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## Sociology and Criminal Justice (SOCI)

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Sociology is the scientific study of society and social relations. A major in Sociology provides knowledge and skills applicable to careers in business, education, government, law, public health, public policy, and social service. Additionally, an undergraduate degree prepares students for graduate study in sociology and other closely related fields.

Students who graduate with a major in Sociology will understand the methodological and theoretical foundations of sociology and possess skills to apply this knowledge in a practical way. They will have the opportunity to specialize in crime and criminology, family and the life course, inequalities and stratification, and work and organizations, as well as individual course work in other areas such as anthropology, health, and urban sociology. We also offer courses with comparative perspectives on global issues such as crime, gender, immigration, and religion. The sociology curriculum reflects the breadth of the discipline, its place in the liberal arts tradition, and the application of sociological theories and methods to the critical issues and problems facing societies today.

Students who graduate with a major in Criminal Justice will know the main components of the criminal and juvenile justice systems and will know the basics of criminal law and criminal procedure in the U.S. system of justice. They will have the tools to understand the long standing and current dilemmas faced by society in trying to develop and maintain an effective and just criminal justice system. They will be prepared for employment in the field of criminal justice, including corrections or law enforcement.

Sociology and Criminal Justice majors pursue graduate and professional degrees in sociology and criminology, as well as business, law, public health, public policy, social work, and other fields. The sociology department and sociology faculty also provide intensive support for students who wish to engage in individual research and preparation for graduate and professional school, as well as internships and career development.

A Sociology major or minor is a strong complement to studies in American cultural studies, business (especially human resources, management, marketing), Catholic studies, family studies, international studies, journalism, justice and peace studies, legal studies, psychology, social sciences, social work, urban studies, and women’s studies.

Sociology majors and minors are encouraged to take advantage of HECUA, study abroad, and other special learning opportunities. Specific courses may substitute for St. Thomas requirements. Students should consult with their academic advisor, the department chair, or a study abroad advisor in the International Education Center for program options. Also, see Academic Information & Programs in the front section of this catalog for more information.

### 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 sociology, criminal justice, the sociology concentration of social science, or social studies and who have a minimum overall grade point average in the top 30<sup>th</sup> percentile.

### Major in Sociology

SOCI 100 Introduction to Sociology (4 credits)

SOCI 210 Research Methods in Sociology (4 credits)

SOCI 220 Sociological Analysis (4 credits)

SOCI 350 Social Inequality: Privilege and Power (4 credits)

SOCI 470 Sociological Theory (4 credits)

SOCI 474 Seminar in Sociology (4 credits)

*Plus four credits from the following:*

SOCI 365 Social Psychology (4 credits)

SOCI 366 Self and Society (4 credits)

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*Plus:*

Twelve additional credits in Sociology (eight of which must be 300-level or higher)

*Strongly recommended:*

MATH 101 Finite Mathematics (4 credits)

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

MATH 101 Finite Mathematics (4 credits) (or adequate substitute) in the first year

SOCI 210 Research Methods in Sociology (4 credits)

SOCI 220 Sociological Analysis (4 credits)

Finally, we recommend that students begin the SOCI 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 SOCI 210, PSYC 212, and QMCS 220 do not need to take SOCI 220.

### Major in Criminal Justice

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 Technical College and Hibbing Community College, 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 SOCI 251, PHED 250, and PSYC 111. Please see the department's Law Enforcement Education Coordinator.

SOCI 100 Introduction to Sociology (4 credits)

SOCI 200 Introduction to Criminal Justice (4 credits)

SOCI 210 Research Methods in Sociology (4 credits)

SOCI 220 Sociological Analysis (4 credits)

SOCI 310 Juvenile Delinquency (4 credits)

SOCI 320 Criminology (4 credits)

SOCI 480 Seminar in Criminal Justice (4 credits)

*Plus:*

IDSC 340 Criminal Law and the Social Order (4 credits)

POLS 314 Constitutional Rights and Liberties (4 credits)

*Plus four credits from the following:*

POLS 312 Judicial Process (4 credits)

SOCI 338 Law Enforcement (4 credits)

SOCI 340 Corrections (4 credits)

*Plus four credits from the following:*

SOCI 405 Internship in Criminal Justice (4 credits)

SOCI 498 Individualized Study (4 credits) (for in-career students only)

*Strongly recommended:*

MATH 101 Finite Mathematics (4 credits)

SOCI 251 Race and Ethnicity (4 credits)

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

MATH 101 Finite Mathematics (4 credits) (or adequate substitute) in the first year

SOCI 210 Research Methods in Sociology (4 credits) in first semester sophomore year

SOCI 220 Sociological Analysis (4 credits) in second semester sophomore year

*Note:* Students with a double major in sociology and psychology who have completed SOCI 210, PSYC 212 and QMCS 220 do not need to take SOCI 220.

**Note:** Students choosing to double major in Sociology and Criminal Justice are limited to the number of courses that can be applied to both majors. Only the following courses may count toward requirements in both majors: SOCI 100, 210, 220, 310 and 320.

### Teacher Licensure

Elementary Education with a Specialty in Social Studies (5-8)

Co-major in Social Studies (5-12) and a Co-major in Secondary Education

*See Education*

**Minor in Sociology**

SOCI 100 Introduction to Sociology (4 credits)

*Plus at least four credits from the following:*

- SOCI 210 Research Methods in Sociology (4 credits)
- SOCI 220 Sociological Analysis (4 credits)
- SOCI 350 Social Inequality: Privilege and Power (4 credits)
- SOCI 365 Social Psychology (4 credits)
- SOCI 366 Self and Society (4 credits)
- SOCI 470 Sociological Theory (4 credits)
- SOCI 474 Seminar in Sociology (4 credits)

*Plus twelve additional credits from the list above or below:*

- SOCI 110 Social Problems (4 credits)
- SOCI 251 Race and Ethnicity (4 credits)
- SOCI 254 Gender in Global Perspective (4 credits)
- SOCI 304 Adolescence in Society (4 credits)
- SOCI 310 Juvenile Delinquency (4 credits)
- SOCI 320 Criminology (4 credits)
- SOCI 321 Marriages and Families (4 credits)
- SOCI 330 Religion and Society (4 credits)
- SOCI 331 Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Religion (4 credits)
- SOCI 332 Urban Sociology (4 credits)
- SOCI 341 Work, Organizations, and Society (4 credits)
- SOCI 351 Immigration, Fear and Hate (4 credits)
- SOCI 354 Sex in Society (4 credits)
- SOCI 498 Individual Study (4 credits)

**Minor in Criminal Justice**

- SOCI 100 Introduction to Sociology (4 credits)
- SOCI 200 Introduction to Criminal Justice (4 credits)
- SOCI 310 Juvenile Delinquency (4 credits)

*Plus eight credits from the following, at least four of which must be in sociology:*

- IDSC 340 Criminal Law and the Social Order (4 credits)
- POLS 312 Judicial Process (4 credits)
- POLS 314 Constitutional Rights and Liberties (4 credits)
- SOCI 320 Criminology (4 credits)
- SOCI 338 Law Enforcement (4 credits)
- SOCI 340 Corrections (4 credits)
- SOCI 480 Seminar in Criminal Justice (4 credits)

**Note:** Students wishing to combine a major in either Sociology or Criminal Justice with a minor in the other field may do so. However, the major and minor may not have more than eight credits in common. Non-majors can also earn a minor in Sociology and minor in Criminal Justice. However, the two minors may not have more than eight credits in common.

**SOCI 100 Introduction to Sociology (4 credits)**

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. This course fulfills the Social Analysis and Human Diversity requirements in the core curriculum.

**SOCI 110 Social Problems (4 credits)**

Contemporary society is confronted with a number of serious problems that are often global in their impact. This course explores the causes, effects, and proposed solutions to some of these major social issues. Special attention is given to issues of inequality (such as racism, sexism, and poverty) and problems in core institutions (such as family violence, unequal educational opportunities, and unemployment). This course meets a requirement in the Justice and Peace Studies program and fulfills the Social Analysis and Human Diversity requirements in the core curriculum.

**SOCI 200 Introduction to Criminal Justice (4 credits)**

A critical introduction to the American criminal justice system. Studies the role of the police, courts and corrections in the administration of criminal justice. This course meets a requirement in the Justice and Peace Studies program.

**SOCI 210 Research Methods in Sociology (4 credits)**

Consideration of both quantitative and qualitative 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

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hypotheses, collection and analysis of data and reporting of findings. Data entry and recoding with SPSS will also be introduced.

Prerequisite: SOCI 100

### SOCI 220 Sociological Analysis (4 credits)

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. This course fulfills the second-level Computer Competency requirement in the core curriculum. Because SOCI 220 integrates the learning of statistics with SPSS software in a setting where research questions and statistical interpretation are framed within a sociological perspective, students may not substitute QMCS 220 for SOCI 220. Students interested in graduate study in the social sciences are strongly encouraged to take QMCS 220 after first completing SOCI 220.

Prerequisite: SOCI 210

### SOCI 251 Race and Ethnicity (4 credits)

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 meets a requirement in American Cultural Studies, East Asian Studies and Justice and Peace Studies and fulfills the Human Diversity requirement in the core curriculum.

Prerequisite: sophomore standing

### SOCI 254 Gender in Global Perspective (4 credits)

How is gender socially constructed across culture? How does gender affect opportunity and quality of life across societies? In this course we examine the socialization of boys and girls, and the experiences of men and women in the family, religion, education, work, and government. We analyze social policies and social movements through contemporary issues such as the AIDS pandemic, circumcision and female genital mutilation, hajib or "veil," emigration and immigration, sex trafficking, the effects of war, and the worldwide gender gap. This course meets a requirement in Justice and Peace Studies; Women's Studies; and fulfills the Human Diversity requirement in the core curriculum.

Prerequisite: SOCI 100 or permission of the instructor

### SOCI 295, 296 Topics (2 credits)

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### SOCI 301 Cultural Anthropology (4 credits)

This course provides an overview of various components and dynamics of human societies throughout the world. It focuses on topics such as 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 a requirement in the Justice and Peace Studies program and the Human Diversity requirement in the core curriculum.

Prerequisite: SOCI 100

### SOCI 304 Adolescence in Society (4 credits)

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. This course meets a requirement in Family Studies and in Women's Studies.

Prerequisite: SOCI 100 or permission of the instructor

### SOCI 310 Juvenile Delinquency (4 credits)

An examination of the causes and consequences of juvenile delinquency. Major topics include the emergence of "juvenile delinquency" as a social problem, an overview and comparison of sociological and non-sociological theories of delinquency, and social and legal responses to delinquents.

Prerequisite: SOCI 100 or 200

### SOCI 320 Criminology (4 credits)

This course scrutinizes the nature and extent of crime and victimization in American society. It provides a critical analysis and comparison of sociological and non-sociological theories of crime. The course also analyzes specific criminal behavior such as homicide, femicide, varieties of street crime, white collar and corporate crime.

Prerequisite: SOCI 310 or permission of instructor

### SOCI 321 Marriages and Families (4 credits)

This course uses sociological theories and research to understand some of the most pressing social issues facing families today – single parenting, divorce and blended families, violence, and poverty. We study the social processes involved in choosing partners (and remaining single); sexualities and intimacy; parenting (or not); communication

(and conflict); power (and satisfaction). Finally, we focus not just on family stress, but also on family resilience. This course meets a requirement in Family Studies and Women's Studies.

Prerequisite: SOCI 100 or permission of the instructor

**SOCI 330 Religion and Society (4 credits)**

Theoretical and empirical examination of the sociological dimensions of religion, with a special emphasis on the religious situation in America. Topics include diverse religious expressions and values of each religion, including Christian denominations and other world religions with members living in the U.S., for example, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism, as well as cultural contexts, organizational structures, individual religiosity, and emerging new forms. This course meets a requirement in Catholic Studies and fulfills the Human Diversity requirement in the core curriculum.

Prerequisite: SOCI 100

**SOCI 331 Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Religion (4 credits)**

This course considers the relationship between religion and society on a world-wide basis. It examines why people are religious and how the beliefs and practices of various religious traditions have influenced family life, education, morality, politics, and other social dimensions of life. The course includes discussion of all the major religious traditions, such as Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam. This course meets a requirement in Justice and Peace Studies.

Prerequisite: SOCI 100

**SOCI 332 Urban Sociology (4 credits)**

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. This course meets a requirement in Real Estate Studies and in Urban Studies.

Prerequisite: SOCI 100

**SOCI 338 Law Enforcement (4 credits)**

Examination of the role of law enforcement organizations in a contemporary society. Explores the limitations imposed on law enforcement in a democratic society. Other topics included are the ability of police to control crime, community policing, police ethics, and criminal investigation techniques.

Prerequisite: SOCI 200

**SOCI 340 Corrections (4 credits)**

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: SOCI 200

**SOCI 341 Work, Organizations, and Society (4 credits)**

This course provides students with knowledge about the importance and role of work and organizations in society and in our everyday lives. Key topics include conflict in organizations, occupational choice and prestige, social control in work environments, the labor movement, the "McDonaldization" of the work environment and American culture, the clash between personal and organizational life, and many others. This course meets a requirement in the Business Administration concentration in Leadership and Management.

Prerequisite: SOCI 100

**SOCI 350 Social Inequality: Privilege & Power (4 credits)**

This course identifies and investigates the following topics: general principles of stratification, theoretical explanations by which inequality emerges and is maintained, the relationship between social class and other forms of inequality in the United States including gender, race, and changes in social hierarchy over time. The course will explore issues such as poverty, welfare, occupational prestige, meritocracy, and class prestige. Although primary focus is on the United States, the course also examines global inequality.

Prerequisite: SOCI 251 or Junior Standing

**SOCI 351 Immigration, Fear and Hate (4 credits)**

International migration is reshaping societies and politics around the globe. This course provides an introduction to the forces behind international migration and the politics of immigration and xenophobia (prejudice, fear, and intolerance) in the United States and in other parts of the world, including forces such as globalization, shifting labor-market demands, and socio-economic and political changes. The course includes an examination of anti-immigration movements and violence against minorities in many countries, including the U.S. This course meets a requirement in the Justice and Peace Studies program and fulfills the Human Diversity requirement in the core curriculum.

Prerequisite: SOCI 100.

**SOCI 354 Sex in Society (4 credits)**

Sexuality as a social construction is explored with a specific focus on cultural and institutional influences including the family, government, religion, and the media. Current research findings are discussed within the context of historical change in American sexual behavior, attitudes and research methodologies. This course meets a requirement in Family Studies.

Prerequisite: SOCI 100 or 110

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### SOCI 365 Social Psychology (4 credits)

This course provides a general survey of major social psychological theories and research. Topics include selfhood, socialization, conformity/deviance, attitudes, gender roles, and intergroup/intragroup dynamics. Through exposure to real life settings and simulations, students will explore key questions such as “What attracts us to each other?”, “How do we respond to deviant behavior?” and, “Why do we conform?”. This course meets a requirement in the Justice and Peace Studies program.

Prerequisite: SOCI 100

### SOCI 366 Self and Society (4 credits)

In what ways does the world around us shape who we are as individuals? This course exposes learners to the ways in which various social forces such as family, social class, mass media, and school shape our lives. It 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: SOCI 100

### SOCI 380 Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Religion in Society (4 credits)

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Prerequisite: SOCI 100

### SOCI 405 Internship in Criminal Justice (4 credits)

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.

Prerequisites: SOCI 200, 210, 320, and permission of the instructor

### SOCI 470 Sociological Theory (4 credits)

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

Prerequisite: SOCI 100

### SOCI 474 Seminar in Sociology (4 credits)

The senior capstone experience offers graduating students an opportunity to actively reflect upon theory, methodology, and substantive sociological knowledge and to integrate these components to assess the role of sociology in understanding social problems. These issues will be explored in the context of a specific topic, chosen by the instructor. Careers, vocation, and preparation for graduate school will also be addressed.

Prerequisite: SOCI 210 and 470

### SOCI 475, 476 Experiential Learning (2 credits)

### SOCI 477, 478 Experiential Learning (4 credits)

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### SOCI 480 Seminar in Criminal Justice (4 credits)

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 the focus of the seminar changes.

Prerequisite: SOCI 200, 320 or permission of instructor

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