

Sociology (NSU) + Master of Social Work (USD): A 3 + 2 Agreement

# Bachelors in Sociology + Master of Social Work

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*Northern State University and University of South Dakota.*

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Bachelor of Arts in Sociology prepares individuals for entry into human services, clinical practice, outreach, and community development settings. The essential components of professional social sciences education include liberal education, professional values, core competencies, core knowledge, and role development.

The College of Arts and Sciences promotes a combination of lecture and hands-on experiences that teach students to be professional and have a passion for helping others. As such, we have built a program that sets students up for successful at the graduate level, most notably, as a Master of Social Work.

The 3 + 2 option is for students who are Sociology students who know they would like to continue their education in the Social Work realm. Students take their first three academic years at Northern, taking the prerequisite courses for the University of South Dakota's Master of Social Work program while also working to complete their Bachelors in Sociology from Northern. At the start of the third academic year at Northern, students apply into the Master of Social Work program to complete their rest of the fourth year and their fifth year in the MSW at University of South Dakota online or in Sioux Falls. Students are conferred a BA from Northern and MSW from University of South Dakota in five years.

## ACCREDITATION

University of South Dakota MSW program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Both universities are accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For USD Graduate Admission requirements, visit [www.usd.edu/Admissions-and-Aid/Graduate-Admissions](http://www.usd.edu/Admissions-and-Aid/Graduate-Admissions).

For USD Master of Social Work Admission steps, visit [www.usd.edu/Admissions-and-Aid/Graduate-Admissions/How-to-Apply/Specialty-Graduate-Program-Applications](http://www.usd.edu/Admissions-and-Aid/Graduate-Admissions/How-to-Apply/Specialty-Graduate-Program-Applications).

## REQUIRED COURSES

Listed on reverse side.

## GETTING STARTED

Apply online (for BA in Sociology):

- Visit Northern's site [www.northern.edu](http://www.northern.edu)
- Choose "Admissions & Aid"
- Choose "Apply Now"
- Complete the online application.

*Please schedule an appointment with Steven Usitalo and/or Kelly Bass to discuss this program.*

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE ROTATIONS

First Year Fall (NSU BA)	
Course	Credit
IDL 190, Freshman Seminar	2
Gen Ed GOAL #1: ENGL 101, Composition I	3
CJUS 201, Introduction to Criminal Justice* (Gen Ed GOAL #3)	3
SOC 100, Introduction to Sociology / SOC 150, Social Problems* (Gen Ed GOAL #3)	3
Gen Ed GOAL #5: Mathematics*	3-4
Elective*	3
*Course could be taken during summer.	17-18

Second Year Fall (NSU BA)	
Course	Credit
Introductory or Intermediate Foreign Language	3-4
Gen Ed GOAL #6: Natural Sciences*	3-4
Human Values Course (see catalog)	3
SOC 281, Socio-Cultural Theory**	3
SOC 483, Gender Roles (Strat and Inequality Elec)	3
Elective*	3
*Course could be taken during summer.	18-19

Third Year Fall (NSU BA)	
Course	Credit
SOC 270, Introduction to Social Work	3
SOC 315, Social Work Practice I	3
SOC 400, Social Policy	3
Sociology Elective Course (see catalog)	3
Elective or Minor Course	3
Elective*	3
*Course could be taken during summer.	18

Fourth Year Fall (NSU BA); First Year Fall (USD MSW)	
Course	Credit
SOCW 601 History and Philosophy of SW**	3
SOCW 610 Generalist Practice I**	3
SCOW 641 Human Behavior in Social Environment**	3
SOCW Field Education I** (16-20 hrs/week)	3
**Course also counts toward NSU BA.	12

\*\*Student applies for Dec graduation with BA in Sociology. In Spring semester, student becomes MSW student (in 2nd semester of program).

Second Year Summer (USD MSW)	
Course	Credit
SOCW 712 Advanced Child Welfare Practice	3
SOCW 741 Social Work in Mental Health: Assessment & Treatment	3
Advisor Approved Elective	3
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Second Year Fall(USD MSW)	
Course	Credit
SOCW 730 Advanced Practice with Organizations and Communities	3
SOCW 740 Advanced Practice with Individuals, Children & Families	3
SOCW 783 Advanced Field Education & Seminar III (16-20 hrs/week)	3
Advisor Approved Elective	3
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First Year Spring (NSU BA)	
Course	Credit
Gen Ed GOAL #1: ENGL 201, Composition II	3
Gen Ed GOAL #2: Oral Communication*	3
Gen Ed GOAL #4: Arts and Humanities*	3
Gen Ed GOAL #4: Arts and Humanities*	3
Gen Ed GOAL #6: Natural Sciences*	3-4
Elective*	3
*Course could be taken during summer.	18-19

Second Year Spring (NSU BA)	
Course	Credit
ENGL 210, Introduction to Literature	3
CJUS 380, Research and Data Analysis in Criminal Justice	3
SOC 350, Race and Ethnic Relations (Strat and Inequality Elec)	3
SOC 396, Field Experience / SS 360 Traveling Classroom	1-3
Elective or Minor Course	3
Sociology Elective Course (see catalog)	3
Elective*	3
*Course could be taken during summer.	19+

Third Year Spring (NSU BA)	
Course	Credit
SOC 320, Social Work Practice II	3
Social Institution Course (see catalog)	3
SOC 485, Social Science Capstone	3
Sociology Elective Course (see catalog)	3
Sociology Elective Course (see catalog)	3
Elective*	3
*Course could be taken during summer.	18

First Year Spring (USD MSW)	
Course	Credit
SOCW 600 Social Policy	3
SOCW 630 Practice with Small Groups	3
SOCW 640 Diversity and Social Justice	3
SOCW 684 Field Education II (16-20 hrs/week)	3
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Second Year Spring (USD MSW)	
Course	Credit
SOCW 700 Advanced Policy	3
SOCW 750 Advanced Practice in Social Work Research	3
SOCW 784 Advanced Field Education & Seminar IV (16-20 hrs/week)	3
Advisor Approved Elective	3
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