intermediate examination)

e) Research methods for sociologists II

- Empirical research project II: written examination (intermediate examination)

f) Sociological theories

- sociological theories: written examination

g) Advanced studies in selected study areas

advanced studies in general sociology

- advanced studies in general sociology: oral examination

or

advanced studies in empirical research

- advanced studies in empirical research: oral examination

or

participation in a research project: oral examination

2. Grading of the progress reports and examinations

The examination grades contribute to the grading of the progress reports and the final grade in the following way:

Fundamentals of sociology I	multiplied by 2
Fundamentals of sociology II	multiplied by 1
Modernization and theories of globalization	multiplied by 3
Research methods for sociologists I	multiplied by 2
Research methods for sociologists II	multiplied by 2
Sociological theories	multiplied by 1

Advanced studies in selected study areas                      multiplied by 2

(2) B.A. thesis

The B.A. thesis is a written paper on a topic from the advanced studies in selected study areas (general sociology or empirical research) course.

Upon the successful completion of this written paper, 10 ECTS credits will be awarded.

\*The amendment regulation from 10.07.2008 is valid as of 01.10.2007.