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## Sociology



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## Sociology is the scientific study of social life.

Sociologists investigate the structure of **groups**, **organizations**, and **societies** and **how people interact within these contexts**. Employing diverse theories and a range of research techniques, sociologists strive to understand social organization and behavior and provide a sound empirical basis for the development of social policies and programs. With particular interests in diversity, social inequality, and the forces of social change and resistance, sociology offers a **critical approach to contemporary social issues**.

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology at MTSU offers a major in Sociology leading to the **Bachelor of Science (B.S.)** or a **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)** degree, as well as **minors in Sociology, Criminology, and Family Studies**. Majors are encouraged to structure coursework around career paths reflecting departmental strengths. These include

- aging, health, and human services
- crime, deviance, and social control
- social diversity and inequality
- social structures and change
- community organization and activism
- family, work, and gender

Further, the major encourages all students to

- think critically and analytically about social issues
- develop a macrosociological perspective on social issues, societal change, and the problems of mass society
- develop an understanding of cultural diversity in terms of ethnicity, race, gender, class, and age
- engage actively in values clarification and social problem-solving, including application of sociological principles and findings to life situations
- develop skills in gathering relevant primary and secondary data, evaluating and choosing between diverse data sources, analyzing quantitative and qualitative data, evaluating the research and findings of others, and preparing incisive summaries of findings of one's own and others' work.

**Internships** and **service learning opportunities** are also available to let students apply classroom training and develop job skills.

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