As a broad discipline, Sociology has something to offer everyone. The content of what we cover in our courses includes the study of a vast array of topics, including: the development of social selves, deviant subcultures, political economy, running through all of what we do is the analysis of social structure (micro, meso, and macro levels) and the interplay between self and society.

Our programs curriculum stresses both theory and method, and offers elective credits in key areas within the discipline - e.g., social organization, social psychology, social movements, inequality, social problems, community organization, social interaction, social welfare, and research methodology. Our programs stress qualitative research methodology, and our students engage in research that contributes to theoretical and practical knowledge of the discipline. Our students gain substantive knowledge in key areas as well as practical skills in the realm of data analysis, and in some cases, students end up with job offers from the places where they interned.

Students in our Sociology program acquire key methodological skills. Students are required to learn a variety of different methods, including quantitative and historical methods, for both institutional and community-based action research.

Students in our Sociology program acquire professional skills through both course-based requirements and their internship experience.

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Acquired Skills

- Students in our Sociology program acquire analytical skills. As a multiple paradigmatic science, study in sociology requires students to understand and apply multiple theoretical perspectives in examining social phenomena.
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Why UMD

- Our program's curriculum stresses both theory and method, and offers elective credits in key areas within the discipline - e.g., social organization, social psychology, social movements, inequality, social problems, community organization, social welfare, and research methodology.
- Our Department's Internship program is very successful at matching student interns with organizations where students get hands-on experience, and in some cases, students end up with job offers from the places where they interned.
- Our Department is home to a number of related disciplines - Sociology, Criminology, Anthropology, and Women/Gender/Sexuality Studies. Our programs complement one another, such that students are able to take courses in these different components that count toward their Sociology Degree.

Scholarships

CLA is proud to be able to offer over 90 alumni and donor funded scholarships to our students each year. In addition, our College is proud to offer a number of CLA-wide scholarships that are available to our students.

Career Possibilities

Graduates of our Sociology program go on to make valuable contributions in a variety of work settings. The majority of our alumni work in Social Services – in some cases, they go on to earn their MSW and are social workers, in other cases, they are treatment workers in chemical dependency programs. We have Sociology graduates who have gone on to earn their PhD and are now professors in Sociology and/or Criminology programs. The courses offered in our Sociology program provide a solid foundation for work in an array of different organizations. Students with Sociology majors go on to work in both private and public spheres, for profit businesses as well as not for profit agencies, and governmental organizations.

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total over $190,000 is awarded out to CLA majors and some minors as well. Each department facilitates the process for their specific scholarships and students are also encouraged to apply for CLA-wide scholarships offered to students in any field.

**Student Clubs**

Sociology Club and Minnesota Public Research Interest Group (MPIRG)

**Graduate Report**

Recent UMD Graduates Job Placement Data & Employers

Here's a sampling of positions and grad programs Sociology B.A. grads have attained six months to one year after graduation.

- Intervention Specialist - Anoka-Hennepin Schools, Coon Rapids High School, Coon Rapids, MN
- Corrections Counselor - Arrowhead Juvenile Center, Duluth, MN
- Emergency Service Case Manager - Salvation Army, Duluth, MN
- Program Manager - TBI Residential & Community Services, Duluth, MN
- Research Assistant - University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center, Minneapolis, MN
- Graduate School, Mental Health Counseling, Minnesota State University, Mankato, Mankato, MN

For more data see the Sociology B.A. Graduate Follow-Up Report.

For ideas about Sociology B.A. and other majors visit Career & Internship Services.

Where the possibilities are endless. We will be your compass.

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