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Prerequisites: 401; concurrent registration in 406 is required

405CT Senior Fieldwork in Social Work

Senior fieldwork complements the student's academic work through practical experiences in a social work agency, institution or department. Under the supervision of an agency field instructor, the student learns social-work tasks and functions while applying theory to actual social-work situations. Students participate in an on-campus seminar with other senior social work majors while in placement. The placement is 15-20 hours per week during fall and spring semesters, totaling 400 hours. Also offered in Weekend College, with placement in fall and winter trimester.

Prerequisite: Concurrent registration in 401

406CT Senior Fieldwork in Social Work

Prerequisite: Concurrent registration in 402

475, 476, 477, 478 Experiential Learning

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Sociology (SOC)

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Sociology is the scientific study of society and social relations. A major in Sociology enables students to observe and analyze social life. It provides knowledge and skills applicable in both career and non-career settings.

The curriculum reflects the breadth of the discipline, its place in the liberal arts tradition, and the application of its theory, data and method to contemporary society.

The department offers majors for students interested in a career in the field of criminal justice, a career in applied sociology or preparation for graduate school. The choice of any of these majors is at the discretion of the student and should be declared at the time of admission to the major field.

Students may also select a minor in Sociology as a useful complement to their major. The Sociology department offers five minors, including the opportunity to design a course of study to meet the unique needs and interests of the individual.

Transfer students who major in applied sociology or criminal justice must take a minimum of 16 credits in sociology at the University of St. Thomas. Transfer students who minor in sociology must take a minimum of six credits in sociology at St. Thomas.

No more than one Experiential Learning course or one Internship will count toward applied sociology or criminal justice major field requirements.

Sociology Honor Society

The Iota Chapter of Minnesota of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society, was chartered at the University of St. Thomas in 1991. The purpose of the society is to promote an interest in the study of sociology, research of social problems, and such other social and intellectual activities as will lead to improvement in the human condition. Membership is open to juniors and seniors who have completed at least sixteen credits in sociology registered through the university, who are officially declared majors or minors in applied sociology, criminal justice, the sociology concentration of social science, or social studies and who have a minimum grade point average of 3.00 (overall and in sociology courses taken at the University of St. Thomas.)

Sociology

Major in Sociology: Applied

100 Introduction to Sociology
210 Research Methods in Sociology
220 Sociological Analysis
370 Sociological Theory
404 Internship in Applied Sociology

Plus one of:

365 Social Psychology
366 Self and Society

Plus:

Twelve additional credits in Sociology

Strongly recommended:

MATH 101 Finite Mathematics

In addition, it is recommended that students take the following courses in this order:

MATH 101 (or adequate substitute)
SOC 210 Research Methods in Sociology
SOC 220 Sociological Analysis

Finally, it is recommended that students begin the SOC 210/220 sequence during their sophomore year. This sequence must be completed by the end of the junior year. Students who have a double major in sociology and psychology and complete SOC 210, PSY 212, and QMCS 220 do not need to take SOC 220.

Major in Sociology: Criminal Justice

Smith-Cunnie, director

The program in Criminal Justice provides students with an understanding of the entire criminal justice system while at the same time allowing them to take specific courses in a area of special interest.

The program emphasizes the interrelationships among the various components of the criminal justice system (i.e., law enforcement, prosecution, courts and corrections) and examines how they deal with adult offenders and juvenile delinquents.

The major reflects the interdisciplinary nature of criminal justice. It provides a concentration of courses which prepares students for careers in such areas as policing, private security, probation, parole and corrections. It also prepares students for advanced study in criminology, criminal justice and law.

The Criminal Justice program at St. Thomas, in conjunction with Alexandria and Hibbing Technical Colleges, is certified by the Board of Minnesota Peace Officers Standards and Training to prepare students for the peace officer licensing examination. Students who intend to take this examination must also complete SOC 251, PHED 250, and PSY 111. Please see the department's Law Enforcement Education Coordinator.

100 Introduction to Sociology
200 Introduction to Criminal Justice
210 Research Methods in Sociology
220 Sociological Analysis
310 Juvenile Delinquency
320 Criminology
479, 480 Topics: Seminar in Criminal Justice

Plus:

IDSC 340 Criminal Law and the Social Order
POL 314 Constitutional Rights and Liberties

Plus one of:

POL 312 Judicial Process
SOC 338 Law Enforcement
SOC 340 Corrections

Strongly recommended:

MATH 101 Finite Mathematics
SOC 251 Race and Ethnicity

In addition, it is recommended that students take the following courses in this order:

MATH 101 Finite Mathematics (or adequate substitute) in freshman year
SOC 210 Research Methods in Sociology in first semester sophomore year
SOC 220 Sociological Analysis in second semester sophomore year

(Students with a double major in sociology and psychology who have completed SOC 210, PSY 212 and QMCS 220 do not need to take SOC 220.)

Minor in Criminal Justice

100 Introduction to Sociology
200 Introduction to Criminal Justice
310 Juvenile Delinquency
320 Criminology

Plus one of:

POL 312 Judicial Process
SOC 338 Law Enforcement
SOC 340 Corrections

Minor in Sociology: Human Work Systems

100 Introduction to Sociology
341 Work and Occupations
386 Organizations in Society

Plus one of:

301 General Anthropology
303 Aging and Lifecourse
365 Social Psychology
384 Small Groups

Minor in Sociology: Lifecourse Choices

100 Introduction to Sociology
303 Aging and Lifecourse
321 Marriage and the Family
341 Work and Occupations

Minor in Sociological Research Methods

100 Introduction to Sociology
210 Research Methods in Sociology
220 Sociological Analysis
493 or 494 Research

Minor in Sociology: Individualized

100 Introduction to Sociology

Plus:

Three other sociology courses approved by the chair of the department in consultation with the student. These courses must relate to a theme not represented among the minors listed above.

100 Introduction to Sociology

Introduction to the concepts, theories, methods and applications of the scientific study of society and social concerns. Enables students to understand the connections between the individual and larger social and cultural forces. Heightens awareness of the diversity of American and other societies.

110 Social Problems

Contemporary American society is confronted with a number of serious problems. This course explores the causes, effects and proposed solutions to some of the major social problems currently facing Americans. Special attention is given to issues confronting core institutions such as poverty, racism, sexism, drug and alcohol abuse, crime, and sexual deviance. This course fulfills the Human Diversity requirement in the core curriculum.

200 Introduction to Criminal Justice

An introduction to the American criminal justice system. Studies the role of the police, courts and corrections in the administration of criminal justice.

210 Research Methods in Sociology

Consideration of alternative strategies for each stage of the research process. Emphasis is on the skills required to design and successfully perform research projects: selection of topics, development and testing of hypotheses, collection and analysis of data and reporting of findings.

Prerequisite: 100

220 Sociological Analysis

Methods of data analysis and conclusion formation through application of statistical techniques. Introduction to applied statistics as employed in sociology with emphasis on skill development in the use of data processing techniques and SPSS, the computer statistical package commonly employed by contemporary sociologists in the full range of research settings.

Prerequisite: 210

Sociology

251 Race and Ethnicity

Race and ethnicity as significant components of U.S. social structure; the cognitive and normative aspects of culture which maintain and effect varying manifestations of social distance, tension, prejudice and discrimination between majority and minorities at both micro and macro levels, nationally and internationally. This course fulfills the Human Diversity requirement in the core curriculum.

Prerequisite: 100 or sophomore standing

255 Gender in American Society

Description of gender roles and sex stratification in American society today. Includes examination of socialization and social psychological influences on gender identity, the impact of gender in relationships, the importance of sex and gender in institutions and organizations, and the impact of recent social movements and social policies. This course will examine how our assumptions about gender are specific to cultural and social contexts. This course fulfills the Human Diversity requirement in the core curriculum.

Prerequisite: 100 or sophomore standing

295, 296, 297, 298 Topics

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301 General Anthropology

Systematic survey of the components and dynamics of human societies throughout the world, focusing on categories such as foraging (hunter and gatherer), horticultural, pastoral, agricultural and industrial cultures. Key topics include kinship patterns, language, religion, artistic expression, technology and economic/political organization. Major consideration is given to the practical significance of expanding intercultural awareness. This course fulfills the Human Diversity requirement in the core curriculum.

Prerequisite: 100 or sophomore standing

303 Aging and the Lifecourse

A sociological and social-psychological examination of movement through the life-course from adolescence to old age. Major focus is on changes in age-related status, roles and social problems. Topics include the aging process, age stratification and age grading, age norms and behavioral regularities, the problem of generations, socialization, critical life periods in the aging process and theories of life stages.

Prerequisite: 100 or sophomore standing

304 Adolescence in Society

The transition between childhood and adulthood is examined using a general sociological framework and including life course, socioeconomic, and systems theories. Particular attention is given to the social construction of adolescence; institutional contexts (family, education, employment) of adolescent relationships with parents, peers, and others; gender and sexual socialization in society; cultures of achievement and risk; social diversity.

Prerequisite: 100 or 110

310 Juvenile Delinquency

An examination of juvenile delinquency and society's response to delinquent youth. Major topics include the historical foundations of delinquency, sociological and social psychological causes of delinquency, and the legal response to delinquents.

Prerequisite: 100 or 120 or sophomore standing

320 Criminology

The nature and extent of crime and victimization in American society. Theories of crime from a sociological and social psychological perspective. An examination of specific types of criminal behavior.

Prerequisite: 210 and 310 or permission of instructor

321 Marriage and the Family

Survey of the characteristics, trends and issues affecting families in a changing society. Applications of the sociological perspective, with an emphasis on empirical research and theory, to the dynamics underlying courtship, marriage, parenting and alternative forms of the family.

Prerequisite: 100

330 Religion and Society

Theoretical and empirical examination of the sociological dimensions of religion, with a special emphasis on the religious situation in America. Topics include cultural contexts, affiliation patterns, organizational structures, individual religiosity and the emergence of new forms.

Prerequisite: 100 or sophomore standing

332 Urban Sociology

The study of the social organization of urban areas. Topics include the historical development of cities, interaction patterns in neighborhoods, cities and metropolitan areas, community power structures, and urban problems.

Prerequisite: 100 or sophomore standing

338 Law Enforcement

Examination of the role of law enforcement organizations and agents in contemporary society. Explores the limitations imposed on law enforcement in a democratic society. Other issues included are the ability of police to control crime, the growth of the private security industry and the occurrence of police corruption.

Prerequisite: 120

340 Corrections

An overview of various types of penal and correctional programs and their function in society. Examines the social organization of prisons and the effects of imprisonment on individuals. Provides a critical evaluation of research on community corrections, rehabilitation and deterrence.

Prerequisite: 120.

341 Work and Occupations

The work experience in American life. Application of sociological theory, data, methods and perspective to the full range of occupational and career roles, and to the structure and processes of work in the United States. Topics include social conditions affecting career choice, occupational segregation, labor unions, occupational prestige and work organizations.

Prerequisite: 100 or sophomore standing

360 Health Care and Medicine

An examination of the social nature of disease and illness and the social organization of health care and the medical professions. Topics include medical education, access to health care, the growth of alternative health care systems and comparative issues in health and medical care.

Prerequisite: 100 or sophomore standing

365 Social Psychology

A general survey of major social psychological theories and research, with a strong emphasis on the sociological perspective. Topics include selfhood, socialization, conformity/deviance, attitudes, gender roles, and intergroup/intragroup dynamics. Practical applications are a central focus.

Prerequisite: 100 or sophomore standing

366 Self and Society

An examination of the various social forces that shape societies and the individuals in them. Includes the influence of “micro” elements of social structure (such as socialization processes and small groups), “macro” elements of social structure (organizations, communities and society), and important sociological concepts (inequality, power, conflict, social control, etc.).

Prerequisite: 100 or sophomore standing

370 Sociological Theory

Study of the place of sociological theory in understanding interaction and society. Examination of both classical theorists and contemporary theories, including conflict, functionalism, and interactionism. Application of theories to contemporary social concerns. Normally offered in the fall semester.

Prerequisite: 100

384 Small Groups

Theoretical orientations and research findings relative to small groups; the reciprocity of influence between the participant and the group; leadership and followership; communication within a group, between and among groups; development of participational and relational skills.

Prerequisite: 100 or sophomore standing

386 Organizations in Society

An overview of the main sociological aspects of formal organizations and bureaucracy. Key topics include structural dimensions, communications, decision-making processes and strategies for planning and implementing organizational change. Applications will center on solutions to organizational problems in real-life settings.

Prerequisite: 100 or sophomore standing

388 Deviant Behavior

Study of different types of deviant behavior. Examines the prevalence of deviance, the reasons why it exists and the relationship between deviance and social control.

Prerequisite: 100 or sophomore standing

Study Abroad Programs

404 Internship in Applied Sociology

This course is designed to provide the sociology major with an opportunity to apply academic training in an applied sociology setting. Students will spend a minimum of 10 hours per week engaged in research or some other aspect of applied sociology in an organization. Students will be directed by a sociology faculty member and supervised by an on-site professional. Students also will participate in weekly seminars with other interns and the sociology faculty member. Normally offered in spring semester.

Prerequisite: 220, 370 and permission of the instructor

405 Internship in Criminal Justice

This course is designed to provide the student with an opportunity to apply academic training in a criminal justice setting. Students will spend a minimum of 10 hours per week in an agency or organization directly involved in some aspect of criminal justice. Students will be supervised by an on-site supervisor. They also will participate in a weekly meeting with other interns and a St. Thomas faculty member.

Prerequisite: 200, 210, 320, and permission of the instructor

475, 476, 477, 478 Experiential Learning

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479, 480 Seminar in Criminal Justice

Criminal justice seminars provide majors with the opportunity to engage in advanced sociological and critical analysis of some aspect of the criminal justice system. This course number may be repeated, since focus of seminar changes.

Prerequisite: 200, 320 or permission of instructor

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Spanish

See *Department of Modern and Classical Languages*.

Study Abroad Programs (SABD)

Stevenson (International Education Center), director

The University of St. Thomas encourages its students to incorporate international experience into their academic plans and offers a wide variety of overseas opportunities that serve as an integral part of a student's degree program. These opportunities encompass a wide range of options, including length of stay (semester, academic year, January or summer), course selection and geographic locale. The staff of the International Education Center assists students in identifying study, work or travel programs appropriate to the individual's desires and goals.

Students may not apply for nor participate in an International Education program while on academic or disciplinary probation.

Year/Semester Abroad

London Business Semester

The University of St. Thomas sponsors a special fall semester program in London, for business majors and minors. Students, accompanied by a St. Thomas business faculty member, take regular St. Thomas business and liberal arts courses, as well as complete the BUS 200 Community Service requirement.