

OVERVIEW OF OUR PROGRAM

The Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology offers Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degrees in Sociology and Criminology and a Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) in Social Work.

Students with degrees in sociology are prepared for careers in human services, education, regional planning, personnel, research, public relations and other areas.

Social work graduates work in health care, hospice, mental health, mental retardation, child welfare, rehabilitation, services to families and children, domestic violence prevention and treatment, services to the homeless, and substance abuse prevention and treatment.

Criminology graduates work at federal, state, and local levels as counselors, correctional officers, probation and parole officers, police officers and youth officers.

PROGRAM STANDARDS

Sociology and Criminology majors and minors must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all required courses. To complete the program, majors and minors must earn at least a 2.25 cumulative grade point average.

Social Work students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all core courses and a 2.5



cumulative grade point average to be screened in to the advanced level classes. The maximum number of students admitted per semester is 35.



SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is the basic study of social interaction, social groups, institutions and social structures. Sociologists in essence examine the context of human action including systems of beliefs and



values, basic patterns of social relations, and the processes whereby the social institutions are created, maintained, and transformed.

Sociology students at MSU become familiar with critical theories of power and oppression, and analyze strategies for positive social change related to peace and security, social justice, human rights, and democratic participation at local and global levels.

SOCIAL WORK

The Social Work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. The program is offered at both the Morehead Campus and the Prestonsburg extended center. It prepares graduates for entry-level practice with individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations and communities. The curriculum covers the history and ethics of social work, biological, psychological, and social theories, research, law, and social policy. Social workers are active in efforts to reduce oppression and discrimination, and advance social and economic justice.

Students interested in social policy issues may select an emphasis in Regional Analysis and Public Policy. Scholarship assistance is available for those who choose this area of study. Please check with the department for additional information.

Students interested in child welfare services may be selected for the statewide program developed by MSU and eight other Kentucky universities in cooperation with the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children. The Public Child Welfare Certification Program (P.C.W.C.P.) offers scholarships and employment in Protection and Permanency.

Students who complete the B.S.W. program may be eligible for advanced placement in an M.S.W. program in a graduate school.

B.S.W. PROGRAM IN PRESTONSBURG

The Bachelor of Social Work program is offered at the Prestonsburg extended center. Participants must have completed an associate degree or the first 64 hours of undergraduate work, including general education requirements. New groups start each fall.

CRIMINOLOGY



The department offers an Area of Concentration in Criminology



and an Emphasis in Criminology. Students pursuing either of these core options develop a working knowledge of general concepts that comprise criminological and sociological analysis. Students also learn about the criminal justice system including basic skills in working with offenders, theoretical explanations of criminality, research methodology/data analysis, and the effects of social institutions and policies on the system.

THE PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children offers up to 10 MSU Social Work majors full tuition and a stipend for books, living expenses, and travel for up to four semesters. Students in the Public Child Welfare Certification Program must make a commitment for two years employment with the Cabinet for Families and Children after graduation.

REGIONAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLIC POLICY

The Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP) provides scholarship awards based on ACT composite scores and grade point averages. Students work with faculty, staff, citizens, and policy makers to study and develop action plans for the 22-county MSU service region.

MASTERS PROGRAMS

The Master of Arts in Sociology program offers four options: (1) general sociology, (2) criminology, (3) gerontology, and (4) regional analysis and public policy in cooperation with IRAPP. All options require courses in theory and research methods. The gerontology option requires a practicum in a professional setting.

The department also cooperates with the University of Kentucky Master of Social Work program, which offers its program on the Morehead State University campus. The MSW program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Students who have completed a BSW program with at least a 3.5 grade point average are allowed to waive the first 30 credit hours of the MSW program. The University of Kentucky College of Social Work will offer the eight-semester MSW program in Prestonsburg beginning the Fall Semester of 2003 and in Morehead beginning the Fall Semester of 2004.

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