Twin Cities Campus

Sociology of Law, Criminology, and Justice B.A.

Sociology

College of Liberal Arts

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2023
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 34 to 37
- 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 who graduate from our Sociology program enjoy a wide range of employment opportunities - business, non-profit, government, and non-governmental organizations. The concepts and skills students learn in our Sociology programs equip them to critically analyze the evolving world and the place within, and help them complete effectively in today and tomorrows job market.

For more information, visit the sociology website at http://www.cla.umn.edu/sociology

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

Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 4 credit(s) from the following:

- 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.

All CLA BA degrees require 18 upper division (3xxx-level or higher) credits outside the major designator. These credits must be taken in designators different from the major designator and cannot include courses that are cross-listed with the major designator. The major designator for the Sociology of Law, Criminology, and Justice (LCJ) BA is SOC.

At least 19 upper division credits in the major must be taken at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus.

Students may earn no more than one undergraduate degree from the Department of Sociology: a BA or BS or minor in sociology; or a BA or BS or minor in sociology of law, criminology, and justice.

All incoming CLA first-year (freshmen) must complete the First-Year Experience course sequence.

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All incoming CLA first-year (freshmen) students earning a BA, BS, or BIS degree must complete the second-year career management course CLA 3002.

All students must complete a capstone in at least one CLA major. The requirements for double majors completing the capstone in a different CLA major will be clearly stated. Students must also complete all major requirements in both majors to allow the additional capstone to be waived. Students completing an additional degree must complete the capstone in each degree area.

Core Courses

Take exactly 4 course(s) totaling exactly 15 credit(s) from the following:

Criminal Justice or Criminal Behavior

Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 3 credit(s) from the following:

- SOC 1101 - Law, Crime, & Punishment (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3101 - Sociological Perspectives on the Criminal Justice System [CIV] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3101H - Honors: Sociological Perspectives on the Criminal Justice System [CIV] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3102 - Criminal Behavior and Social Control (3.0 cr)

•Theory and Methods Courses

Take exactly 3 course(s) totaling exactly 12 credit(s) from the following:

- SOC 3701 - Social Theory (4.0 cr)
- SOC 3801 - Sociological Research Methods (4.0 cr)
- SOC 3811 - Social Statistics [MATH] (4.0 cr)

or SOC 5811 - Social Statistics for Graduate Students (4.0 cr)

Electives

Take 4 or more course(s) totaling 12 or more credit(s) from the following:

General Sociology Upper-Division Electives

Take 1 or more course(s) totaling 3 or more credit(s) from the following:

- GCC 3014 - The Future of Work and Life in the 21st Century [TS] (3.0 cr)
- GCC 3018 - What American Dream? Children of the Social Class Divide [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3003 - Social Problems (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3005 - Social Science Fiction (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3090 - Topics in Sociology (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3201 - Inequality: Introduction to Stratification (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3221 - Sociology of Gender (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3241 - Sociology of Women's Health: Experiences from Around the World (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3246 - Diseases, Disasters & Other Killers [HIS, ENV] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3301W - Politics and Society [WI] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3311W *{Inactive}*[WI] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3322W - Social Movements, Protests, and Change [CIV, WI] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3411W - Organizations and Society [WI] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3415 - Consume This! The Sociology and Politics of Consumption (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3421W - Sociology of Work: Good Jobs, Bad Jobs, No Jobs? [WI] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3446 - Comparing Healthcare Systems [GP] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3451W - Cities & Social Change [WI] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3452 - Education and Society (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3461 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- SOC 3501 - Sociology of Families [SOCS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3507 *{Inactive}*[DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3671 - Chinese Society: Culture, Networks, & Inequality (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3721 - Principles of Social Psychology (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4090 - Topics in Sociology (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4243W - Brewing Society: Alcohol & Social Life [WI] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4246 - Sociology of Health and Illness (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4305 - Environment & Society: An Enduring Conflict [ENV] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4451 - Sport, Culture & Society (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4461 - Sociology of Ethnic and Racial Conflict [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4511 - Sociology of Children & Youth (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4703 *{Inactive}*[CIV] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4821 - Measuring the Social World: Concepts and Analysis (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4881 - Population Studies Research Practicum (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3211W - Race and Racism in the US [DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)

or AAS 3211W - Race & Racism in the U.S. [DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)

- SOC 3215 - Supercapitalism: Labor, Consumption & the Environment in the New Global Economy (3.0 cr)

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or GLOS 3215 - Supercapitalism: Labor, Consumption & the Environment in the New Global Economy (3.0 cr)
•GLOS 3225 - The Power of the 1%: Global Philanthropy and the Making of a New World (3.0 cr)
or SOC 3225 - The Power of the 1%: Global Philanthropy and the Making of a New World (3.0 cr)
•SOC 3251W - Sociological Perspectives on Race, Class, and Gender [SOCS, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
or AAS 3251W - Sociological Perspectives on Race, Class, and Gender [SOCS, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 3309 - Atheists as "Other": Religious & Nonreligious Outsiders in the US [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or RELS 3624 - Atheists as "Other": Religious and Nonreligious Outsiders in the US [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 3412 - Social Networking: Theories and Methods [TS] (3.0 cr)
or SOC 3412H - Honors: Social Networking: Theories and Methods [TS] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 3417W - Global Institutions of Power: World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and World Trade Organization [GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
or GLOS 3415W - Global Institutions of Power: World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and World Trade Organization [GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 3503 - Asian American Identities, Families & Communities [SOCS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or SOC 3503H - Honors: Asian American Identities, Families & Communities [SOCS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or AAS 3503 - Asian American Identities, Families, & Communities [SOCS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 3505 - Migrations: People in Motion [GP] (3.0 cr)
or GLOS 3705 - Migrations: People in Motion [GP] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 3511 - World Population Problems [GP] (3.0 cr)
or SOC 3511H - Honors: World Population Problems [GP] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 3613W - Stuffed and Starved: The Politics of Eating [SOCS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
or SOC 3613V *{Inactive}*[SOCS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
or GLOS 3613W - Stuffed and Starved: The Politics of Eating [SOCS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
or GLOS 3613V *{Inactive}*[SOCS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 3681 - Gender and the Family in the Islamic World (3.0 cr)
or GLOS 3681 - Gender and the Family in the Islamic World (3.0 cr)
or GWSS 3681 - Gender and the Family in the Islamic World (3.0 cr)
or RELS 3716 - Gender and the Family in the Islamic World (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4309 - Religion in American Public Life: Culture, Politics, & Communities [CIV] (3.0 cr)
or SOC 4309H - Honors: Religion in American Public Life - Culture, Politics, & Communities [CIV] (3.0 cr)
or RELS 4309 - Religion in American Public Life: Culture, Politics, and Communities [CIV] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4311 - Power, Justice & the Environment [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or GLOS 4311 - Power, Justice & the Environment [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4315 - Never Again! Memory & Politics after Genocide [GP] (3.0 cr)
or GLOS 4315 - Never Again! Memory & Politics after Genocide [GP] (3.0 cr)
or JWST 4315 - Never Again! Memory & Politics after Genocide [GP] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4321 - Globalize This! Understanding Globalization through Sociology [GP] (3.0 cr)
or GLOS 4221 - Globalize This! Understanding Globalization Through Sociology [GP] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4411 - Terrorist Networks & Counterterror Organizations (3.0 cr)
or SOC 4411H - Honors: Terrorist Networks & Counterterror Organizations (3.0 cr)
or SOC 5411 - Terrorist Networks & Counterterror Organizations (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4521 - Love, Sex, & Marriage (3.0 cr)
or SOC 4521H - Honors: Love, Sex, & Marriage (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4551 - Sociology of Sexualities [SOCS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or SOC 4551H - Honors: Sociology of Sexualities [SOCS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4319 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
or GLOS 4319 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
or JWST 4319 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

•Law, Criminology, and Justice Electives

Take 2 or more course(s) totaling 6 or more credit(s) from the following:

31xx Courses

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:
•SOC 3101 - Sociological Perspectives on the Criminal Justice System [CIV] (3.0 cr)
or SOC 3101H - Honors: Sociological Perspectives on the Criminal Justice System [CIV] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 3102 - Criminal Behavior and Social Control (3.0 cr)

•41xx Courses

Take 2 or more course(s) totaling 6 or more credit(s) from the following:
•SOC 4105 - Sociology of Punishment (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4106 - Crime on TV (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4108 - Current Issues in Crime Control (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4111 - Sociology of Deviance (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4113 - Sociology of Violence: Bedrooms, Backyards, and Bars (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4125 - Policing America (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4133 - Sociology of Gender, Sex, and Crime (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4147 - Sociology of Mental Health & Illness (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4161 - Criminal Law in American Society (3.0 cr)

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•SOC 4162 - Criminal Procedure in American Society (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4171 - Sociology of International Law: Human Rights & Trafficking [GP] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4190 - Topics in Sociology With Law, Criminology, and Justice Emphasis (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4101W - Sociology of Law [WI] (3.0 cr)
or SOC 4101V - Honors: Sociology of Law [WI] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4102 - Criminology (3.0 cr)
or SOC 4102H - Honors: Criminology (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4104 - Crime and Human Rights (3.0 cr)
or SOC 4104H - Honors: Crime and Human Rights (3.0 cr)
or SOC 5104 - Crime and Human Rights (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4135 - Sociology of White-Collar Crime (3.0 cr)
or SOC 4135H - Honors: Sociology of White-Collar Crime (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4141 - Youth Crime & Punishment (3.0 cr)
or SOC 4141H - Honors: Youth Crime & Punishment (3.0 cr)

Capstone

In the capstone, students will emphasize the relationship between sociological perspectives and critical thinking, effective communication, and meaningful civic engagement.

Before beginning the capstone, students must be a declared major and have completed all major coursework except one sociology elective course. Students are strongly advised to contact the department at least two semesters in advance of registration to ensure they are on the capstone wait list.
Take 1 - 2 course(s) totaling 3 - 6 credit(s) from the following:
Students who double major and choose to complete the capstone requirement in their other major may waive the Sociology capstone, but they do need to replace the 3 credits with another sociology elective course.

Seminar

This course is designed to: a) provide students with an opportunity to reflect on what they have learned as a sociology major; b) use that knowledge to write sociological analyses based on community service learning; and c) think about how the knowledge, skills, and insights of the sociological enterprise can be used and applied outside of the University.
SOC 4966W - Capstone Experience: Seminar [WI] (3.0 cr)
or **Directed Research (4 cr.)**
SOC 4094W - Capstone Experience: Directed Research (4 cr.) [WI] (4.0 cr)
or **Directed Research (1 cr.) with SOC elective**
SOC 4994W - Capstone Experience: Directed Research (1 cr.) [WI] (1.0 cr)
The additional sociology elective must be pre-approved by the department advisor.
SOC 3xxx
or SOC 4xxx
or SOC 5xxx
or **Honors**
Students seeking Honors in Sociology should take both proseminars in their senior year.
SOC 4977V - Honors Capstone Experience: Proseminar I [WI] (3.0 cr)
SOC 4978V - Honors Capstone Experience: Proseminar II [WI] (3.0 cr)

Upper Division Writing Intensive within the major

Students are required to take one upper division writing intensive course within the major. If that requirement has not been satisfied within the core major requirements, students must choose one course from the following list. Some of these courses may also fulfill other major requirements.
Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:
•SOC 3301W - Politics and Society [WI] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 3311W *{Inactive}*[WI] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 3322W - Social Movements, Protests, and Change [CIV, WI] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 3411W - Organizations and Society [WI] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 3421W - Sociology of Work: Good Jobs, Bad Jobs, No Jobs? [WI] (3.0 cr)
•SOC 3451W - Cities & Social Change [WI] (3.0 cr)
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•SOC 3613W - Stuffed and Starved: The Politics of Eating [SOCS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
or SOC 3613V *{Inactive}*[SOCS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
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or GLOS 3613V *{Inactive}*[SOCS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)

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- SOC 4094W - Capstone Experience: Directed Research (4 cr.) [WI] (4.0 cr)
  or SOC 4966W - Capstone Experience: Seminar [WI] (3.0 cr)
  or SOC 4977V - Honors Capstone Experience: Proseminar I [WI] (3.0 cr)
  or SOC 4978V - Honors Capstone Experience: Proseminar II [WI] (3.0 cr)
  or SOC 4994W - Capstone Experience: Directed Research (1 cr.) [WI] (1.0 cr)
- SOC 4101W - Sociology of Law [WI] (3.0 cr)
  or SOC 4101V - Honors: Sociology of Law [WI] (3.0 cr)

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