

# SOCIOLOGY EDUCATION

## Subject endorsement to teach grades 6-12

Sociology is the scientific study of individuals, groups, and society – important things to teach the next generation. With a Sociology Education degree, you can help students understand more about social issues and the analysis of small-scale interactions and large-scale institutions, including the effects of gender, social class, race, religion, and other aspects of culture and society. At Wayne State, you will develop the tools you need to become a sociology teacher at the junior high and high school levels. Or, you can pursue advanced education to teach at a college or university level. With a Sociology Education degree, you'll be able to help your students prepare to positively contribute to an increasingly diverse society.

*In addition to choosing the Sociology subject endorsement, you will also need to select a second subject endorsement to receive your B.A. or B.S.*

## fast facts

**Credit hours:** 63

*Students must also take 30 credit hours of General Studies courses. A total of 120 credit hours are needed to graduate from WSC. Additional majors or minors can be added to help meet graduation requirements.*

**Degree options:** B.A. or B.S.

**Departments:** Psychology and Sociology; Educational Foundations and Leadership

**Schools:** Education and Behavioral Sciences

**Popular pairings:** Geography Education, History Education, Political Science Education, Psychology Education

## focus on results

### Skills Learned

- Critical thinking and analytical reasoning
- Written and oral communication
- Cultural competency
- Information literacy
- Awareness of global issues
- Social welfare system and service program evaluation
- Analysis of population trends
- Knowledge of the history and role of race and ethnics groups in the United States

### Possible Careers

- Sociology teacher
- Public health professional
- Social worker
- Family services worker
- Admissions rep
- Public policy analyst
- Consumer research specialist
- Probation counselor
- Non-profit director
- Human resource specialist
- Rehabilitation specialist
- Case manager or advisor

### Types of Employers

- Middle schools
- High schools
- Education and learning centers
- Hospitals and medical clinics
- Behavioral health clinics
- Social services agencies
- Community organizations
- Government / federal agencies
- Non-profit organizations
- Business and corporations
- Law enforcement agencies
- Research and consulting firms

## outside the classroom

### Activities / Opportunities

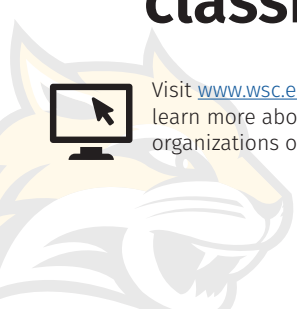
- Research projects and presentations
- Peer mentoring and tutoring
- Service-Learning
- Study Abroad
- Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy (NENTA)

### Clubs / Organizations

- Alpha Kappa Delta (*sociology honor society*)
- Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA) Aspiring Educators
- Pi Gamma Mu (*social sciences honorary*)
- Psychology/Sociology Club



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The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

## Program courses

### Sociology Content Courses

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology.....	3
SOC 220 Social Problems.....	3
SOC 245 Race and Ethnic Relations.....	3
SOC 480 Social Theory.....	3
SOC 490 Assessment Seminar .....	0
SSC 300 Social Sciences Research Methods.....	3
ECO, GEO, POS, PSY electives.....	6
Upper-level SOC electives .....	15

### Professional Education Courses

EDU 150 Introduction to Professional Education .....	3
EDU 245 Preparing for Level 2: Teacher Candidacy.....	0
EDU 250 Human Development and Cognition .....	3
EDU 275 PK-12 Instructional Design.....	3
EDU 310 Reading, Writing, and Assessment in Content Areas .....	2
EDU 409 Content Area Methods and Assessment (Social Sciences).....	3
EDU 414 Content Area Practicum Experience .....	1
EDU 445 Preparing for Level 3: Clinical Practice.....	0
EDU 456 Clinical Practice and Seminar for the Secondary School.....	6
SPD 302 Inclusion and Co-teaching in General Education.....	3
SPD 436 Classroom Management through Social Emotional Learning 7-12.....	3

## Student learning outcomes

### Sociology programs

1. Apply the major concepts and assumptions of the core sociological theoretical perspectives to social phenomena
2. Explain how social structures create and reproduce forms of social inequality
3. Evaluate data utilizing basic knowledge of social science research methods
4. Evaluate the importance of socio-cultural diversity for the individual and society

### Education programs

Teacher candidates who successfully complete an education preparation program at Wayne State will be able to:

1. Create environments that support individual and collaborative learning using knowledge of how students grow and develop, along with individual differences and diverse cultures. (InTASC Standards 1-3)
2. Plan for instruction by applying content knowledge, a variety of instructional strategies, and multiple methods of assessment to connect concepts for learners in real-world applications. (InTASC Standards 4-8)
3. Engage in ongoing professional learning and use evidence to reflect on and adapt practice to meet the needs of each learner. (InTASC Standard 9)
4. Seek leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with stakeholders, and to advance the profession. (InTASC Standard 10)

## sociology faculty



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