

Program Description

Sociologists study human's social lives, activities, interactions, processes, and organizations within the context of larger social, political, and economic forces. They examine how social influences affect different individuals and groups, and the ways organizations and institutions affect people's lives. The Sociology Transfer Pathway provides a broad base of general education relevant to sociology careers, and prepares students for transfer to a designated Sociology bachelor's degree program at Minnesota State universities. The sociology major teaches students how to think about individuals, groups, institutions, communities and societies in all of their complexity and interconnectedness and how to use the scientific method to ask and answer social research questions about these entities using data. Employers seek to hire candidates with strong analytic and communication skills, who can think creatively about problems, work in collaborative environments, and leverage diversity to maximize success for their organizations and employees.

Program Outcomes

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

- Identify and explain key concepts in Sociology;
- Apply key concepts in Sociology to real world examples;
- Identify and explain major theoretical perspectives in Sociology;
- Analyze social phenomena using theoretical perspectives;
- Apply a Sociological Imagination to social issues;
- Identify and explain the causes and consequences of social inequalities;
- Compare and contrast societies based on social structure, institutions and culture; and
- Identify and describe the research methods used in Sociology.

Program Course Requirements

Required Discipline Courses (9 credits)

SOCL 1401	Introduction to Sociology (Goals 2,5) OR	
SOCL 1403*	Honors Intro to Sociology (Goals 5,8).....	3 cr
SOCL 1472	Sociology of the Family (Goal 5) OR	
SOCL 2405	Criminology (Goal 5).....	3 cr
SOCL 2481	Race, Ethnicity and Oppression (Goals 5,7) OR	
SOCL 2411	Social Problems (Goals 5,9)	3 cr

Required MnTC Courses (33 credits)

Goal 1 - Communications

COMM	Any 14XX or 24XX COMM course	3 cr
ENGL 1410	Composition I (Goal 1) OR	
ENGL 1420*	Honors Composition I (Goal 1)	4 cr
ENGL 1411*	Composition II (Goal 1) OR	
ENGL 1421*	Honors Composition II (Goals 1,9).....	4 cr

Goal 2 – Critical Thinking**

“Double Dip” with another MnTC Goal1 course

Goal 3 - Natural Sciences

2 disciplines recommended, 1 lab course required..... 6 cr

Goal 4 – Math/Logical Reasoning

MATH 1460*	Introduction to Statistics (Goal 4) OR	
MATH 1461*	Honors Intro to Statistics (Goals 2,4).....	4 cr

Goal 5 – History/Social Behavioral Sciences

Any discipline other than Sociology..... 3 cr

Goal 6 – Humanities and Fine Arts

2 disciplines required, 3 recommended 9 cr

Goal 7 – Human Diversity**

“Double Dip” with another MnTC Goal1 course

Goal 8 – Goal Perspective**

“Double Dip” with another MnTC Goal1 course

Goal 9 – Ethic and Civic Responsibility**

“Double Dip” with another MnTC Goal1 course

Goal 10 – People and The Environment**

“Double Dip” with another MnTC Goal1 course

Fitness for Life (2 credits)

HLTH or PHED Fitness for Life course 2 cr

Student Success (1 credit)

CCST 1550 Introduction to College (recommended) 1 cr

Electives as needed to total 60 credits** 15 cr

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT - 60 CREDITS

*Denotes Prerequisites

**Many courses from Goals 1 – 6 also meet Goal 7 – 10. Credits count only once. Students are advised to select MnTC courses with multiple goal assignments whenever possible.

Semester Course Requirements

This is a sample full-time student pathway.

Semester One (14 credits)

CCST 1550	Introduction to College (recommended)	1 cr
ENGL 1410	Composition I (Goal 1) OR	
ENGL 1420*	Honors Composition I (Goal 1)	4 cr
SOCL 1401	Introduction to Sociology (Goals 2,5) OR	
SOCL 1403*	Honors Intro to Sociology (Goals 5,8)	3 cr
Goal 3**	.....	3 cr
Goal 6**	.....	3 cr

Semester Two (16 credits)

COMM	Any 14XX or 24XX COMM course	3 cr
ENGL 1411*	Composition II (Goal 1) OR	
ENGL 1421*	Honors Composition II (Goals 1,9)	4 cr
SOCL 1472	Sociology of the Family (Goal 5) OR	
SOCL 2405	Criminology (Goal 5)	3 cr
Goal 3** w/lab course (Goals 3,10)**	.....	3 cr
Goal 5**	.....	3 cr

Semester Three (15 credits)

MATH 1460*	Introduction to Statistics (Goal 4) OR	
MATH 1461*	Honors Intro to Statistics (Goals 2,4)	4 cr
HLTH or PHED	Fitness for Life course	2 cr
Goal 6**	.....	3 cr
Electives or Goal 7**, 8** or 9** courses	.....	6 cr

Semester Four (15 credits)

SOCL 2481	Race, Ethnicity and Oppression (Goals 5,7) OR	
SOCL 2411	Social Problems (Goals 5,9)	3 cr
Goal 6**	3 cr
Electives or Goal 7**, 8** or 9** courses	9 cr

**Denotes Prerequisites*

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Transfer Opportunities

The Sociology Transfer Pathway A.A. Degree 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 students completing this pathway degree and transferring to a Minnesota State university may enter with junior-year status. Courses in the Sociology Transfer Pathway associates degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs. Students should consult with an advisor for guidance regarding how to best meet the requirements of their intended baccalaureate program. Universities within the Minnesota State system participating in the Sociology Transfer Pathway include:

- Bemidji State University – BA
- Metropolitan State University - BAS
- Minnesota State University, Mankato – BA/BS
- Minnesota State University, Moorhead – BA
- Southwest State University, BA
- St. Cloud State University - BA
- Winona State University - BA

Course Prerequisites

Some courses may require appropriate test score or completion of basic math, basic English and/or reading courses with a “C” or better. CLC utilizes a multiple measure approach for placement which may include high school MCA, SAT, ACT scores in addition to high school GPAs. For insurance purposes, internships may require that students be 18 years old.

Graduation Requirements

In addition to the program requirements, students must meet the following conditions in order to graduate:

1. College Cumulative GPA Requirement: cumulative grade point average (GPA) of credits attempted and completed at CLC must be at least 2.0;
2. Residency Requirement: students must complete 25% of their credits at Central Lakes College.