# Sociology and Criminal Justice

Sociology and Criminal Justice Programs Available at the University of St. Thomas:

Majors: B.A. Sociology, B.A. Criminal Justice

Minor: Sociology, Criminal Justice

**Department Website:** http://www.stthomas.edu/sociology/

#### **Major Overview:**

Sociology is the scientific study of society and social relations. A major in sociology provides knowledge and skills applicable to careers in business, education, government, law, public health, public policy, and social service. Additionally, an undergraduate degree prepares students for graduate study in sociology and other closely related fields. Students who graduate with a major in sociology will understand the methodological and theoretical foundations of sociology and possess skills to apply this knowledge in a practical way. They will have the opportunity to specialize in crime and criminology, family and the life course, inequalities and stratification, and work and organizations. We also offer courses with comparative perspectives on global issues such as crime, gender, and religion. The sociology curriculum reflects the breadth of the discipline, its place in the liberal arts tradition, and the application of sociological theories and methods to the critical issues and problems facing societies today.

Students who graduate with a major in criminal justice will know the main components of the criminal and juvenile justice systems and will know the basics of criminal law and criminal procedure in the U.S. justice system. They will have the tools to understand the long standing and current dilemmas faced by society in trying to develop and maintain an effective and just criminal justice system. They will be prepared for employment in the field of criminal justice, including corrections or law enforcement.

Sociology and criminal justice majors pursue graduate and professional degrees in sociology and criminology, as well as business, law, public health, public policy, social work, and other fields. The Sociology and Criminal Justice Department and faculty also provide intensive support for students who wish to engage in individual research and preparation for graduate and professional school, as well as internships and career development.

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## What do UST Sociology and Criminal Justice alumni do?

A sample of **entry level** job titles and employers of alumni six to nine months after graduation:

**Sample Job Titles:** Program Coordinator, Federal Criminal Investigator, Criminal Analyst, Director of Development, Reading Tutor, Youth Director, Community Corrections Aid, Police Officer, Project Manager, Online Production Assistant, Public Safety Officer, Human Resources Administrator, Homeless Program Coordinator

Sample Employers: US Air Force, Ramsey County Community Corrections, Fridley Police Department, Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County, Jobs2Web, RS Eden, Army National Guard, AmeriCorps, Minnesota State Patrol, Hualapai Nation Tribal Police Department, Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs, University of St. Thomas

\*\*University of St. Thomas 2009-2011 Post-Graduate Survey\*\*



### Additional Opportunities:

#### **Human Services**

Direct Care:

- Counseling
- •Case Management
- •Mental Health Services
- Crisis Work
- Community Organizing

Administration:

- Advocacy
- •Programming
- •Community Relations
- •Development/Fund Raising

#### **Social Services**

Corrections

Probation

Juvenile Justice

**Program Development** 

Outreach

Mentoring

Victim's Assistance

Counseling

Casework

**Prevention Services** 

Advocacy

Administration

Supervision

Assessment

Reporting

**Grant Writing** 

Consulting

#### **Judiciary**

Court Reporting/Transcription Services

Court Clerkship

Legal Assistance

Legal Research

Legal Representation

#### **Law Enforcement**

Patrolling

Investigating

Probation

Parole

Security

**Loss Prevention** 

Forensics

#### Law

Prosecution

Defense

Contractual

Corporate

Nonprofit or Public Interest

Government

Mediation

Lobbying

#### Government

**Social Statistics** 

**Program Analysis** 

Demography

**Public Administration** 

Policy Analysis

Research

Program Development

City Planning

#### **Social Science Research**

Data Analysis

Policy or Program Analysis

**Demographics** 

Market Research

**Information Sourcing** 

#### **Business**

**Private Security** 

Consulting

Installation

Investigating

**Systems Integration** 

Global Intelligence

**Private Investigation** 

Internet Security

Surveillance

**Loss Prevention** 

Property Loss Management

Program Development

**Staffing and Training** 

#### **Education**

K-12

**Higher Education** 

Information/Library Services

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