

SOCIOLOGY (BS) - SOCIAL SERVICES TRACK

Program Overview

The Social Services Track is designed for students who intend to work in areas of social service and non-profit organizations. First students are expected to complete a strong foundation of required courses of 15 hours of course work, sociological theory, social research methods, social statistics, stratification and inequality, and sociology capstone. Then, they are required to choose 12 hours of directed electives in Area G, which includes options for social work practice, clinical sociology, race and ethnic relations, advanced qualitative research methods, and an internship. Finally, in Area H, students are required to choose 12 hours of directed elective credit from courses like social welfare policy, social work ethics, drugs, domestic abuse, family, and several other courses.

Graduates of this program will be able to demonstrate the ability to think rationally and critically about various sociological issues, excel in interpersonal communication skills, demonstrate a deep understanding of multiculturalism and diversity, and will have well-developed skills in research, data analysis, planning and organizing, management and demonstrate proficiency with either quantitative or qualitative data base and statistical software, and hands-on experience if they choose an internship.

Example study areas include:

The Family

Race, Class, and Gender

Crime, Conformity, and Deviance

Social Stratification, Prejudice and Discrimination

Community Development, and Social Policy

Work and Organizations

Global Studies: - Model African Union

African Women and Development

Social Theory

Social Research Methods

Career Opportunities

- Mental Health Worker
- Adoption Agent
- Corrections Officer
- Child Welfare Officer
- Human Resources
- Welfare Counselor
- Community Service Agency
- Claims Representative
- Public Opinion Surveyor
- Marketing Research Analyst
- Social Worker
- Case Aid Worker

- Child Abuse Case Manager
- Advertising Assistant
- Delinquency Counselor
- Parole/Probation Officer
- Researcher
- Correctional Case Worker
- Technical Writer
- Alcohol/ Drug Case Worker
- Research Assistant
- Consumer Advocate
- Labor Relations
- Personnel Interviewer