

## SOCIOLOGY BA, BS AND MINOR

### Sociology

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Sociology is the scientific study of society and culture examining the patterns of human social behavior. The sociology program at Minnesota State University Mankato is dedicated to the pursuit, transmission and application of sociological knowledge in order to understand and transform the social world. The pursuit of sociological knowledge involves scholarly inquiry by faculty and students. The transmission of sociological knowledge entails teaching and learning within and beyond the academy. The application of sociological knowledge translates the unique insights of sociological perspectives into our professional activities and daily lives. The sociology program at Minnesota State, Mankato leads to careers in academic and applied settings including human services, government, business, nonprofit organizations and social action organizations.

The Sociology undergraduate major includes three options: **Option I:** General Sociology provides a liberal arts curriculum along with research skill development for students interested in a comprehensive education or preparation for graduate education. **Option II:** Applied Sociology prepares students for careers in a variety of applied settings. This applied program includes an internship. **Option III:** The Globalization Studies Emphasis provides students a global perspective to understand global social processes and the role of the United States in an increasingly interconnected world.

Students planning to major in sociology should take SOC 200: Foundations of Sociology as soon as possible after being accepted into the major. Our program mission statement, program goals, career information and more are available on our website (<http://sbs.mnsu.edu/soccorr>).

**Academic Map/Degree Plan at [www.mnsu.edu/programs/#All](http://www.mnsu.edu/programs/#All)**

**POLICIES/INFORMATION**

Admission to Major is granted by the Department. Minimum University admission requirements are:

- a minimum of 32 earned semester credit hours.
- a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00.

**P/N Grading Policy.** Courses leading to a major or minor in sociology may not be taken on a P/N basis, except where P/N grading is mandatory.

**Combined BS, BA/MS, MA Program:** Undergraduate students in our Sociology and Corrections programs interested in pursuing a master's degree in either of these two fields may be granted permission to double count up to 12 credits for both the undergraduate and the graduate program. To apply for this option, students must have completed their sophomore year, have and maintain a GPA of at least 3.0, and declare their intent to complete the graduate program following the completion of the baccalaureate degree. If accepted, students must obtain special permission to register for double counted courses and will receive graduate student credit when the undergraduate degree has been conferred and they have been fully admitted into one of our graduate programs. Please contact the Department Graduate Coordinator for detailed information.

**Residency Requirements.** Excluding SOC 101, all Sociology majors must complete 27 of the required 39 credit hours within the Department of Sociology and Corrections. Transfer courses that will not be accepted are Internship, capstone and experiential learning courses such as GERO 200, SOC 200, and SOC 493.

Normally the department will not accept transfer courses at the 200-level for our upper-level courses (exceptions are on a case-by-case basis).

Excluding SOC 101, all students minoring in sociology must complete 12 of the required 18 credit hours within the Department of Sociology and Corrections at Minnesota State Mankato.

**GPA Policy.** A minimum grade of "C" is required for all courses counting towards the Sociology major.

**SOCIOLOGY BA**

Degree completion = 120 credits

**Option I: General Sociology**

**Required General Education**

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3)

**Major Common Core (choose 21 credits)**

SOC 200 Foundations of Sociology (3)  
 SOC 202 Introductory Social Statistics (3)  
 SOC 301W Social Research I (3)  
 SOC 351 Social Psychology (3)  
 SOC 458 Sociological Theory (3)  
 SOC 463 Social Stratification (3)  
 SOC 495W Senior Seminar (3)

**Major Restricted Electives (choose one of the following)**

SOC 469 Survey Research (3)  
 SOC 479 Sociological Ethnography (3)  
 SOC 480 Qualitative Methods (3)

**Major Unrestricted Electives**

Choose 15 credits from the following listing of courses  
 SOC 100-400: Any Level (0-3); 300-400 (12-15 credits)  
 SOC 150 Social Problems (3)  
 SOC 208 Families in Society (3)  
 SOC 209 Sociology of Human Sexualities (3)  
 SOC 255 Juvenile Delinquency (3)  
 SOC 285 Selected Topics in Sociology (3)  
 SOC 285W Selected Topics in Sociology (3)  
 SOC 291 Exploratory Studies (1-3)  
 SOC 307 Sex & Gender in Contemporary Society (3)  
 SOC 325 Sociology of Popular Culture (3)  
 SOC 360 Indigenous People and Environmental Struggles (3)  
 SOC 402 Medical Sociology (3)  
 SOC 403 Sociology of Mental Health (3)  
 SOC 404 Sociology of Aging (3)  
 SOC 405 Sociology of Death (3)  
 SOC 407 Population Dynamics (3)  
 SOC 409 Family Violence (3)  
 SOC 417 Program Administration (3)  
 SOC 420 Identity Work in Women's Reentry Experiences (3)  
 SOC 423 Complex Organizations (3)  
 SOC 425 Social Movements (3)  
 SOC 430 Sociology of Globalization (3)  
 SOC 441 Social Deviance (3)  
 SOC 442 Criminology (3)  
 SOC 446 Race, Culture & Ethnicity (3)  
 SOC 451 Law & Social Justice in Society (3)  
 SOC 460 Environmental Sociology (3)  
 SOC 461 Urban Sociology (3)  
 SOC 465 Law & Chemical Dependency (3)  
 SOC 466 Program Planning (3)  
 SOC 469 Survey Research (3)  
 SOC 470 Sociology of Parent-Child Interaction (3)  
 SOC 479 Sociological Ethnography (3)  
 SOC 480 Qualitative Methods (3)  
 SOC 482 Social Change (3)  
 SOC 483 The Family and Society (3)  
 SOC 484 Sociology of Religion (3)  
 SOC 485 Selected Topics (2-6)  
 SOC 490 Workshop (1-3)  
 SOC 491 In-Service (1-6)  
 SOC 492 Honors Reading (1)  
 SOC 493 Sociology in Action (3)  
 SOC 497 Internship: Sociology (1-12)  
 SOC 499 Individual Study (1-6)

**Other Graduation Requirements**

Required for Bachelor of Arts (BA) ONLY: Language (8 credits)

Required Minor. Yes. Any.

**Option II: Applied Sociology**

**Required General Education**

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3)

**Major Common Core** (choose 27-30 credits)

SOC 200 Foundations of Sociology (3)  
 SOC 202 Introductory Social Statistics (3)  
 SOC 301W Social Research I (3)  
 SOC 351 Social Psychology (3)  
 SOC 458 Sociological Theory (3)  
 SOC 463 Social Stratification (3)  
 SOC 493 Sociology in Action (3)  
 SOC 495W Senior Seminar (3)  
 SOC 497 Internship: Sociology (3-6)

**Major Restricted Electives** (choose one of the following)

SOC 469 Survey Research (3)  
 SOC 479 Sociological Ethnography (3)  
 SOC 480 Qualitative Methods (3)

**Major Unrestricted Electives** (choose 6 to 9 credits)

SOC 100-400: Any Level (0-3); 300-400 (6 to 9 credits)  
 SOC 150 Social Problems (3)  
 SOC 208 Families in Society (3)  
 SOC 209 Sociology of Human Sexualities (3)  
 SOC 255 Juvenile Delinquency (3)  
 SOC 285 Selected Topics in Sociology (3)  
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**Other Graduation Requirements**

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Required Minor. Yes. Any.

**SOCIOLOGY BS**

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 SOC 458 Sociological Theory (3)  
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**Option II: Applied Sociology**

**Required General Education**

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3)

**Major Common Core**

- SOC 200 Foundations of Sociology (3)
- SOC 202 Introductory Social Statistics (3)
- SOC 301W Social Research I (3)
- SOC 351 Social Psychology (3)
- SOC 458 Sociological Theory (3)
- SOC 463 Social Stratification (3)
- SOC 495W Senior Seminar (3)

**Major Restricted Electives** (choose one of the following)

- SOC 469 Survey Research (3)
- SOC 479 Sociological Ethnography (3)
- SOC 480 Qualitative Methods (3)

**Major Emphasis - Option II: Applied Sociology**

- SOC 493 Sociology in Action (3)
- SOC 497 Internship: Sociology (3-6)

**Major Electives** (choose 6-9 credits)

- SOC 100-400: Any Level (0-3); 300-400 (6 to 9 credits)
- SOC 150 Social Problems (3)
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- SOC 499 Individual Study (1-6)

Required Minor. Yes. Any.

**SOCIOLOGY MINOR**

**Required for Minor**

- SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3)

**Required Electives** (18 credits)

At least 12 credits must be at the 300-400 level.

- SOC Any Level
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- SOC 300-400 Level
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**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

**SOC 101 (3) Introduction to Sociology**

Overview of the nature and characteristics of human societies; the structure and processes of social life; impact of social forces on individuals and groups; interdependence of society and the individual; emphasis on cultural diversity and globalism. Fall, Spring  
GE-5, GE-8  
Diverse Cultures - Purple

**SOC 150 (3) Social Problems**

A critical description and analysis of selected social problems, with an emphasis on the sociological perspective, critical thinking, roots of group inequality, and exploration of solutions and alternatives to existing social problems. Fall, Spring  
GE-5, GE-7  
Diverse Cultures - Purple

**SOC 200 (3) Foundations of Sociology**

Elements of the sociological perspective; overview of theoretical and methodological orientations; sociological practice and application; initial development of student portfolio. Prerequisite: SOC 101  
Fall, Spring

**SOC 202 (3) Introductory Social Statistics**

Basic descriptive and inferential statistics used in the analysis of sociological data. Fall, Spring  
GE-4

**SOC 208 (3) Families in Society**

Relationships, marriages and families are studied as social and cultural phenomena. Focuses on the sociological connections between society, culture, social institutions, families and individuals especially as they are affected by social change. GE-5, GE-7  
Diverse Cultures - Purple

**SOC 209 (3) Sociology of Human Sexualities**

Explores the social construction of sex and sexuality, including the organization of human bodies and activities into particular categories such as female and male or homosexual and heterosexual. How this is done in specific institutional settings like the law, media, and science is a primary focus. The effects of such practices and their associated meanings, as well as resistance to them, are also investigated. Fall, Spring  
GE-5, GE-7  
Diverse Cultures - Purple

**SOC 214W (3) Animals and Society**

This course examines the role of animals in society and the social relationships between humans and other animals. Student will explore how culture and society shape the ways other animals are integrated and treated in our families, schools, economy, legal system, and other social institutions. Through dialogue and writing students will identify their own perspectives on nonhuman animals and our relationships to them. Fall  
GE-2, GE-9

**SOC 255 (3) Juvenile Delinquency**

A critical consideration of definitions of juvenile delinquency, emphasis on micro and macro level of struggle in which delinquent behavior takes place, critique of current theories on delinquency, and the juvenile justice response to delinquency. Fall, Spring  
GE-5, GE-9

**SOC 285 (3) Selected Topics in Sociology**

Topics vary as announced in class schedule. May be retaken for credit if topic varies. On Demand: Fall, Spring, Summer

**SOC 285W (3) Selected Topics in Sociology**

Topics vary as announced in class schedule. May be retaken for credit if topic varies. On Demand: Fall, Spring, Summer

**SOC 291 (1-3) Exploratory Studies**

May be used to explore areas of interest to students which are not covered in regular courses. A maximum of three hours applicable toward a major or minor in the department with consent of an advisor. Prerequisite: Consent  
Fall, Spring

**SOC 301W (3) Social Research I**

Fundamentals of research methods focusing on the research process and research design and including hypothesis testing, basic analysis and interpretation; students will develop and practice research skills.

Prerequisite: SOC 101

Fall, Spring

**SOC 307 (3) Sex & Gender in Contemporary Society**

Description and analysis of sex/gender systems, interpersonal power, language and communication, the role of gender in social institutions such as the family, work, and politics, and the role of social movements in creating change in gender relations.

Prerequisite: SOC 101

Fall, Spring

**SOC 325 (3) Sociology of Popular Culture**

This course examines the sociological significance of popular culture and focuses on how popularized aspects of social life are produced, consumed and experienced by members of society. Includes discussion of celebrities, sports, music, television, movies, commercials and consumption practices.

Prerequisite: SOC 101

Variable

**SOC 351 (3) Social Psychology**

The study of symbolic interaction as the basis of the mind, the self, and society.

Prerequisite: SOC 101

Fall, Spring

**SOC 360 (3) Indigenous Peoples and Environmental Struggles**

Introduces students to the differences between indigenous and Western views of the environment. Analyzes the impact of invasion and encroachment on indigenous societies' interactions with nature. Compares historical and contemporary environmental issues in indigenous societies.

Variable

GE-10

Diverse Cultures - Purple

**SOC 398 (0) CPT: Co-Operative Experience**

Curricular Practical Training: Co-Operative Experience is a zero-credit full-time practical training experience for one summer and on adjacent fall or spring term. Special rules apply to preserve full-time student status. Please contact an advisor in your program for complete information.

Prerequisite: At least 60 credits earned; in good standing; instructor permission; co-op contract; other prerequisites may also apply.

Fall, Spring, Summer

**SOC 402 (3) Medical Sociology**

Introduces students to central topics in medical sociology including; social factors responsible for people's health outcomes; social construction of health and illness; health inequalities; evolution of the social institution of medicine; and/or issues related to race/ethnicity, social class and gender.

Fall

**SOC 403 (3) Sociology of Mental Health**

This course brings a sociological perspective to the understanding of mental health and illness. Students review the history and the perception of mental illness in Western society, and critically examine how social factors influence the definition and the responses to mental disorders.

Fall, Spring

**SOC 404 (3) Sociology of Aging**

Social and social-psychological focus in later life. Problems and prospects of growing old in the United States.

Prerequisite: SOC 101

Fall

Diverse Cultures - Purple

**SOC 405 (3) Sociology of Death**

Study of the structure of human response to death, dying, and bereavement in their socio-cultural, interpersonal, and personal context. Formation of children's perception of death, functions of the funeral, euthanasia, and suicide are among the topics to be discussed.

Prerequisite: SOC 101

Fall

**SOC 407 (3) Population Dynamics**

The course will acquaint students with dynamic forces operating in the field of population and development. Includes an introduction to basic theories and techniques of population analysis, with coverage of global economic forces: fertility, mortality, and migration. The causes and consequences of over-population are discussed with special attention to resource depletion and food shortages.

Prerequisite: SOC 101

Variable

**SOC 409 (3) Family Violence**

Various forms of family violence including dating violence, spouse abuse, and child abuse; social theory, empirical research and social policy on family violence; social context, responses and solutions.

Fall

**SOC 417 (3) Program Administration**

Implications of sociological knowledge for the administration of Human Services programs. Theoretical and practical aspects of administration within social service systems.

Spring

**SOC 420 (3) Identity Work in Women's Reentry Experiences**

Applies sociological theories of identity to the experience of women being released from prison. Taught at the women's prison in Shakopee, Minnesota and integrates Minnesota State Mankato students with students drawn from the educational program located within the women's prison in Shakopee.

Fall, Spring

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**SOC 423 (3) Complex Organizations**

Analysis of the development, structure, and functioning of social processes in large-scale, formal organizations.

Prerequisite: SOC 101

Fall

**SOC 425 (3) Social Movements**

Survey of major sociological perspectives on social movements, including theoretical approaches and empirical research on the causes, processes, and outcomes of social movements.

Prerequisite: SOC 101

Spring

**SOC 430 (3) Sociology of Globalization**

Overview of the role of the United States in an increasingly globalized society with a focus on economic and political inequality, the class structure, the labor process, race and gender relations, the global dimensions of capitalism, and modern crisis tendencies.

Prerequisite: SOC 101

Variable

Diverse Cultures - Purple

**SOC 441 (3) Social Deviance**

Sociological perspectives on social deviance; overview of theoretical approaches; emphasis on symbolic interactionism; issues of social control; research examples and policy implications.

Prerequisite: SOC 101

Fall, Spring

**SOC 442 (3) Criminology**

A critical consideration of myths concerning crime, perspectives on crime and their assumptions, current criminology theory, and construction of alternative explanations related to crime.

Prerequisite: SOC 101

Fall, Spring

**SOC 446 (3) Race, Culture & Ethnicity**

Study of minority racial and cultural groups in U.S. society. An examination of how the lives of the members of these groups are affected by racism, prejudice, and discrimination.

Prerequisite: SOC 101

Fall, Spring

Diverse Cultures - Purple

**SOC 451 (3) Law & Social Justice in Society**

A critical look at the construction of the concepts of law and justice as it operates in the United States and an application of the principles of justice to community issues.

Prerequisite: SOC 101 and CORR 106

Variable

**SOC 458 (3) Sociological Theory**

An overview of sociological theory that surveys the classical tradition and emphasizes contemporary theories including functionalism, conflict theory, rational choice theory, and symbolic interactionism as well as recent trends in theoretical developments.

Prerequisite: SOC 101

Spring

**SOC 460 (3) Environmental Sociology**

Examines the sociological relationship between people and the environment including: ways various societies view the environment, social changes from ecological degradation, and solutions to environmental problems. Topics may include a sociological analysis of climate change, agriculture, and resource extraction.

Spring

Diverse Cultures - Purple

**SOC 461 (3) Urban Sociology**

A survey of sociological theory and research on the ecology, demography, and social organization of the urban community. Presents a sociological interpretation of the development of urban society and how the process of urbanization affects the basic societal institutions and individual behavior.

Prerequisite: SOC 101

Variable

Diverse Cultures - Purple

**SOC 463 (3) Social Stratification**

An overview of the causes, processes and consequences of social stratification in society. Includes an overview of classical statements about stratification and focuses on social inequalities rooted in social class structures, the organization of political power, and social hierarchies based on race and gender differences in society.

Prerequisite: SOC 101

Spring

Diverse Cultures - Purple

**SOC 465 (3) Law & Chemical Dependency**

Addresses aspects of criminal and civil law pertinent to substance abuse.

Fall

**SOC 466 (3) Program Planning**

Theoretical and practical aspects of the planning process within social service systems. Examines the social context of planning and the use of a sociological knowledge base for planning in Human Services.

Prerequisite: SOC 101

Spring

**SOC 469 (3) Survey Research**

Techniques of survey research, interview, and questionnaire construction, field administration, and sampling methodology.

Fall

**SOC 470 (3) Sociology of Parent-Child Interaction**

Parent-child relationships in societal context; socialization theories; classic and contemporary research; parenting applications; current issues.

Spring

**SOC 479 (3) Sociological Ethnography**

Examination of ethnographic methodologies in sociology with emphasis on analytic, performance, and autoethnography. Exploration of ethics in ethnography, visual sociology, and first-hand experience in both crafting and presenting ethnographic works.

Prerequisite: SOC 101; SOC 301W or similar science research course with instructor permission.

Spring

**SOC 480 (3) Qualitative Methods**

Participant observation, focused interviews, and qualitative analysis; students actively participate in a field research project.

Prerequisite: SOC 101; SOC 301W or similar social science research course with instructor permission.

Fall

**SOC 482 (3) Social Change**

Analysis of social forces and processes involved in changing norms, values, and structures in traditional and modern societies. Examines both planned and unplanned change.

Prerequisite: SOC 101

Variable

**SOC 483 (3) The Family and Society**

Theory development and research findings about family systems with a special emphasis on societal influences (social, economic, political) on the changing family.

Variable

**SOC 484 (3) Sociology of Religion**

Analysis of the structures, functions, and origins of religion, its relationship to other social institutions, and its role in modern secular society. Examines processes of individual religiosity and explores current religious movements and trends.

Prerequisite: SOC 101

Variable

**SOC 485 (2-6) Selected Topics**

Topics vary as announced in class schedule. May be retaken for credit if topic varies.

Prerequisite: SOC 101

Variable

**SOC 490 (1-3) Workshop**

Workshop topics vary as announced in class schedule. May be retaken for credit.

Variable

**SOC 491 (1-6) In-Service**

Topics vary as arranged by students and instructor. May be retaken for credit.

Variable

**SOC 492 (1) Honors Reading**

For Honors students only.

Variable

**SOC 493 (3) Sociology in Action**

Focuses on ways sociological theories, perspectives, and methods can be applied to address human concerns; how sociologists make a better world. Participants learn to use sociological methods and concepts (such as theories about social structure, social organization, and social movements) to identify, investigate, and implement solutions to problems of social organization, social process, and social change. Potential applications include issues encountered in various workplace and social situations including community agencies and organizations, government, business, health care, and other social institutions.

Prerequisite: SOC 301W or equivalent; Senior Standing.

Fall

**SOC 495W (3) Senior Seminar**

Reviews sociological competencies and their applications in a variety of professional settings. A faculty-supervised, student-designed capstone project will integrate sociological knowledge, theory and research. Students must have completed or be currently enrolled in all other required courses for the major.

Prerequisite: SOC 200, SOC 301W and SOC 458

Fall, Spring

**SOC 497 (1-12) Internship: Sociology**

The internship in sociology is designed to provide opportunity to apply classroom learning, to practice and enhance skills, to experience professional socialization, and to explore a career. It also serves as a vehicle for the student to become more aware of personal strengths and identify areas in which further growth is needed.

Prerequisite: Consent

Fall, Spring

**SOC 499 (1-6) Individual Study**

A maximum of six credits is applicable toward a single major in the department; three credits toward a minor.

Prerequisite: Consent

Fall, Spring