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.

Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Sociology
Major Code SO00

Semester Hours
General Education Requirements (p. 45) 46-47* . . . . . . 43-44
Foreign Language (four courses in one language) ................. 12
Sociology Requirements ............................................. 36
SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology ......................... 3
SOC 210 Social Problems** .......................... 3
SOC 305 Social Science Statistics**
OR
PSY 320 Applied Statistics**
OR
MATH 310 Elementary Statistics** ......................... 3
SOC 311 Social Stratification** ......................... 3
SOC 431 Sociological Research Methods** ................ 3
SOC 482 Sociological Theory** .......................... 3
SOC Additional Sociology courses
(12 hrs. must be Upper Division) .....................18

Supporting Requirements ................................. 6
ANTH Any course above ANTH 101 ....................... 3
GEOG 310 Human and Cultural Geography ............ 3

General Electives*** ....................................26-27
Total ...................................................................124***

*Required sociology course SOC 110 satisfies three hours of General education curriculum requirements.
**See Prerequisites
***A minor is highly recommended.
****Must include at least 40 Upper Division (300-400 level) hours.

Bachelor of Science with a Major in Sociology
Major Code SO01

Semester Hours

General Education Requirements (p. 45) 46-47* . . . . 43-44

Sociology Requirements ................................. 42
SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology ................... 3
SOC 305 Social Science Statistics** .....................3
OR
PSY 320 Applied Statistics** .......................... 3
OR
MATH 310 Elementary Statistics** .................... 3
SOC 311 Social Stratification** ....................... 3
SOC 361 Social Demography** ....................... 3
SOC 362 Deviant Behavior** ......................... 3
SOC 431 Social Research Methods** .................. 3
SOC 482 Sociological Theory** ....................... 3
SOC Additional Sociology Courses
(15 hours must be upper division) ..................21

Supporting Requirements ................................. 6
ANTH Any course above ANTH 101 ....................... 3
GEOG 310 Human and Cultural Geography ............ 3

General Electives (minor recommended)** .............32-33
Total ..................................................................124**

*Required Sociology course SOC 110 satisfies three hours of General Education Requirements.
**Chosen in consultation with a sociology advisor.
***Must include at least 40 upper division (300-400 level) hours.

Minor in Sociology
Minor Code SO82

Semester Hours

SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology ................... 3
SOC Additional courses*
(12 hours must be Upper Division) ..................18
Total ..................................................................21

*Select with prior approval of a sociology adviser. See prerequisites where applicable.

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Course Descriptions

Anthropology

ANTH 0101 (F) .................................................. 3 hrs. cr.

General Anthropology
An introduction to the field of anthropology, including its historical origins and the four sub-fields central to the discipline today: sociocultural, linguistic, archeological and physical/biological branches. Applied aspects of each of the four subfields will also be addressed. An emphasis is placed on the holistic nature of the discipline, centering around an evolutionary and comparative approach to our species. The role of culture as the primary human adaptation for survival is emphasized, as well as the origins of the biological traits necessary for the development of culture. This course documents the inter-relationship of ecology and subsistence patterns with social structures and institutions across different historic periods and cultures.
**Anthropology**

**ANTH 0155 (F)**

**Physical Anthropology and Archaeology**
3 hrs. cr.

An introduction to physical (biological) anthropology that emphasizes the study of Homo Sapien evolution and diversity, as well as archaeology which focuses upon the myriad of artifacts created by this species. Languages, cultures, social organization and human ecology are incorporated to facilitate an understanding of the people of the earth. A recognition and appreciation of the flora and fauna are basic to this course.

**ANTH 0298 (Demand)**

**Topics in Anthropology**
3 hrs. cr.

Special Anthropology topics of current interest. Subjects and instructors may vary each semester. Students are encouraged to submit areas of interest to the Social Science Department.

**ANTH 0302 (Demand)**

**North American Indians**
3 hrs. cr.

Ethnographic survey of the indigenous tribes of North America (excluding Mexico), including earliest archeological sequences followed by a description of the culture areas and traditional lifeways encompassed therein at the time of European contact. Emphasis upon the processes of culture change and adaptation over the past two centuries. Contemporary issues such as language renewal, the Pan-Indian movement, religious freedom and tribal sovereignty are then placed within their cultural and historical contexts.

**ANTH 0304 (F)**

**Magic, Ritual, and Religion**
3 hrs. cr.

This course will examine early anthropological theories on the evolution of religion. It will also document the variety of belief systems surrounding the spiritual world in traditional and contemporary societies, including sorcery, shamanism, ancestor veneration, and transcendent experiences. Conceptions of the sacred and the significance of place make up another segment of the course, as does the role of myth in structuring human thought and societies. Religious practice in the form of ritual, prayer, and symbolism are included from the framework of cultural anthropology. Finally, it will address the effects of culture contact and diffusion of major world religions upon indigenous peoples’ belief systems.

**ANTH 0342 (S)**

**Comparative Cultures**
3 hrs. cr.

A comparative study of human society and culture, focusing on theories of culture and cultural institutions as they relate to contemporary preindustrial peoples. An ethnographic examination of representative groups is provided for purposes of cross-cultural comparison. Prerequisite: SOC 110 or ANTH 155 or consent of instructor.

**ANTH 0385 (Demand)**

**Language & Culture**
3 hrs. cr.

Exploration of the relationship between language and culture from theoretical approaches within anthropology, including the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis and the attempts to support or refute it. The expressive potentialities of diverse languages and cultures illustrate human creativity and diversity.

**ANTH 0498 (Demand)**

**Advanced Topics in Anthropology**
3 hrs. cr.

Specialized knowledge and/or current research in the discipline. Topics will vary by situation and instructor. Students will prepare and critique papers based on original research.

**Sociology**

**SOC 0110 (F,S)**

**Introduction to Sociology**
3 hrs. cr.

An introductory course focused on the systematic study of society. Emphasis on major concepts of sociology and the scientific point of view in understanding and explaining human behavior and social phenomena. Prerequisite: SOC 110.

**SOC 0210 (Demand)**

**Social Problems**
3 hrs. cr.

A survey of contemporary social problems including racism, sexism, crime and deviance, drug use and mental disorders. The course encourages a critical examination of society and focuses on the structural sources of social problems such as class, race and gender. The role of the U.S. in global social problems is also explored. Prerequisite: SOC 110.

**SOC 0221 (Demand)**

**Marriage and Family**
3 hrs. cr.

Analysis and study of paired relationships, marriage as the genesis of family life, elements in the preparation for marriage and parenthood and the development of family relationships throughout the life cycle.

**SOC 0231 (F)**

**Introduction to Social Work**
3 hrs. cr.

Philosophical and historical development of social work as a professional career. Focuses on role of the social worker within the various practice settings. May entail field trips and guest speakers. Prerequisite: SOC 110.

**SOC 0298 (Demand)**

**Special Topics in Sociology**
3 hrs. cr.

Special sociology topics of current interest. Subjects and instructors may vary each semester. Students are encouraged to submit areas of interest to the social science department.

**SOC 0301 (Demand)**

**Sociology of Religion**
3 hrs. cr.

Examines religion as a major social institution. Compares behavioral content of religions. Major attention is given to the nature of organized religion and how religion is integrated into society. Some discussion of the behavioral expectations associated with the major religions of the world. Prerequisite: SOC 110.

**SOC 0302 (Su)**

**Cults in the U.S.**
3 hrs. cr.

This course focuses on the study of cults and New Religious Movements in the United States today. The class will examine the nature of abusive fringe groups in modern society from a theoretical perspective, looking at the various definitions and classifications of these groups in sociology. Prerequisites: SOC 110.

**SOC 0303 (Demand)**

**The Arab World**
3 hrs. cr.

A sociological look at the Arab world that identifies peoples, countries, geographical settings, cultural differences, cultural change, political and religious affiliations and the emergence of contemporary issues. Special emphasis will be placed upon the Israel – Palestine - Jordan problem area.
SOC 0305  (F)  3 hrs. cr.
Social Science Statistics
Provides basic tools necessary to gather, describe, analyze and present quantitative social science data. Focus will be on conducting basic univariate and bivariate analyses. Prerequisite: MATH 125.

SOC 0306  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
Social Gerontology
A review of aging studies with particular emphasis on needs, problems, areas of concern, aging theories, social services for the elderly and accumulated data from gerontological research. Such topics as life changes, retirement and alternative life styles among the elderly will be analyzed. Prerequisite: SOC 110.

SOC 0311  (F)  3 hrs. cr.
Social Stratification  (Writing Intensive)
Examination of differences in power, privilege and prestige. Analysis of the effects of social inequality on people's lives within the United States and an overview of the complex array of social structures that comprise international systems of inequality by race/ethnicity, gender and social class. Prerequisite: 6 hours of sociology.

SOC 0312  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
Juvenile Delinquency
Analysis of environment and social background for juvenile delinquency behaviors. Investigation of behavioral content and scope of official delinquency. Review of the influences of family, school, peer groups and gangs and the juvenile justice and corrections system. Prerequisite: SOC 110.

SOC 0319  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
Social Interaction
Theoretical examination of the individual as both a social product and a social force. Areas covered include the foundations of human interaction, process of socialization and differentiation of individuals. Focus on the formal and informal rules of interaction in our society. Prerequisite: SOC 110.

SOC 0322  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
Sociology of Work and Leisure
Analysis of work, occupations, career mobility and job satisfaction as important elements in society. Examination of leisure activities which alter with technological advances and the changing economic base. Prerequisite: SOC 110.

SOC 0341  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
Gender Roles
An introduction to the biological, cultural and structural foundations of gender. Explores theories that help to explain gender, a fundamental and pervasive determinant of social life. Includes the review of studies that illustrate differences in the evaluations of men's and women's activities and traditional gender roles. Sociological implications of sex and gender at both the personal (micro) and societal (macro) levels of analysis will be discussed. Prerequisite: SOC 110.

SOC 0351  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
Criminology
This course examines the social and legal concept of crime, the review of measurements of crime(s) and crime statistics and the theories related to the causes of criminal behaviors. Also includes discussion of profiles of different adult offenders and their behavioral characteristics relative to the major felony offenses committed in contemporary society. Prerequisite: SOC 110.

SOC 0354  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
Medical Sociology
A survey of the social causes and consequences of health and illness, the expanding role of health-related organizations, the training of health care personnel and the contemporary consumer's movement. A cross-cultural comparison of health care delivery systems and a review of various social problems associated with health care in the U.S. is provided. Prerequisite: SOC 110.

SOC 0361  (F)  3 hrs. cr.
Social Demography
A look at changes in human population through an analysis of birth rates, death rates and migrations. Social demographic analysis of census and independent research data. Various population theories are applied to national and world situations. Concepts of over-population, minority groups and aging are analyzed. Prerequisite: SOC 110.

SOC 0362  (S)  3 hrs. cr.
Deviant Behavior
A survey of the theoretical explanations of socially disapproved behavior from the sociological perspective and the application of these concepts to specific forms of deviance. Also includes analysis of the social nature of conforming behavior as a way of increasing understanding of deviant behavior. Prerequisite: 6 hours of sociology.

SOC 0369  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
Sociology Through Film
Focuses on a social image and social change as reflected through cinema. Discussion will emphasize film as an important agent of socialization and the impact of its messages on society. By the completion of the course students will be able to examine and discuss the one-way flow of information and how it reflects and impacts cultural ideology. Prerequisite: 12 hours of sociology or consent of instructor.

SOC 0370  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
The Sociology of Death & Dying
A review of the international religious, secular and scientific expressions regarding death. Historical and current issues pertaining to death are explored and a critical perspective is taken on all positions. The course incorporates both philosophical and pragmatic overviews of death and dying. Prerequisite: SOC 110.

SOC 0382  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
Ethnic Relations
A study of racial and cultural groups particularly focusing on the United States with some analysis of international ethnic relations. Analyzes several general theories and explanations for minority-dominant relations. Prerequisite: SOC 110.

SOC 0391  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
Penology and Corrections
Philosophy, history and operations of penitentiary systems with special attention given to changes in adult institutions. Explanation of the problems associated with prison populations and types of facilities along with sentences, therapeutic models and community treatment. Prerequisite: SOC 110.

SOC 0395  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
Collective Behavior
A survey examination of riots panics, mass hysterias/collective delusions, fads, social movements and other emergent forms of social behavior. Includes exploration of the theories that have been applied to such occurrences and the examination of several specific episodes of collective behavior. Prerequisite: SOC 110.
SOC 0396  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
Sociology of Education
An analysis of the functions and processes that characterize the social institution of education, including cultural transmission and social control, and the role of education in the process of social stratification. Includes examination of attempts to achieve equality of educational opportunity by race/ethnicity, gender and social class and the relationships between education and the other social institutions including the family, religion and the economy. Prerequisite: SOC 110.

SOC 0402  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
The Community - Rural and Urban  (Writing Intensive)
Social processes of human groups who share common units of territory and cultural bonds. Major attention on Gemeinschaft-Gesellschaft theories as they pertain to national, rural, urban, ethnic and subcultural communities and how these intertwine in contemporary societies. Prerequisite: SOC 110.

SOC 0406  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
Sociology of Child Abuse
An analysis of child abuse and neglect within the United States. The dynamics of the family environment as well as the victim-perpetrator relationship will be examined. Emphasis will be placed on societal reaction to both abuser and the abused in addition to the behavior itself. Potential treatment alternatives will be analyzed. Prerequisite: 9 hours of sociology.

SOC 0431  (S)  3 hrs. cr.
Sociological Research Methods  (Writing Intensive)
An exploration of the skills employed in conducting research as utilized in various designs, including interviewing, observation, survey design and content analysis. Methods of problem and hypothesis formulation, data collection and instrumentation will be examined. Emphasis will be placed on ethical issues in research. Prerequisite: 9 hours of sociology.

SOC 0482  (F)  3 hrs. cr.
Sociological Theory
An exploration of classical and contemporary sociological theory placed in historical perspective from Auguste Comte to the modern era. Prerequisite: 9 hours of sociology.

SOC 0496  (Demand)  1-4 hrs. cr.
Internship in Sociology
Observation of and participation in various social service agencies in the community. All internships must conform with institutional policy regarding the number of hours per credit and contractual agreements with cooperating agency personnel. No more than three hours may be counted toward a major or minor. Prerequisites: 15 hours of sociology, junior standing or above and a GPA of 2.75. Repeatable for up to eight credit hours.

SOC 0498  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
Advanced Topics in Sociology
For upper division sociology majors. Topics covered and methods used will place emphasis on student-instructor interest, desire to pursue in-depth research and ability to assimilate topics. It will include areas not already treated in other sociology courses. Prerequisite: 15 hours of sociology or consent of instructor.

SOC 0499  (Demand)  1-3 hrs. cr.
Independent Study
Structured by the adviser with the approval of the department head and school dean. Prerequisite: Advanced standing in the major field with a GPA of 3.0. Enrollment in the course must be approved by department head and dean. Repeatable for up to six credit hours.