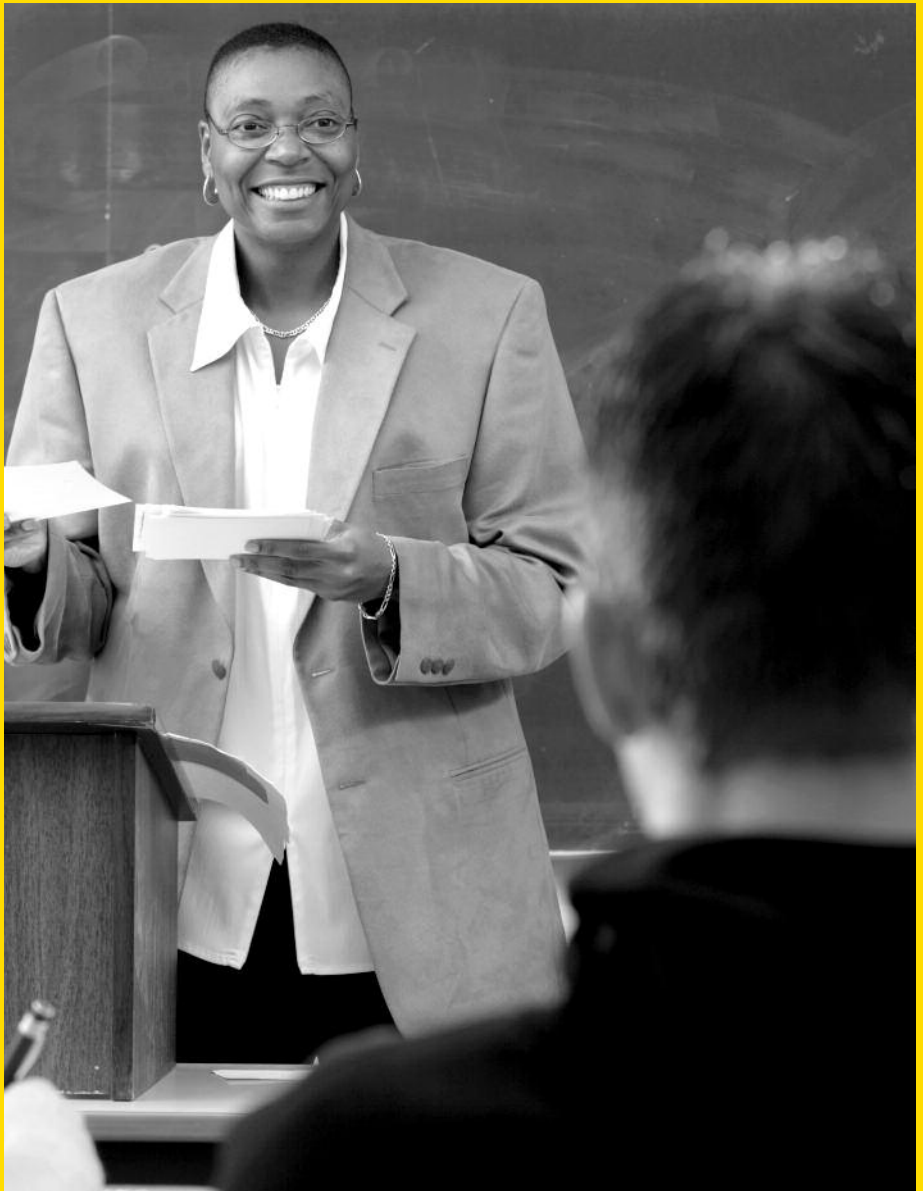


SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS, COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES



About the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

The Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice offers majors and minors in sociology and criminal justice and an accredited program in law enforcement. Majors have opportunities to complete internships and work on research projects with faculty. An internship is required for the criminal justice major. Our majors and minors are popular with business, education, journalism, justice and peace studies, and other majors.

The Sociology Program

Sociology is the scientific study of society and social relationships. A major in sociology enables students to observe and analyze social life, enhancing their understanding of human interaction, small group dynamics and the changes facing societies today. Sociologists study adolescence, crime, delinquency, families, gender, immigration, race, religion, the self, social psychology and work, as well as research methods, statistics and theory. They are deeply concerned with social problems such as crime, hate, poverty, racism, sexism and violence. Sociology majors complete their major with a capstone seminar.

Our graduates work in community development, education, hospital administration, human resources, the ministry, industrial relations, public relations and many other fields. They also pursue graduate degrees in sociology, business, education, law, public affairs, religion and social work.



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The Criminal Justice Program

A criminal justice major is also offered through the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at the University of St. Thomas. The major is designed to provide students with a broad-based theoretical understanding of crime and criminal justice, as well as a grounding in the operation of the criminal justice system. Our graduates pursue a variety of careers, including corrections, local policing, federal law enforcement, counseling, public administration, as well as graduate school and law school.

All criminal justice majors are required to complete an internship, which is their professional capstone, and a senior seminar, which is their academic capstone. The senior seminar covers an important current topic in criminal justice. Recent seminars include Crime and Social Exclusion in America, Restorative Justice, Comparative Criminal Justice Systems and Violence Against Women.

**Want to know more? Visit our web site:
www.stthomas.edu/sociology**

The world is always changing...

... and UST's sociology and criminal justice majors provide you with the quality liberal arts education that will prepare you for these changes – and to be part of making these changes!

The Law Enforcement Program

The law enforcement program is part of the criminal justice major. Police departments and the communities they serve want officers who understand and respond to the changing nature of society and law enforcement. Our program is interdisciplinary and grounded in the liberal arts, while drawing on the expertise of professionals in the field.

The University of St. Thomas has been providing law enforcement education since 1977. Our program is accredited by the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) and is approved to prepare students for the POST licensing exam.

Students complete the clinical component of the program with one of our skills provider partners, usually during the summer after graduation. If you are interested in a career in law enforcement, please contact the law enforcement education coordinator. Because the State of Minnesota licenses police, you need to meet with the coordinator to learn about the state regulations for this profession.



Student Groups

The Sociology Department offers two different groups for students interested in taking their interest in the field beyond the classroom. The Sociology / Criminal Justice Student Club is particularly active in bringing professionals to campus who are willing to speak with students about career opportunities and career preparation. The department has had a chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international honor society for outstanding sociology and criminal justice majors and minors, since 1991. Each spring new inductees are recognized at a reception held in their honor.

Graduates Say

“My UST degree helped me excel above and beyond my own expectations. It also allowed my master’s degree abroad to be a very smooth, enjoyable experience.”

– Jen Blank, '02

Program coordinator, Volunteers of America, Roseville, Minn.

“I cannot look at issues affecting my everyday life without the sociological imagination.”

– Gabriel Acevedo, '00

Assistant professor, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio

“I use my sociology training to analyze proposed legislation.”

– Heather Rein, '94

Minnesota Senate Health and Family Security Committee

About St. Thomas

The University of St. Thomas is a Catholic, comprehensive university that fosters a tradition of service to the public and an energetic, thoughtful approach to the challenges of contemporary life. Serving 11,000 undergraduate and graduate students, St. Thomas is located in Minnesota’s Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

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