

Sociology — Social Services

Program Description:

This program provides entry level knowledge and skills for a variety of social service positions. A foundation of knowledge about social structure, organizations and human relationships is provided by the Sociology major. This major also helps you develop critical thinking ability, improve writing skills and acquire competency in conducting research—all valued by employers in the field of social services. To this sociological base are added knowledge about social work practice, current issues in social work, clinical diagnosis and skills in counseling. An extensive internship in one or more agencies allows you to apply knowledge and skills gained in the classroom in a closely supervised setting. Internships may be with local agencies or programs outside the local area.

You will find room within this four-year program to elect an additional minor, if you wish. You may choose among human service minors, such as Child Development, Corrections, Counseling, Gerontology, Human Service Administration, or Substance Abuse Counseling. Alternatively, you may choose to develop knowledge and skills supportive of a career in social services through taking a minor in such areas as Communications, Psychology, Public Relations, Public Administration, a foreign language or other.

If you plan to continue studies in a graduate program, such as a Master Degree in Social Work, this program provides the academic background and exposure to the field necessary for success in such graduate studies.

Career Descriptions:

Child Welfare Worker—works with children and families in a variety of settings to enable parents to care for children and to protect children where necessary.

Case Manager—monitors services, assesses needs, coordinates with other agencies, refers clients to other agencies and assists clients in accessing services.

Administrator—is responsible for service delivery, resource development, goal setting, supervision of staff and general management of programs.

Adult Services Worker—provides for the social, residential and custodial needs of adults unable to care for themselves.

Community Action Worker—assesses needs, implements services, helps develop programs, and assists young and old to connect to services within the community.

Elder Services Worker—works with elderly in independent living or residential facilities to assess needs, encourage family support and refer to service providers where needed.

Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science

Career Choices:

Human Services Worker
Case Manager
Administrator
Adult Services Worker
Community Action Worker
Elder Services Worker

Student Profile:

Are you...
patient with and caring toward others?
someone who enjoys working with different people from different backgrounds?
ethical and responsible?

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Sociology Concentration (36 credits)

Sociology Core (27 credits)

SOCY101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCY202	Social Research Methods	3
SOCY238	Social Psychology	4
SOCY302	Statistics for Social Science	4
SOCY303	Contemporary Sociological Theory	3
SOCY304	Development of Sociological Theory	3
SOCY399	Sociology Junior Seminar	1
SOCY401	Sociological Research I	3
SOCY402	Sociology Research II	3

Sociology Electives (9 credits)

Select an additional nine hours of Sociology (SOCY) courses including at least one 300/400 level elective Sociology course. Among the total of 36 Sociology credits, only three credits may be SOCY/SOWK courses.

Social Work Concentration (24 credits)

SOWK110	Introduction to Social Work	3
SOWK201	Communication Skills in Counseling	3
SOWK250	Social Work Practicum	9
SOWK310	Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment	3
SOWK344	Social Welfare System	3
SOWK480	Grantwriting	3

Support Course (4 credits)

BIOL105	Function of the Human Body	4
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Total Departmental Credits: 64

General Education: Complete the remainder of general education requirements.

Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts Requirements

Select one of the following alternatives:

Bachelor of Science—no additional credits

Bachelor of Arts—requires one year of a foreign language (8 credits)

Electives must be taken to total 124 credits.

Associate Degree in Social Work

Upon completing this BS degree, you will have met the requirements for the Associate Degree in Social Work.

Bachelor Degrees

Bachelor of Arts Degree:

One year (8 credits) of a modern language other than English. If taken at LSSU, this would be:

CHIN151-152, FREN151-152 or 251-252, GRMN141-142 or 241-242, NATV141-142 or 201-202, or SPAN161-162.

One-half year of two different languages will not meet this requirement.

Bachelor of Science Degree:

At least eight (8) semester credits *in addition* to courses used for general education requirements from categories of social science, natural science or mathematics.

These bachelor of science degree requirements can be used for majors or minors, but not general education.