

SOCIOLOGY

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Sociology provides many distinctive perspectives of the social world, generating new ideas and critiquing the old. The field also offers a range of research techniques that can be applied to virtually any issue: street crime and delinquency, corporate downsizing, the alleviation of poverty and homelessness, welfare or education reform, or problems of peace and war. Because sociology addresses the most challenging issues of our time, it is a rapidly expanding field whose research and scholarship is increasingly tapped by those who craft policies and create programs. Sociology is an exciting discipline with expanding opportunities for a wide range of career paths.

As such, the NSU Department of Sociology offers students a high quality education, providing knowledge and skills to strive in a competitive, diverse and ever-changing world. The main goal of the department is to not only share our knowledge and professional experiences, but to encourage and challenge students to develop their full academic potential. The department will accomplish this by increasing the understanding of social behavior, promoting original research and teaching the principles and methodologies of sociology. Consequently, the overall goal of the Sociology Department is the pursuit of excellence in the areas of teaching, research, scholarly activities and community service. The Department is committed to student excellence, preparing students to address these issues in society by working closely with them to encourage and develop their skills. Through research and scholarly activities, faculty contribute to the further understanding of human behavior and involve students in these activities. Simultaneously, the Department seeks to serve as an interface between the theoretically-oriented university and the pragmatically-oriented community and to be involved in community service.

The Department offers the Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology with concentrations in Crime and Criminal Justice, Social Justice and Social Inequality, Family and Social Relationships, and Population Studies. The department offers a Minor in Criminal Justice and a Minor in Sociology. In addition, the Department offers two Master of Arts degrees in Urban Affairs and Criminal Justice.

Sociology Programs

- Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (<https://catalog.nsu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/sociology/sociology-ba/>)
- Minor in Criminal Justice (<https://catalog.nsu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/sociology/criminal-justice-minor/>)
- Minor in Sociology (<https://catalog.nsu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/sociology/sociology-minor/>)

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