**Success Track: Sociology B.S.**

### Exploration
- **First Year**
  - Examine your interests, skills, values, and personality. Assessments are available through the Career & Student Employment Center (CSE). A great place to start is the FOCUS-2 survey which can be administered online and discussed during an individual appointment with CSE; access code: mocs.

### Academic Milestones
- **Second Year**
  - Complete Introduction to Sociology (SOC 1510), Diversity in American Society (SOC 2320), as well as appropriate general education classes. Students should consult the Undergraduate Catalog for general education courses, program requirements, and course pre- and co-requisites.

- **Third Year**
  - Complete Writing for the Social Sciences (ENG 2480), complete appropriate general education classes and especially the GE Statistics requirement (recommended SOC 2500 Social Statistics), 2000 or 3000 Sociology elective. Make sure General Education requirements include Rhetoric and Writing, Mathematics and Statistics; Natural Sciences; Behavioral and Social Sciences; The Fine Arts and Humanities; and Non-Western Culture.

- **Fourth Year**
  - Complete 3000 level Sociology electives, complete Modern Social Theory (SOC 3130). Complete any outstanding General Education requirements. Apply problem-solving methods and exercise judgment for course sequencing to successfully meet degree requirements. Establish and maintain a professional relationship with your academic advisor.

### Connections
- **First Year**
  - Consider joining a student club in your major ([http://www.utc.edu/social-cultural-justice-studies](http://www.utc.edu/social-cultural-justice-studies)). Check out Student Development opportunities (website link). Schedule an appointment with a Criminal Justice faculty member to discuss your major and occupations.

- **Second Year**
  - Plan involvement in Student Organizations on campus emphasizing quality (depth) rather than quantity (breadth) of engagement. Seek out volunteer opportunities in the Chattanooga area to add valueable depth to your resume and showcase your civic pride. Explore research opportunities in your department. Apply for a Provost Student Research Award.

- **Third Year**
  - Determine and join appropriate professional organization (e.g., American Sociological Association, Southern Sociological Society, Mid-South Sociological Association). Review conference proceedings, journals, and academic research. Network with Department and UTC alumni. Discuss with your Department Head or Faculty Advisor the possibility of doing an internship or individual studies.

- **Fourth Year**
  - Submit a proposal for Research Dialogues to showcase your research and presentation skills. Submit a proposal to present at a regional sociological conference.

### Readiness
- **First Year**
  - Schedule an appointment with Career & Student Employment (CSE) found in University Center 315 to become familiar with available resources and services. Identify at least four skills employers want and plan how you will acquire these skills before graduation. There's no substitute for experience, attend the Part-Time Job Fair in late August.

- **Second Year**
  - Write your first professional resume. Create a “Career Information” file on your computer where you keep notes on helpful job search websites, names & contact information of potential mentors or employers, and job search activities. Put together an interview outfit building out from a conservative core—you can spend a lot, but you don't have to.

### Achievement
- **First Year**
  - By the end of your first year, you should have earned 30 credits, declared a major you have investigated thoroughly, and met with your Freshman Advisor at least twice.

- **Second Year**
  - By the end of your second year, you should have earned 30 more credits (60 total), ensured that you have planned out the next four semesters to ensure an on-time graduation, and met with your Advisor at least three times.

- **Third Year**
  - By the end of your third year, you should have earned 30 more credits (90 total), stayed on track for an on-time graduation, and began your minor and/or internship planning. If you are unable to obtain an internship, be purposeful about how you spend your time between semesters; you can learn a lot through a summer job in an area, larger program.

- **Fourth Year**
  - By the end of your fourth year, you should have earned 30 more credits (120 total) and graduated CONGRATS! Be sure to share the job offers and/or graduate school admissions you receive AND the one you accept with CSE and your Department. Join the Alumni Association and look for opportunities to introduce other MOCS to your employer.

### Sample Professional Organizations
- Southern Sociological Society (SSS) [http://southernsociologicalsociety.org/index.html](http://southernsociologicalsociety.org/index.html)
- Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) [http://www.midsouthsoc.org/](http://www.midsouthsoc.org/)