

Elective	American History . . . . .	3
PSc 120	Government: U.S., State, and Local . . . .	3
Hist 130	Western Civilization . . . . .	3
Hist 140	Western Civilization . . . . .	3
Econ 180	American Economic System. . . . .	3
Geog 211	Regions and Nations . . . . .	3

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**Programs & Degree Offerings**

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**Faculty** Miller - Head, Greer, Gubera, Locher, Wells

**Mission**

The primary mission of the Social Science Department is to prepare our students for dynamic leadership and responsible citizenship in their communities, their nation, and the world. The Department also contributes to the broader mission of the University by providing students the opportunities to cultivate critical thinking, communication, and technological skills that will develop an awareness of and engagement with the complex social issues of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The faculty seeks to offer substantive instruction and intellectual nurture in the Social Sciences, and to assist the advancement of higher-order thinking students can apply to their own lives as individuals, professionals, and citizens. The Department’s mission includes an emphasis on opportunities to engage the broader international world, consistent with the University’s international mission. Finally, the Social Science Department seeks to build bridges and avenues of communication between the university and the community, through academic internships, public events, and partnerships with local institutions, and the sponsorship of academic programs and events for local students and their teachers.

A Bachelor’s degree with a major in Sociology prepares the student for a variety of occupations and graduate programs. Selecting from three bachelor’s degree programs including a Bachelor of Science in Education, the student may choose to pursue many careers, for example, those in human and social services, public safety occupations, or teaching. Advanced graduate or professional school training could also be a choice for the student who successfully completes one of the bachelor degree programs. In addition, a sociology minor provides students majoring in other areas with special interpersonal, group, and organizational knowledge and skills.

See page 147 for a minor in social sciences or the social studies in secondary education minor.

Sociology 110 is a prerequisite to many Upper Division courses in sociology.

Certain sociology courses may be used to satisfy Core Curriculum requirements. Sociology 110 is an elective for the requirement in Area 3C, Natural and Behavioral Sciences; Anth 155, 342 or Soc 303 meet the requirement in Area 5, International Cultural Studies.

**Student Organizations**

**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.

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

**Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Sociology**

	Semester Hours
<b>Core Requirements (p. 34) 51*</b> . . . . .	<b>48</b>
<b>Foreign Language (four courses in one language)</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Sociology Requirements</b> . . . . .	<b>36</b>
Soc 110 Introduction to Sociology . . . . .	3
Soc 210 Social Problems** . . . . .	3
Soc 305 Social Science Statistics** . . . . .	3
Soc 311 Social Stratification** . . . . .	3
Soc 431 Sociological Research Methods** . . . . .	3
Soc 482 Sociological Theory** . . . . .	3
Soc Electives (12 hrs. must be Upper Division)	18
<b>Supporting Requirements.</b> . . . . .	<b>6</b>
Anth Elective . . . . .	3
Geo 310 Human and Cultural Geography. . . . .	3
<b>Supporting Area (approved by sociology adviser)***.</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Electives</b> . . . . .	<b>7</b>
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\*Required sociology course Soc 110 satisfies three hours of Core 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**

	Semester Hours
<b>Core Requirements (p. 34) 51*</b> . . . . .	<b>48</b>
<b>Sociology Requirements</b> . . . . .	<b>42</b>
Soc 110 Introduction to Sociology . . . . .	3
Soc 305 Social Science Statistics** . . . . .	3
Soc 311 Social Stratification** . . . . .	3
Soc 361 Study of Population** . . . . .	3
Soc 362 Deviant Behavior** . . . . .	3
Soc 431 Social Research Methods** . . . . .	3
Soc 432 Advanced Research Methods. . . . .	3
Soc 482 Sociological Theory** . . . . .	3
Soc Electives (12 hour must be Upper Division)	18
<b>Supporting Requirements.</b> . . . . .	<b>6</b>
Anth Elective . . . . .	3
Geo 310 Human and Cultural Geography. . . . .	3
<b>Electives</b> . . . . .	<b>28</b>
	<b>124***</b>

\*Required Sociology course Soc 110 satisfies three hours of Core Curriculum requirements.

\*\*See Prerequisites

\*\*\*Must include at least 40 Upper Division (300-400 level) hours.

**Bachelor of Science in Education  
with a Major in Social Studies**

**Sociology Emphasis**

**Grades 9-12 Certification**

**Plan B Single Teaching Field**

	Semester Hours	
<b>Core Requirements (p. 34) 51*</b> .....	<b>33</b>	
<b>Sociology Requirements</b> .....	<b>21</b>	
Soc 110 Introduction to Sociology .....	3	
Soc 210 Social Problems** .....	3	
Soc 221 Marriage and Family .....	3	
Anth 342 Comparative Cultures** .....	3	
Soc Electives (6 hours Upper Division)** .....	9	
<b>Supporting Requirements</b> .....	<b>36</b>	
Hist 110 U.S. History 1492-1877 .....	3	
Hist 120 U.S. History 1877-Present .....	3	
Hist 130 Western Civilization To 1660 .....	3	
Hist 140 Western Civilization From 1660 .....	3	
Hist Upper Division U.S. History Electives** ..	6	
Hist Upper Division Latin American, Asian or European Elective** .....	3	
Geog 211 Regions and Nations .....	3	
Geog Upper Division Elective .....	3	
PSc 120 Government: U.S., State, and Local ...	3	
PSc Upper Division Elective** .....	3	
Econ 180 American Economic System .....	3	
<b>Education Certification Requirements (p. 197) ...</b>	<b>40-41</b>	
	<b>130-131</b>	

\*Required courses in history, political science, sociology, and economics satisfy major requirements and 18 hours of Core Curriculum.

\*\*See Prerequisites

**Minor in Sociology**

	Semester Hours	
Soc 110 Introduction to Sociology .....	3	
Soc Electives* (12 hours must be Upper Division) .....	18	
	<b>21</b>	

\*Select with prior approval of a sociology adviser. See pre-requisites where applicable.

**Suggested Order of Study**

**Bachelor of Arts**

**Sociology Major**

Major Code 2208

**Freshman Year**

1st Semester		Hours
Course		
Soc 110	Introduction to Sociology*	3
CORE	[Eng 101 College Composition I (WI)]	3
CORE	[Hist 110 U.S. History 1492-1877]	3
CORE	[Humanities and Fine Arts]	3
Foreign Language		3
Psy 120	College Orientation	1
		<b>16</b>
2nd Semester		
Foreign Language		3
CORE	[Eng 102 College Composition II (WI)]	3
CORE	[PSc 120 Gov't:U.S./Sta/Loc]	3
CORE	[Econ 180 American Economic System]	3
CORE	[Bio 101 General Biology]	4
		<b>16</b>

**Sophomore Year**

1st Semester		Hours
Soc 210	Social Problems**	3
Foreign Language		3
CORE	[Humanities and Fine Arts]	3
CORE	[Math 125 Contemporary Math]	3
CORE	[Comm 100 Oral Communication]	3
		<b>15</b>
2nd Semester		
Soc	Elective	3
Foreign Language		3
CORE	[Phys 100 Fundamentals of Physical Science]	5
CORE	[Hist 120 U.S. History 1877-Present]	3
		<b>14</b>

**Junior Year**

1st Semester		Hours
Soc 311	Social Stratification**	3
Soc	[Upper Division Elective]	3
CORE	[English Literature]	3
Soc 305	Social Science Statistics**	3
CORE	[Kine 101 Physical Activity]	1
CORE	[Kine 103 Lifetime Wellness]	2
		<b>15</b>
2nd Semester		
Supporting Area [A minor is suggested]		5
Soc	[Upper Division Elective]	3
Geog 310	Human & Cultural Geography	3
Electives		6
		<b>17</b>

**Senior Year**

1st Semester		Hours
Soc 431	Sociological Research Methods**	3
Soc	[Upper Division Elective]	3
Supporting Area [A minor is suggested]		4
Soc	Electives	3
Elective		3
		<b>16</b>
2nd Semester		
Soc 482	Sociological Theory**	3
Supporting Area [A minor is suggested]		6
Electives		6
		<b>15</b>

\*Also meets a Core Curriculum requirement.

\*\*Prerequisites

[Department Recommendations]

The student is to select a supporting area in consultation with a sociology adviser.

## Bachelor of Science Sociology Major

Major Code 2220

### Freshman Year

#### 1st Semester

Course		Hours
Soc 110	Introduction to Sociology*	3
CORE	[Eng 101 College Composition I (WI)]	3
CORE	[Hist 110 U.S. History 1492-1877]	3
CORE	[Kine 101 Physical Activity]	1
Psy 120	College Orientation	1
Elective		3
		<b>14</b>

#### 2nd Semester

CORE	[Hist 120 U.S. History 1877-Present]	3
CORE	[Eng 102 College Composition II (WI)]	3
CORE	[PSc 120 Gov't: U.S./Sta/Loc]	3
CORE	[Comm 100 Oral Communication]	3
CORE	[Phys 100 Fundamentals of Physical Science]	5
		<b>17</b>

### Sophomore Year

#### 1st Semester

Soc	Elective	3
CORE	[Math 125 Contemporary Math]	3
CORE	[Literature]	3
CORE	[Bio 101 General Biology]	4
Elective		3
		<b>16</b>

#### 2nd Semester

Soc	Elective	3
CORE	[Humanities and Fine Arts]	3
CORE	[Kine 103 Lifetime Wellness]	2
CORE	[Econ 180 American Economic System]	3
Elective	[A minor is suggested]	6
		<b>17</b>

### Junior Year

#### 1st Semester

Soc 305	Social Science Statistics**	3
Soc 311	Social Stratification**	3
Soc 361	Study of Population	3
Soc 362	Deviant Behavior**	3
CORE	[Humanities and Fine Arts]	3
		<b>15</b>

#### 2nd Semester

Geog 310	Human and Cultural Geography	3
Soc	[Upper Division Elective]	3
Electives	[A minor is suggested]	9
		<b>15</b>

### Senior Year

#### 1st Semester

Soc 431	Sociological Research Methods**	3
Soc	Electives	6
Elective	[A minor is suggested]	6
		<b>15</b>

#### 2nd Semester

Soc 432	Advanced Research Methods	3
Soc 482	Sociological Theory**	3
Soc	Elective	3
Electives	[A minor is suggested]	6
		<b>15</b>

\*Also meets a Core Curriculum requirement.

\*\*Prerequisites

[Department Recommendations]

The student is to select a minor in consultation with a sociology adviser.

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# Course Descriptions

## Anthropology

Anth 155 (F) 3 hrs. cr.

### Physical Anthropology and Archaeology

An introduction to physical (biological) anthropology which emphasizes the study of homo-sapien-sapien evolution and diversity, and archeology which focused 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. Can be used to satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement in Area 5.

Anth 298 (Demand) 3 hrs. cr.

### Topics in Anthropology

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 302 (Demand) 3 hrs. cr.

### North American Indian

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, with 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 342 (S) 3 hrs. cr.

### Comparative Cultures

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. Can be used to satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement in Area 5. Prerequisite: Soc 110 or Anth 155 or consent of instructor.

Anth 385 (Demand) 3 hrs. cr.

### Language and Culture

Exploration of the relationship between language and culture from the theoretical and substantive approaches within anthropology, including the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis and the attempts to support or refute it. An ethnographic examination of the expressive potentialities of diverse languages and cultures is provided for purposes of cross-cultural comparison.

Anth 498 (Demand) 3 hrs. cr.

### Advanced Topics in Anthropology

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.

Anth 499 (Demand) 3 hrs. cr.  
**Independent Study**  
 Structured by the adviser with approval of the department chair and school dean.

**Sociology**

Soc 110 (F, S) 3 hrs. cr.  
**Introduction to Sociology**  
 A systematic study of society. Emphasis on major concepts of sociology and the scientific point of view in dealing with social phenomena. Satisfies a Core Curriculum requirement.

Soc 210 (F, S) 3 hrs. cr.  
**Social Problems**  
 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 221 (F) 3 hrs. cr.  
**Marriage and Family**  
 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 298 (Demand) 3 hrs. cr.  
**Topics in Sociology**  
 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 301 (Demand) 3 hrs. cr.  
**Sociology of Religion**  
 Religion as a major social institution. Compares religions regarding behavioral content. Major attention is given to the nature of religion, organized religion, and how religion is integrated into society. Limited attention given to the behavioral expectations associated with the major religions of the world. Prerequisite: Soc 110.

Soc 302 (Demand) 3 hrs. cr.  
**Cults and Sects in the U.S.**  
 This course focuses on the study of religious cults and sects, often referred to as New Religious Movements, in the United States in the late twentieth century and early twenty-first. The class will examine the nature of fringe groups in modern society from a theoretical perspective, looking at the various definitions and classifications of these groups in sociology. Prerequisites: Soc 110 and three additional hours sociology or permission of instructor.

Soc 303 (Demand) 3 hrs. cr.  
**The Arab World**  
 A social science view of the Arab world which 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. Can be used to satisfy the Core Curriculum in Area 5.

Soc 305 (F, S) 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 306 (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 311 (F, S) 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 which comprise international systems of inequality by race/ethnicity, gender, and social class. Prerequisite: 6 hours of sociology.

Soc 312 (S) 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 319 (Demand) 3 hrs. cr.  
**Social Interaction**  
 Theoretical examination of the individual as a social product and social force. Study the foundations of human interaction, process of socialization, and differentiation of individuals. Focus on perceptions, attitudes, and beliefs within the individual as we examine individual behavior within the social context. Prerequisite: Soc 110.

Soc 322 (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 331 (F) 3 hrs. cr.  
**Introduction to Social Work**  
 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 341 (F) 3 hrs. cr.  
**Gender Roles**  
 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. Studies reviewed 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 351 (Demand) 3 hrs. cr.  
**Criminology**  
 Social and legal concept of crime. Review of measurements and data of crime(s) and the theories related to the cause of criminal behaviors. Discussion of profiles of different adult offenders and their behavioral characteristics relative to the major felonies committed in contemporary society. Prerequisite: Soc 110.

Soc 354 (S) 3 hrs. cr.  
**Sociology of Health and Illness**  
 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 are also explored. 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 361 (F) 3 hrs. cr.  
**Social Demography**  
 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 362 (F) 3 hrs. cr.  
**Deviant Behavior**  
Theoretical explanations of socially disapproved behavior from the sociological perspective and the application of these concepts to specific forms of deviance. Analysis of the social nature of conforming behavior as a way of increasing understanding of deviant behavior. Prerequisite: 6 hours of sociology.

Soc 370 (Demand) 3 hrs. cr.  
**The Sociology of Death and 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 382 (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 391 (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 395 (S) 3 hrs. cr.  
**Collective Behavior**  
Emerging social processes related to crowd behavior such as riots, panics, mass hysterias, fads, and social movements. Exploration of the theories that have been applied to such occurrences. Examination of several specific episodes of collective behavior from the perspective of these theories. Prerequisite: Soc. 110.

Soc 396 (Demand) 3 hrs. cr.  
**Sociology of Education**  
An analysis of the functions and processes that characterize the social institution of education (e.g., cultural transmission and social control), the role of the education in the process of social stratification (e.g., ability grouping and social class reproduction) and attempts to achieve equality of the educational opportunity (e.g., by race/ethnicity, gender, and social class). Includes an exploration of the relationships between education and the other social institutions (including the family, religion, and the economy). Prerequisite: Soc 110.

Soc 402 (S) 3 hrs. cr.  
**The Community – Rural and Urban** (Writing Intensive)  
Social processes of human groups who share common unities 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 406 (Demand) 3 hrs. cr.  
**Sociology of Child Abuse**  
An analysis of child abuse and neglect as it has developed 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 431 (F, 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 considered. Emphasis will be placed on ethical issues in research. Prerequisite: 9 hours of sociology.

Soc 432 (S) 3 hrs. cr.  
**Advanced Research Methods**  
This course will provide students the opportunity to participate in individual or group research projects, data analysis and professional presentation skills. Prerequisite: 12 hrs. of sociology, Soc 305 and Soc 431.

Soc 482 (S) 3 hrs. cr.  
**Sociological Theory**  
Classical and contemporary theory placed in historical perspective. An analysis and interpretation of social groups, social organizations, and social systems through the study of social thought from Auguste Comte to theorists in the modern period. Prerequisite: 9 hours of sociology.

Soc 496 (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.

Soc 498 (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 indepth 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 499 (Demand) 1-2-3 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.



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**Faculty** Fields - Head, Claussen, Jaros, Lile, Hunt-(Professor Emeritus)

### **Mission**

The Theatre Department affirms the mission of Missouri Southern State University and contributes to it by committing to the total education of each student. Every member of the theatre faculty is dedicated to the highest quality teaching and learning of both general education and discipline specific materials. The department prepares its majors for a large variety of careers as well as graduate education. In addition to providing scholarly and creative expression for students through its production program, it exposes the community to a diverse assortment of topical, global issues. The Theatre Department is at the very center of most creative and artistic on-campus and community events through its involvement in all cultural activities housed in Taylor Auditorium.