Understand the Social World!
Sociology is the scientific study of our social world. The basic challenge in sociology is to understand ourselves and others more fully. Sociology asks us to probe beneath the surface and to question why people behave as they do, especially in group situations. Using the sociological perspective we question the taken-for-granted, ask why our society operates as it does, and question how our social arrangements could be different.

Prepare for Your Future
A degree in sociology at Black Hills State University will prepare you for the ever-changing demands of our contemporary workplaces.

Learn from the Best
The sociology professors at BHSU bring a wealth of experience to their classrooms to make your education a real hands-on learning experience. With expertise in the areas of sociological theory, inequality, criminal and deviant behavior, social organizations, gender, and gerontology, the faculty at BHSU help you prepare for employment in business and industry, community social services, social policy, advocacy, communications, services for the aging, government service, education, the justice system, and research.

Enjoy The Experience
Learn to interpret group behaviors, to engage different social groups, and to respond to social problems. Gain real-world experience with an internship, take part in cutting-edge research projects, and get involved in student organizations and government!

BHSU sociology graduates can have exciting careers such as the following:
- Human Resource Manager
- Labor Relations
- Market Analyst
- Project Manager
- Public Relations
- Case Manager
- Admissions Counselor
- Alumni Relation
- Public Relations
- Foreign Service Officer
- Urban Planner
- Juvenile Court Worker
- Parole Officer
- Corrections Officer
- Community Organizer
- Fund Raising
- Rural Health Outreach
- Police Officer
- Special Agents
- Census Research
- Consumer Research
- Demographer
- Social Research

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### Required Core

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### General Education Requirements

- **Gen Ed**
  - Mathematics: 3 semester hours
  - Social Science: 3 semester hours
  - Arts & Humanities: 6 semester hours
  - Natural Science AND Lab: 6-10 semester hours

- **ENGL 101**: Composition I
- **ENGL 201**: Composition II
- **SPCM 101 OR SPCM 215 OR SPCM 222**: Speech

**A minor** is required with this major plus electives to total 120 hours, of which 36 hours must be 300-400 level courses.

**Note:** Updated on July 19, 2017

**Notes:** This program guide serves as a resource for you. For official program requirements, please check with the official catalog at [http://catalog.bhsu.edu](http://catalog.bhsu.edu).