

Sociology, Social Work and Criminology

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Program Description	Type	Degree
Master of Arts in Sociology (https://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/artsandletters/sociologysocialworkcriminology/masociology/)	Degree	M.A.
Master of Social Work (https://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/artsandletters/sociologysocialworkcriminology/msw/)	Degree	M.S.W.

Master of Arts in Sociology

Mission

The mission of the M.A. in Sociology program is to prepare students for careers in sociological practice, research, and/or teaching. We focus on building core skills in social research methods and theory, as well as tailoring the program to develop secondary skills in areas such as applied data analysis, reporting, and policy development. Our graduates find positions in both the business and non-profit sectors, including in marketing, market research, education, healthcare, criminal justice, and environmental and other non-profits. Other graduates go on to pursue additional graduate education through sociology and social science doctoral degrees, as well as in law and medicine.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Master literature in at least one substantive area of sociology.
2. Develop an understanding of sociological theory.
3. Become proficient in social research skills, including research design, data collection, analysis, and interpretation.

Master of Social Work

Mission

The mission of the M.S.W program is to prepare students for advanced clinical social work practice that promotes human and social well-being and advances social justice. Graduates are expected to become culturally competent and effective practitioners with professional values, evidence-based knowledge, and skills relevant to their local and global communities. The Advanced Practice Specialization is Advanced Clinical Practice.

Goals

1. Develop an identity that will incorporate the values, principles, and ethics of the social work profession.
2. Develop practice skills with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities, applying evidence-based knowledge.

3. Develop critical thinking skills based on scientific inquiry and research-informed practice.
4. Work with diverse, vulnerable, oppressed, and disadvantaged populations locally and globally.
5. Advance global human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.
6. Gain expertise in clinically focused practice with an emphasis on children and families and forensic social work.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate ethical and professional behavior.
2. Engage diversity and difference in practice.
3. Advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.
4. Engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice.
5. Engage in policy practice.
6. Engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
7. Assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
8. Intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
9. Evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.