

**M.Ed./Initial License in Social Studies Education ■ Sociology**

**What are prerequisites?**

Prerequisites are foundational courses required in specific content areas for licensure. Candidates are required to have an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution with a major in sociology or closely related field, and with appropriate liberal arts/general education coursework. Students must verify their concentration area and supporting fields competency by completion of the following courses or equivalent. Coursework may be taken at any accredited liberal arts college or university, and you must earn a C- or better.

**When do prerequisites need to be completed?**

Up to two prerequisite courses may be incomplete at the start of the M.Ed./Initial License program; however, it is strongly encouraged that all prerequisite coursework is completed prior to starting the program. Any in-progress coursework would be counted as complete if an official transcript with proof of enrollment is provided at the time of application. Please check with your program area adviser before registering for any prerequisite coursework.

**Sociology CONCENTRATION AREA COURSES:  
 28 credits minimum for U of M Sociology majors**

Course Requirements	Some UMN Options
<b>Introduction to Sociology</b> Study of human societies/behavior. Major theories, methods, concepts, research findings. Characteristics of basic social units, patterns of interrelation, processes of change	SOC 1001
<b>Criminal Justice</b> Components, dynamics, and philosophical underpinnings of criminal justice and agencies (law enforcement, courts, corrections). Issues in science of crime as a social phenomenon. Creation/use of laws, patterns/causes of crime.	SOC 3101 or 3102
<b>Social Change/Movement</b> Causes, dimensions, and consequences of inequality in America. Class, gender, race. Power/status differentials. Cross-national patterns. Social mobility. Educational/occupational influences. Status attainment. Social stratification/change. Social welfare. Public policies.	SOC 3201, 4305, or AFRO 5072
<b>Formal Organizations</b> Formal organizations as major social influences in work lives, personality development, social change, and conflict. Life-course analysis of enterprises, bureaucracies, and voluntary organizations. Organizational control, conflict, coordination, and inter-organizational sets/relationships.	SOC 3411 or 3711
<b>Historical/Comparative Sociology (social theory)</b> Key changes in cultural life in the United States and internationally. Theories that have been developed to understand them.	SOC 3701, 4703
<b>Research Methods</b> Principles/practice of research design, sampling, data collection including field observation/surveys. Data management/analysis, reporting of quantitative/non-quantitative data. Ethics in sociological research.	SOC 3801
<b>Statistics</b> Descriptive statistics. Measures of central tendency, deviation, association. Inferential statistics focusing on probability and hypothesis testing. T-tests, Chi-square tests, variance analysis, bivariate regression. Statistical software used to analyze sociological data.	SOC 3811
Electives to total 26 credits	

**SUPPORTING FIELDS COURSES: 21-26 credits**

Course Requirements	Some UMN Options
<p><b>American Government &amp; Politics (3-4 cr)</b> Introduction to politics/government in the United States. Constitutional origins/development, major institutions, parties, interest groups, elections, participation, public opinion. Ways of explaining politics, nature of political science.</p>	<p>POL 1001, 3306, 3308, 3309, 3321, 3325, 4327, 4737, 4766</p>
<p><b>US History to 1880 (3-4 cr)</b> From colonial era through Civil War: colonization/resistance, slavery, nation-building, westward expansion, gender roles, religion, reform, race/ethnicity, immigration, industrialization, class relations</p>	<p>HIST 1301W or 1307</p>
<p><b>US History 1880 to Present (3-4 cr)</b> U.S. history since Civil War: emancipation, forms of labor, immigration, citizenship, conceptions of race/gender, hot/cold wars, reform/rights movements, globalization, state power</p>	<p>HIST 1302W, 1308, or AFRO 3865</p>
<p><b>Economics (3-4 cr)</b> Economic behavior of consumers/firms in domestic/international markets. Demand, supply, competition. Efficiency, Invisible Hand. Monopoly, imperfect competition. Externalities, property rights. Economics of public policy in environment, health, and safety. Public goods, tax policy.</p>	<p>APEC 1101 or 1102, or ECON 1101 or 1102</p>
<p><b>Human Geography (3 cr)</b> Geographical understandings of globalization and connections/differences between places; how diverse groups of people interact within the complexities of the natural environment; population policies, problems, theories; impact of population growth on food supply and the environment.</p>	<p>GEOG 1301, 3101, 3371, or 3381</p>
<p><b>Psychology (3-4 cr)</b> Scientific study of human behavior. Problems, methods, findings of modern psychology.</p>	<p>PSY 1001, 3011, 3101, 3135, 3301, or PSTL 1281</p>
<p><b>Contemporary American Indian Studies (3 cr)</b> Indigenous peoples contribution to history of cultural expression in North America. Historic contexts/varieties in individual tribal cultures.</p>	<p>AMIN 1001, 3201, 3301, 3402, 3409, 3501, 3711, 3713, 3872, 4525</p>