



### ***Twin Cities Campus***

## **Sociology of Law, Criminology, and Deviance B.A.**

*Sociology*

### **College of Liberal Arts**

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2010
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 31
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Sociology examines stability and change in social life by addressing the underlying patterns of social relations in formal organizations, in legal institutions, and in the family, economy, and political arena.

Coursework focuses on the criminal justice system and criminal behavior; mental health; families and close relationships; education; urban and rural communities; politics and policy formation; social movements and social change; diverse racial and ethnic groups; and social psychology. Faculty interests in the comparative study of social relations and institutions in various countries add an international emphasis to these areas of study. All sociology courses emphasize the skills of social inquiry necessary for analyzing patterns of social relationships.

Students may earn a B.A. or B.S. in sociology or in sociology of law, criminology, and deviance, but not both. For more information, visit the sociology website at <http://www.soc.umn.edu/undergrad/>.

### **Program Delivery**

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

### **Admission Requirements**

Students must complete 1 courses before admission to the program.

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the [Office of Admissions website](#).

#### **Required prerequisites**

##### **Preparatory Course**

[SOC 1001](#) - Introduction to Sociology [SOCS, DSJ] (4.0 cr)  
or [SOC 1011V](#) - Honors: Introduction to Sociology [SOCS, DSJ, WI] (4.0 cr)

### **General Requirements**

All students are required to complete general University and college requirements including writing and liberal education courses. For more information about University-wide requirements, see the [liberal education requirements](#). Required courses for the major or minor in which a student receives a D grade (with or without plus or minus) do not count toward the major or minor (including transfer courses).

### **Program Requirements**

Students are required to take 4 semester(s) of any second language.

Before beginning the senior project, students must complete all major coursework except one elective course. Students must be on a pre-approved waiting list to register for the senior project and should contact the Department of Sociology at least two semesters in advance of registration.

#### **Major Courses**

[SOC 3101](#) - Sociological Perspectives on the Criminal Justice System [CIV] (3.0 cr)  
or [SOC 3102](#) - Criminal Behavior and Social Control (3.0 cr)  
[SOC 3701](#) - Social Theory (4.0 cr)  
[SOC 3801](#) - Sociological Research Methods (4.0 cr)  
[SOC 3811](#) - Social Statistics [MATH] (4.0 cr)

#### **Electives**

Three credits must be in general sociology electives and at least 6 credits must be in law, criminology, and deviance (LCD) 41xx electives.



Take 12 or more credit(s) from the following:

- SOC 3xxx
- SOC 4xxx
- SOC 5xxx
- General Sociology Electives**

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:

- SOC 3xxx
- SOC 4xxx

### Senior Project

Before beginning the senior project, students must complete all major coursework except one elective course. The elective must be taught by the same faculty member who is guiding the student project. Elective coursework must be chosen from a list available from the department.

[SOC 4094W](#) - Capstone Experience: Directed Research (4 cr.) [WI] (4.0 cr)

or [SOC 4966W](#) - Capstone Experience: Seminar [WI] (3.0 cr)

or [SOC 4994W](#) - Capstone Experience: Directed Research (1 cr.) [WI] (1.0 cr)

SOC 3xxx

or SOC 4xxx

or SOC 5xxx

or Honors students must take pro-seminars SOC 4977V and SOC 4978V in their senior year.

## Program Sub-plans

A sub-plan is not required for this program.

### Honors UHP

This is an honors sub-plan.

Students admitted to the University Honors Program (UHP) must fulfill UHP requirements in addition to degree program requirements. Honors courses used to fulfill degree program requirements will also fulfill UHP requirements.

Current departmental honors course offerings are listed at:

[http://www.honors.umn.edu/academics/curriculum/dept\\_courses\\_current.html](http://www.honors.umn.edu/academics/curriculum/dept_courses_current.html)

Honors students complete an honors thesis project in the final year, most often in conjunction with an honors thesis course, or with an honors directed studies or honors directed research course. Students select honors courses and plan for a thesis project in consultation with their UHP adviser and their departmental faculty adviser.

Honors students must complete at least two of the required five SOC electives at the 4xxx level. Students must take pro-seminars SOC 4977V and SOC 4978V in their senior year. Before beginning the pro-seminars, students must have completed all major core courses and at least three of the five required SOC electives.