This curriculum allows Missouri Southern students to complete admission requirements for professional schools that accept applicants who have completed approximately 60 hours. Students should incorporate professional school requirements into their schedule and work closely with an adviser at Missouri Southern. Also, students who are completing certification requirements for paramedic programs may transfer among Missouri public four-year colleges and universities.

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Mission
Preparing students for dynamic leadership and responsible citizenship is the mission of the Department of Social Sciences. The department provides students with the opportunity to cultivate critical thinking, communication and technological skills that will continue to be of value in the complex world of the 21st century. The faculty offers substantive instruction and intellectual challenge within the Social Sciences. The department emphasizes opportunities to engage in the international world in support of the University’s international mission. Finally, the Department of Social Sciences builds bridges to the local community through academic internships, public events, partnerships with local institutions and sponsorship of academic programs and events for local schools’ students and teachers.

A bachelor’s degree in Sociology prepares students for a variety of occupations and graduate programs. The student may select from a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Sociology, a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Sociology or Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSE) with a major emphasis in Sociology. Sociology graduates pursue many different careers which include but are not limited to those in human and social services, human resources, business or teaching. Advanced graduate or professional school training would also be a choice for the student who successfully completes one of our bachelor degrees. A minor in sociology provides students majoring in other areas with specialized interpersonal, group and organizational knowledge and skills.

Sociology 110 is a prerequisite to most Upper Division courses in sociology. Certain sociology courses may be used to satisfy General Education Requirements. SOC 110, ANTH 101 and GEOG 101 are options for the requirement in the Social and Behavioral Sciences; ANTH 155, 342 or SOC 303 meet the requirement in Area I, International Cultural Studies.

Student Organizations
The Sociology Club is open to all students who are interested in sociology regardless of major. The club provides a setting for students to interact with their peers and a wide range of activities throughout the year.

Alpha Kappa Delta is the national honor society in sociology. Alpha Kappa Delta recognizes academic excellence in the field and encourages its members to participate in the activities of its national organization. The members have the opportunity each year to attend a professional conference with minimal personal expense.

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