

**SCHOOL of Arts and Professions**  
**Department of Social Sciences**  
 General Studies-Sociology Concentration

<b>General Studies with a Sociology Concentration and Respective Benchmark</b>	
<b>Sociology Department</b>	<b>Benchmarks</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school graduate or GED</li> <li>• Admission to UMES</li> <li>• Selection of Gen Studies/Sociology Concentration as a major</li> </ul>
<b>Qualifying Level:</b> First Semester Freshman Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete minimum of 15 credits in General Education</li> <li>• Earn 2.5 grade point average</li> </ul>
<b>Level 1:</b> Second Semester Freshman Year through First Semester Sophomore Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete SOCI 101 with grade of “C” or better</li> <li>• 30 hours (total 41 credit minimum) of general education courses with an overall gpa of 2.5 (i.e., ENGL 101, ENGL 102, ENGL 203, ENGL/001, MATH 102 or higher, Science and Lab, PSYC 200)</li> <li>• Complete 6 hours of SOCI courses ( 300 – 400 level) with grade of “C” or better</li> </ul>
<b>Level 2:</b> Second Semester Sophomore Year through First Semester Junior Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete physical science (i.e. ENVS 101)</li> <li>• Complete 21 hours of SOCI course with grade of “C” or better (300 – 400 level)</li> <li>• Complete 9 hours of any Lower Level Elective (100 – 200 level)</li> <li>• Complete ENGL 305 or 310</li> </ul>
<b>Level 3:</b> Second Semester Junior Year through End of Senior Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete 24 hours of any Lower Level electives (100 – 200 level)</li> <li>• Complete 18 hours of any Upper Level electives (300 – 400 level)</li> <li>• Maintain an overall gpa of 2.5 and 2.5 in major courses with no grade lower than “C”</li> <li>• Apply for graduation</li> <li>• Complete successful Graduation Audit</li> </ul>
<b>Total Credits to complete General Studies: 120</b>	