Duluth Campus

Sociology B.A.

Justice Culture Social Change

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2016
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 45
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Sociology focuses on the relationships between social structure and the dynamics of establishing, maintaining, and changing patterns of human social behavior. The program is built around a theoretical-methodological core with courses integrated to develop students' conceptual and research competence. These courses focus on social psychology, social organization, social change, and criminology. The major provides a background for careers in human services and business and preparation for related graduate and professional school study.

Honors requirements: The department honors program recognizes majors who demonstrate outstanding academic performance, provides special educational opportunities for such students, and encourages the development of specialty areas within the major. Honors students participate in independent research, working closely with a faculty member. Qualified majors apply to the honors program before the end of the second week of the first semester of their senior year. See department or department website for further information.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

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

Admission Requirements

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the Office of Admissions website.

Required prerequisites

Introductory Requirement (1 cr)

Transfer students with 24 or more credits and current University of Minnesota Duluth students who change colleges to College of Liberal Arts are exempt from this requirement. New first-year students with 24 or more PSEO credits may request to be waived from this requirement.

UST 1000 - Learning in Community (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

General Requirements

The Board of Regents, on recommendation of the faculty, grants degrees from the University of Minnesota. Requirements for an undergraduate degree from University of Minnesota Duluth include the following:

1. Students must meet all course and credit requirements of the departments and colleges or schools in which they are enrolled including an advanced writing course. Students seeking two degrees must fulfill the requirements of both degrees. However, two degrees cannot be awarded for the same major.
2. Students must complete all requirements of the Liberal Education Program.
3. Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.
4. At least 30 of the last 60 degree credits earned immediately before graduation must be awarded by UMD.
5. Students must complete at least half of their courses at the 3xxx-level and higher at UMD. Study-abroad credits earned through courses taught by UM faculty and at institutions with which UMD has international exchange programs may be used to fulfill this requirement.
6. If a minor is required, students must take at least three upper division credits in their minor field from UMD.
7. The minimum cumulative UM GPA required for graduation will be 2.00 and will include only University of Minnesota coursework. A minimum UM GPA of 2.00 is required in each UMD undergraduate major and minor. No academic unit may impose higher grade point standards to graduate.
8. Diploma, transcripts, and certification will be withheld until all financial obligations to the University have been met.

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Program Requirements

1. A second field of study (either a minor or another major).

2. Study abroad is encouraged for all students and the department makes every effort to facilitate such experiences.

3. Students electing to major in sociology and criminology must follow the fall 2014 requirements or later for both programs.

Lower Division Core (8 cr)

A grade of C or better is required in each course.
SOC 1101 - Introduction to Sociology [LE CAT, LECD C, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (4.0 cr)
SOC 2155 - Introduction to Research Methods and Analysis (4.0 cr)

Upper Division Core (15 cr)

After successfully completing SOC 4587, a student must wait at least one semester before registering for SOC 4597. Students intern in a setting related to their career interests. (Students also majoring in psychology may request to substitute PSY 3020 for SOC 3155. See the department head for approval.)
SOC 3155 - Quantitative Research Methods and Analysis (4.0 cr)
SOC 4111 - Sociological Theory (4.0 cr)
SOC 4587 - Internship Preparation (1.0 cr)
SOC 4597 - Internship (6.0 - 8.0 cr)

Inequality Course (3 cr)

Students must take at least one course listed below to fulfill this requirement. Additional SOC inequality courses may apply as elective credit towards the major.
Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:
- CRIM 4323 - Women and Justice (3.0 cr)
- CRIM 4340 - Racial Inequality and Criminalization [RACE JUST] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3330 - The U.S. Civil Rights Movement [SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3945 - Social Stratification (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4947 - Sociology of Gender (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4949 - Race and Ethnic Relations [RACE JUST] (3.0 cr)

Sociology Electives (12 cr)

Most SOC 3xxx-4xxx level courses apply here. Additional SOC courses taken from the inequality area will apply here.
Take 12 or more credit(s) from the following:
- SOC 3306 - Deviance (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3595 - Special Topics: (various titles to be assigned) (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3821 - Sociology of Community (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3831 - Organizations and Society (4.0 cr)
- SOC 3901 - Social Change and Social Policy (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4370 - Sociology of Mental Health and Illness (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4860 - Environmental Sociology [SUSTAIN] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4910 - Teaching Assistantship in Sociology (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
- SOC 4925 - Sociology of Rape (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4935 - Peace Studies (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4960 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)
- SOC 4981 - Social Movements, Protest and Change (4.0 cr)
- SOC 4982 - Political Sociology and the Global Economy (4.0 cr)
- SOC 4985 - Critical Animal Studies (4.0 cr)
- SOC 4991 - Independent Study in Sociology (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
- SOC 4999 - Honors Project Sociology (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- SOC 3701 - Social Psychology [SOC SCI] (3.0 cr)
  or PSY 3201 - Social Psychology (3.0 cr)

Additional Required Elective (3 cr)

Students may apply a SOC 1xxx-4xxx course to this area.
Take 3 or more credit(s) from the following:
- AAAS 3xxx-4xxx
  or ANTH 3xxx-4xxx
  or SOC 1xxx-4xxx

Advanced Writing Requirement (3 cr)

WRIT 3140 or 3160 are recommended.
WRIT 31xx - Adv Writing (3 cr)

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