

Sociology

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)



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!

find your career:

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



- SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology**
- SOC 307 Research Methods I
- SOC 308 Research Methods II
- SOC 330 Self and Society
- SOC 350 Race and Ethnic Relations

- SOC 402 Social Deviance
- SOC 403 Sociological Theory
- SOC 423 Social Stratification
- SOC 498 Undergraduate Research/Scholarship
- SOC Electives (15 credits)

Depending upon the career direction a student selects, the following are advised electives:

Culture & Society

Choose 5 courses from the following:

- SOC 225 American Indian Women
- SOC 355 Sociology of the Mass Media
- SOC 356 Sociology of Religion
- SOC 382 The Family
- SOC 421 Culture of the American Indian
- SOC 422 Issues in Contemporary American Indian Life
- SOC 444 Siouan Tribal Culture
- SOC 458 Sociology of Aging
- SOC 471 Medical Sociology
- SOC 480 Sociology of Education
- SOC 483 Sociology of Gender
- SOC 484 Sociology of Politics

- SOC 491 (291) Independent Study (1-3 credits)
- SOC 492 Topics (1-3 credits)
- SOC 494 Internship (1-3 credits)

Law & Justice

Choose 5 courses from the following:

- SOC 150 Social Problems
- SOC 201 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- SOC 326 Mediation and Conflict Resolution
- SOC 351 Criminology
- SOC 452 Prisons and Penology
- SOC 455 Juvenile Delinquency
- SOC 456 Community Corrections
- SOC 491 (291) Independent Study (1-3 credits)
- SOC 492 Topics (1-3 credits)
- SOC 494 Internship (1-3 credits)

Social Resilience

Choose 5 courses from the following:

- SOC 151 Social Issues in Sustainability
- SOC 400 Social Policy
- SOC 432 Collective Behavior & Social Change
- SOC 440 Urban Sociology
- SOC 454 Indian Community Organization & Development
- SOC 462 Population Studies
- SOC 491 (291) Independent Study (1-3 credits)
- SOC 492 Topics (1-3 credits)
- SOC 494 Internship (1-3 credits)

General Education Requirements

- Gen Ed Mathematics 3 semester hours
- Gen Ed Social Science 3 semester hours
- Gen Ed Arts & Humanities 6 semester hours
- Gen Ed 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.