

Program Description

The Sociology Transfer Pathway Associate of Arts (AA) degree program offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Arts degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Sociology bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing this pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State universities enter the university with junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field.

Minnesota State Universities - Designated Degrees

- Bemidji State University: Sociology BA
- Metropolitan State University: Social Science BA
- Minnesota State University, Mankato: Applied Sociology BA, Sociology BA, Applied Sociology BS, Sociology BS
- Minnesota State University, Moorhead: Sociology BA
- Southwest Minnesota State University: Sociology BA
- St. Cloud State University: Sociology BA, Sociology BA (Concentration in Critical Applied Sociology)
- Winona State University: Sociology BA

Program Goals

By completing this program, students will achieve the following learning goals:

1. Knowledge Base: Students should demonstrate the underlying knowledge and be able to articulate an understanding of the major concepts, theoretical frameworks, historical trends and empirical findings in sociology to articulate how sociological principles connect and explain societal and individual behavior;
2. Scientific Inquiry and Critical Thinking: Students should demonstrate an empirical understanding for how science has constructed an understanding that allows for the expansion of problem-solving and reasoning to be applied to sociological phenomenon and behavior by groups and individuals;
3. Ethical and Social Responsibility in a Diverse World: Students should gain an understanding of the formal regulation that govern professional ethics in sociology and be able to apply these to have a larger impact of their social responsibility in creating a more accepting diverse and multicultural world; and
4. Communication: Students should have the skill to conduct their own scientific inquiries that allow them to build a scientific argument incorporating sociological concepts and theories with clarity and accuracy.

Required Courses: 60 Total Credits

- SOC 1111 General Sociology (fall) / Introduction to Sociology (spring) 3

Choose one of the following:

- SOC 1102 Relationships, Marriage, and Family 3
- SOC 1104 Human Sexuality in Society 3
- SOC 1108/PYSC 1108 Death and Dying 3

- SOC 2100 Sociology of Food 3
- SOC 2260/PYSC 2260♦ Social Psychology 3
- SOC 2261♦ Introduction to Crime and Criminology 3

Choose one of the following:

- SOC 1145/WGST 1145 Gender in Society 3
- SOC 1200/INTS 1200 Introduction to Diversity Studies 3
- SOC 2207 Social Inequalities 3
- SOC 2221♦ Social Problems 3

Choose eight credits from any academic discipline which will serve as General Elective credits. Suggested courses are listed below:

- Any of the SOC courses listed above 3
- ANTH 2201 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology 3
- ECON 1100 Introduction to the American Economy 3
- GEOG 1102 Introduction to Human Geography 3
- HIST 1101 Minnesota History 3
- POLS 1111 American Politics and Government 3
- PSYC 2110♦ Introduction to Research Methods 3

Complete at least 40 credits in courses from the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC), including all courses listed. You must complete all ten goal areas and maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA for the entire MnTC. One course may satisfy more than one goal area, but the course credits may be counted only once.

- 1. Communication
 - ENGL 1120♦ OR ENGL 1121♦ 4
 - CMST 1110 OR CMST 2220 3
- 2. Critical Thinking
- 3. Natural Science (*two courses required; one from each of two departments; one must include a lab*)
- 4. Mathematical/Logical Reasoning (*one course required*)
 - MATH 1114♦ OR MATH 1200 (or higher)♦ 3-4
- 5. History/Social/Behavioral Sciences (*one course required; one from either category*)
 - A. Economics/Geography
 - C. History/Political Science
- 6. Humanities/Fine Arts (*two courses required; one from each of two categories*)
 - A. Literature
 - B. Humanities/Philosophy
 - C. Art/Music/Theatre
- 7. Human Diversity (*one course required*)
(*Highly recommended: SOC 1102, SOC 1104, SOC 1145/WGST 1145, SOC 1200/INTS 1200, or SOC 2207*)
- 8. Global Perspective (*one course required*)
- 9. Ethical/Civic Responsibility (*one course required*)
(*Highly recommended: SOC 2221♦ or SOC 2261♦*)
- 10. People and the Environment (*one course required*)
- Choose any HPER course(s) totaling three credits 3

♦ Course has prerequisite - see course schedule or catalog description.

^ Course requires Instructor permission.

NOTE: You are encouraged to contact an academic advisor at 763-433-1230 for course planning assistance and information about transfer credit evaluation and transfer options.

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Associate of Arts (AA) Degree

Pathway Plan

Classes are scheduled for full-time students to complete in two years; part-time students will need more time. For assistance with pathway planning, students should schedule an appointment with an academic advisor. See also the college catalog Appendix for course offering information.

Degree Specifics

- A minimum of 60 semester credits in courses numbered 1000 or above.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in courses numbered 1000 or above at ARCC.
- Some students may need preparatory courses in the areas of English, mathematics or reading. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward this degree.
- Satisfy residency requirements.
- A minimum grade of C must be earned in all program requirements.
- Completion of specific degree requirements.
- Each state university has specific program requirements for completion. Please speak with your advisor about requirements at receiving institutions.
- To complete your program, please submit the appropriate application found [here](#).
- The requirements of this program are subject to change without notice.

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