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- 399. Professional Internship (1-12).** Open to junior or senior psychology majors.
- 440. Current Research in Psychology: MPA (1-2).** Exposure to current experimental research in psychology. Students attend presentations at the Midwestern Psychological Association annual meeting which usually takes place in Chicago in early May. Reading from current journals is also required. Students enrolling for 2 semester hours are required to do an additional integrative project. (Prerequisite: completion of 14 semester hours in psychology, including Psychology 265.)
- 445. Senior Research (3).** The culminating experience for students majoring in psychology. Under the supervision of a faculty member, each student selects a research topic of interest. Published literature on the topic is reviewed and a formal research proposal is prepared. The student conducts the research and presents the findings publicly. (Prerequisite: Psychology 265. Open to senior psychology majors.) Fall.
- 451. Independent Study (1-3).** Supervised reading or research in an area of special interest to the student; the project may be theoretical or experimental. (Prerequisites: Psychology 100 and permission of instructor.)
- 499. Advanced Experimental Course (1-3).**

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Courses in this department are intended to prepare liberal arts students for meaningful roles in our pluralistic society. A major in the department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice also prepares students for (a) graduate school with the goal of becoming a sociologist, criminologist or social work professional; (b) a wide range of positions in social and human service agencies; (c) employment in the criminal justice system and related agencies; or (d) teaching in the secondary schools.

The department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice offers the Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in **sociology** and **criminal justice**. It also offers the **Bachelor of Social Work** degree. Minors are also available in the areas of sociology, criminal justice, and social work.

Social Work is a helping profession offering services to all people who need assistance in their lives because of social, emotional, financial or other life problems. The purpose of Social Work is the restoration and enhancement of social functioning through intervention with individuals, families, groups, larger social systems and social welfare policies and programs. Social Workers work with individuals, families, and groups, but also recognize that the ability to accomplish life tasks and solve problems depends on having resources available.

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The Social Work curriculum builds upon a foundation of liberal arts education. It draws especially upon biological, psychological, and sociological knowledge while developing the unique social work knowledge and skills needed for helping people manage problem situations. The department applied to the Council on Social Work Education for bachelor of social work program accreditation candidacy in 2004.

In addition to their classroom experiences, social work students engage in a wide variety of activities working with various client populations in their field placements:

- work with the elderly
- work with troubled children, youth, adults, & families
- work with people encountering difficult life transitions
- social research in the community
- work with the developmentally and physically challenged
- work with juvenile delinquents
- work with at-risk school children
- work with community organizations
- work with community agencies in program planning and implementation

All Social Work Majors must formally apply to the Social Work Program by the end of their sophomore year. To be eligible for admission,

1. Applicants must have completed or be enrolled currently in Psychology 100, Sociology 102, Political Science 101 or 102, Biology 101, and Sociology 200 (Foundations of Social Work).
2. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
3. Applicants need two recommendations from Adrian College faculty.
4. Applicants must submit a written personal statement, which includes information about their commitment to social work as a vocation and describes volunteer service in the field.

A student who does not fully meet one or more of the admission criteria may be admitted to the Social Work Program conditionally, provided the student, after an interview with the Program Director of Social Work, agrees in writing to remove the deficiency by the time she/he makes application for admission to the practicum.

Major Program Requirements

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (34 hours)

Sociology Core (18 hours)

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| SOC 102 | Sociology and Social Problems (4) |
| SOC 208 | Cultural Anthropology and Ethnography (4) |
| SOC 305 | Social Research Methods (4) |
| SOC 402 | Sociological Theory (4) |
| SOC 407 | Senior Research (2) |

Sociology Electives (16 hours)

- 8 hours from 202, 303, 311
- 4 hours from 200, 268, 309, 333
- 4 hours from 219, 307, 323, 399

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Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice (36 hours)

Criminal Justice Core (30 hours)

SOC 102	Sociology and Social Problems (4)
SOC 221	Introduction to Criminal Justice (4)
SOC 268	Criminology and Delinquency (4)
SOC 305	Social Research Methods (4)
SOC 361	Police in Urban Society
or SOC 363	Prevention and Correction (4)
SOC 362	The American Courts (2)
SOC 399	Internship (2)
SOC 402	Sociological Theory (4)
SOC 407	Senior Research (2)

Criminal Justice Electives (6 hours)

6 hours from SOC 219, 303, 311, 364, 365; PSYC 303; PSCI 198 or 200.

Bachelor of Social Work (38 classroom credit hours, 10 practicum credit hours, 11 hours of cognates)

Social Work Core (44 hours)

SOC 102	Sociology and Social Problems (4)
SOC 200	Foundations of Social Work (4)
SOC 305	Social Research Methods (4)
SOC 330	Human Behavior in the Social Environment (4)
SOC 333	Social Welfare Policy (4)
SOC 336	Generalist Social Work Practice Methods I (4)
SOC 337	Generalist Social Work Practice Methods II (4)
SOC 402	Social Theory (4)
SOC 405	Senior Social Work Capstone (2)
SOC 495	Social Work Practicum I (5)
SOC 496	Social Work Practicum II (5)

Social Work Cognates (11 hours)

PSYC 100	General Psychology (3)
PSCI 101	American National Government (4)
or PSCI 102	State and Local Government
BIOL 101	Biology and Society (4)

B.S.W. Social Work Electives (4 hours)

1 of the following: SOC 202, SOC 303, SOC 311

Other suggested B.S.W. Sociology electives (NOTE: Because this major exceeds the limit on maximum hours in a department, these courses do not count towards the 124 hours required for graduation.): 219, 268, 309, 323, 331, 368.

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Additional suggested B.S.W. electives in other departments: PSYC 205, T ED 206, PSYC 303, PSYC 304, MATH 204, PSYC 211, ECON 202. Proficiency in Spanish or American Sign Language strongly recommended.

Students in all departmental majors are strongly encouraged to take Mathematics 204 or Psychology 211.

A grade of C or better in Sociology 102 is required for a student to major in the department.

Bachelor of Arts with Teacher Certification in Sociology. See the Teacher Education section of the catalog, p. 240.

Minor and Associate Program Requirements

Minors: Students pursuing a minor in **sociology** will complete a minimum of 24 semester hours in the department, including 102, 208, 305, 402 and a minimum of 8 hours of electives from the following: 202, 219, 268, 303, 307, 309, 311, or 350.

Students pursuing a minor in **criminal justice** will complete a minimum of 24 semester hours, including Sociology 102, 221, 268, 305, 363 and a minimum of one of the following: Sociology 219, 361, 362, 364 or 365.

Student pursuing a minor in **social work** will complete a minimum of 22-24 semester hours, including Sociology 102, 200, 330, 333; and a minimum of one of the following: Sociology 202, 303, 311; and a minimum of one of the following: Sociology 336, 337, 399 (at least two credit hours).

Associate of Arts Degrees: The Associate of Arts degree is available in **sociology and criminal justice**. Students pursuing an Associate of Arts degree in this department will complete the same requirements as indicated above for the minors in these areas of study.

The semesters listed after course descriptions indicate when courses are expected to be offered. Schedules are subject to change; students should confirm semester offerings with the department when planning degree programs.

Sociology

102. Sociology and Social Problems (SOCIAL SCIENCE) (4). The patterns of relationships among individuals, groups, organizations and social institutions in society. Students are introduced to different sociological perspectives and methodologies used in understanding social life. The nature, causes and attempted solutions to various American social problems are examined; these may include deviance, poverty, family violence, various forms of discrimination, health issues and environmental hazards. Fall, spring.

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- 202. Sociology of Sex and Gender (4).** A sociological analysis of gender construction and sexual inequality, including an introduction to general historical knowledge about men's and women's lives, social forces affecting reproduction, sexuality, intimacy, parenthood and gender role patterns. Fall '08.
- 208. Cultural Anthropology and Ethnography (SOCIAL SCIENCE, NON-WESTERN) (4).** Topics include the concept of culture from the anthropological perspective; an examination of cultural responses to various social and environmental conditions; and an introduction to basic ethnographic and anthropological concepts and theories. A particular ethnic group is studied in addition to the general textual material. Spring.
- 219. Social Deviance (SOCIAL SCIENCE) (4).** Examines social definitions of deviant behavior, social control, labeling, stigma, and official records. Topics include prohibition era, drugs, child abuse, white collar crime, juvenile and adult criminal subcultures, and restorative justice. (Prerequisite: Sociology 200 or 221 and English 101 when taught as a writing intensive course). Spring.
- 230. Introduction to Art Therapy (3).** See ART 230.
- 303. Race and Ethnic Relations (4).** A sociological analysis of the concepts of race and ethnicity both in the United States and around the world. Special emphasis placed on relationships between ethnic groups and solutions to problems associated with race and ethnicity. (Prerequisite: Junior standing or above or permission of instructor.) Fall '06.
- 305. Social Research Methods (4).** The logic and skills involved in doing social research, including examination of the assumptions, procedures and problems associated with historical/ documentary, field work, survey and experimental research; and use of the computer in social research, including statistical packages. (Prerequisite: Junior standing or above.) Spring.
- 309. Urban Sociology (4).** Topics include types of communities; factors influencing urban growth and development in world regions and in the U.S.; demographic trends and ecological factors; urban planning and redevelopment; community agencies and services; social problems associated with urban life; and forms of interaction emanating from urban structures. (Prerequisite: Sociology 102 or 200 or permission of instructor.) Fall '09.
- 311. Class, Status and Power (4).** Who gets what and why? An examination of social class, the social conditions which lead to class formation, class-related behavior, social class through the life cycle and the historical basis of stratification, particularly in the United States. (Prerequisite: Sociology 102 or 200 or permission of instructor.) Fall '06.

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- 345. Global Economy Impact on Work and Organizations (4).** Examines the variety of work, complex organizations and changing labor markets. Explores power and control in the workplace and economy, global economic integration, and investor capitalis. How does the global economy impact today's college students? (Prerequisite: SOC 102). Spring '07.
- 350. Selected Topics in Sociology (2-4).** Examination of a particular topic of current interest to faculty and students. Topics which may be considered include: applied sociology, conflict management, crime and gender, crime prevention, sexual deviance, terrorism violence, the sociology of culture, of film, of the media. May be repeated with a different topic. (Prerequisite: Sociology 102, 221 or permission of instructor.) Offered occasionally.
- 402. Sociological Theory (4).** Discussion of classical sociological theories with emphasis on historical context of their origins, their contributions to sociological knowledge and application in today's society. Special emphasis will be given to Durkheim, Marx, Weber and Mead. (Prerequisite: Sociology 102, 305 or permission of instructor.) Fall.
- 405. Senior Social Work Capstone (2).** Culminating course in social work that synthesizes theory, research, policy and practice methods. Students produce documents that combines research and analysis applied to practice in the field. Understanding of social work concepts and readiness/competency to begin the professional social work practice must be demonstrated. (Prerequisite: Senior Social Work major, Co-requisites: Sociology 495 or 496). Spring.
- 407. Senior Research (2).** A critical, in-depth study of selected topics from the various fields of sociology, criminal justice and human services. Each participant will write and present a formal research paper. (Prerequisite: senior status, Sociology 305 or permission of instructor.) Spring.

Criminal Justice

- 221. Introduction to Criminal Justice (4).** A sociological approach to prevention as justice, followed by an introduction to topics such as the U.S. legislative and legal system, crime, politics, and the media, police, courts, probation, corrections, parole and prisoner reentry. Criminal justice occupations. Fall.
- 268. Criminology and Delinquency (4).** History of the juvenile justice system and major theories of criminally deviant behavior. Orientation to criminology research methods. Insights from criminals and ex-con academic criminologists. Review of programs for prevention, personal transformation, and reentry to society. Spring '08.
- 351. Selected Topics in Criminal Justice (2-4).**

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- 361. The Police in Urban Society (4).** Issues in urban policing, including the history, organization, roles and styles of policing, the police subculture, patrol and investigative duties, community relations, discretion, corruption and accountability. (Prerequisite: Sociology 221 or permission of instructor.) Spring '07.
- 362. The American Courts (2).** Structures and procedures within state and federal trial and appellate courts, including the Supreme Court. Attention is given to the role of participants, relevant substantive and procedural law, implications of court decisions, discretionary powers, strengths and weaknesses of each system and current efforts at reform. (Prerequisite: Sociology 221 or permission of instructor.) Spring '07.
- 363. Prevention and Corrections (4).** Introduction to crime prevention using noncriminal justice system activities at individual, neighborhood and community levels. U.S. prison system, use of mass incarceration and alternatives, drug treatment, probation and parole. Issues in prisoner reentry to the community. Fall '07.
- 364. Drugs in American Society (4).** The history of drug use in the U.S.; types of drugs and their effects; medical and health perspectives; social control and legal aspects of drug use; the "legalization" debate; the social consequences of drug use; the period of the "war on drugs" and its effectiveness. Drug policy in the criminal justice system. (Prerequisite: Sociology 102.) Offered occasionally.
- 365. Criminal Justice Occupations and Organizations (4).** Advanced criminal justice course exploring organizational theory and management practice utilizing case method approach. Examines police, courts, probation, prison, parole agencies; individual and group processes; and management issues specific to criminal justice agencies including leadership, goals, environment, communication, motivation, job design, occupational socialization, power, conflict, decision-making, effectiveness, innovation and research. (Prerequisite: Sociology 221.) Fall '06.

Social Work

- 200. Foundations of Social Work (4).** The development, skills, knowledge, and perspectives of the Social Work profession. Students will be introduced to concepts fundamental to understanding the helping professions' efforts on behalf of vulnerable populations. Includes history, practice settings, professional roles, agencies, political implications, and values/ethics related to social work careers. Includes a required service learning project. (Prerequisite: SOC 102).
- 323. Medicine and Mental Health (4).** An examination of the ways social factors influence the diagnosis and treatment of physical and mental illness. Special attention will be given to the social conceptions of illness and health and the differential distribution of health care and mental health services. (Prerequisite: junior standing or above.)

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- 330. Human Behavior in the Social Environment (4).** Study of the person in her/his environment using models of human behavior focusing on the interaction between persons and the social systems they encounter throughout maturation. Knowledge about persons as biological, psychological, social, cultural, and spiritual creatures is integrated as the “person” is followed through the life cycle. Special attention will be given to the interactions and systems as they relate to and affect Social Work practice with a variety of populations, including those experiencing ethnic, racial, and age-based discrimination. (Prerequisites: SOC 200, PSYC 100, BIOL 101).
- 331. Selected Topics in Social Work (2-4).** Topics not included in the regular course offerings. Topic and prerequisite specified in semester course schedule. May be repeated with different topics.
- 333. Social Welfare Policy (4).** The development and implementation of social welfare policies from historical, political, and philosophical frameworks. How does a society decide: who should be served, when, how much, and in what fashion? How does this reflect the society’s perspectives about “others” in their world who may be poor or otherwise disadvantaged? What actions are chosen and why?
- 336. Generalist Social Work Practice Methods I (Individuals & Families) (4).** Theoretical foundations of generalist social work practice with individuals and families. Focus on case-management skills; assessment, goal-setting, intervention, termination, and practice evaluation in a systemic, Person-in-Environment context. Special attention to work with diverse and vulnerable populations. (Prerequisites: SOC 200, 330).
- 337. Generalist Social Work Practice Methods II (Groups, Communities, & Organizations) (4).** Theoretical foundations of generalist social work practice with groups, communities, and organizations. Groups dynamics concepts used to apply problem-solving methods for treatment and task groups. Community organization emphasized as a viable practice method. Close relationship between community and organizations explored through concepts of empowerment, control, mobilization, collective action and problem-solving. (Prerequisites: SOC 200, 330).
- 405. Senior Social Work Capstone (2).** Culminating course in social work that synthesizes theory, research, policy and practice methods. Students produce documents that combines research and analysis applied to practice in the field. Understanding of social work concepts and readiness/competency to begin the professional social work practice must be demonstrated. (Prerequisite: Senior Social Work major, Co-requisites: SOC 496).
- 495. Social Work Practicum I (5).** With 496, two consecutive semesters of supervised practicum consisting of a minimum of 400 hours in an approved social work setting. Requires weekly seminars on campus. Social Work majors only. (Prerequisites: SOC 336, 337, academic good standing in Social Work, and consent of academic advisor and Program Director).
- 496. Social Work Practicum II (5).** Continuation of 495. (Prerequisite: SOC 495).

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Special and Advanced Courses

- 199. Exploratory Internship (1-3).** An observational internship providing opportunities to gain relevant career experiences and information in the fields of sociology and criminal justice. Open to second-semester freshmen and above.
- 299. Experimental Course (1-4).**
- 399. Professional Internship (1-12).** Students have the opportunity to participate in field projects or work with professional staff members in organizations such as police and sheriff's departments, courts, probation departments, juvenile centers, correction facilities, prevention agencies, community organizations and human service organizations . Open to juniors and seniors.
- 451. Independent Study (1-4).** Supervised reading and research in sociology, criminal justice, social work, or anthropology. (Prerequisite: department chairperson's permission.)
- 499. Advanced Experimental Course (1-4).**