

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENT

Curriculum

We offer both a Bachelor of Science (BS) and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Sociology/Anthropology plus minors in Anthropology, Geography, and Sociology.

Our curriculum provides a solid disciplinary foundation with integrated development of knowledge and skills feeding into a method and theory core and a chance to explore a wide range of special topics in upper level courses.

Our largest courses have about 40 students; most of our courses have between 25-30 students per class.

Sociology MFT scores put us in top 5-10% of programs nationwide.

Beyond the Classroom

- There are numerous opportunities for students to conduct **undergraduate research** on-campus, either with a Truman faculty member or as an independent research project. Our students have regularly been awarded Undergraduate Research Grants available to all Truman students.
- A wide spectrum of study abroad, field school and internship experiences are available. Dr. McDuff's "**Democracy and Human Rights**" in Capetown, South Africa to learn about South Africa's apartheid system & poverty.
- Several students participate in **archaeological or ethnographic field schools** during the summer and transfer the credit.
- Our students enjoy **internships** locally and within their hometown in places, such as, The Department of Family Services, juvenile centers, and drug rehabilitation centers.
- Throughout the year the **Anthropology Club** and **Students for Social Change** organize events to support their interests. Each year, students attend regional meetings such as the Midwest Sociological Association and **present undergraduate research** at regional or national meetings such as the National Council on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) conference and the Society for American Archaeology or the American Sociological Association meeting. In the last few years, they presented at national professional meetings in Montreal and Las Vegas.

- There are several **semester-long "Innovative Academic Initiatives"** available to students from across campus in which students take a bundle of linked courses and pursue research projects particular to their area of interest.
- Lastly, **Student Initiated Courses** are for those highly motivated students who wish to teach a course in their area of interest under the guidance of a faculty member.

Students

- Student organizations** include Anthropology Club and Students for Social Change. In addition, we have a departmental honors society and chapters of both Alpha Kappa Delta, the national sociology honors society, and Lambda Alpha, national anthropology honors society.
- Approximately 60% of our graduates **attend graduate school** and the other 40% enter the work force directly.
- Examples of graduate schools attended by our graduates include:

A.T. Still University	University of California-Santa Cruz
Charleston School of Law	University of Connecticut
Clemson University	University of Kentucky
Florida International University	University of Missouri-Columbia
George Washington University	University of Missouri Law School
Harvard Medical School	University of Texas-Austin
Lincoln Memorial University	University of Texas-San Antonio
Louisiana State University	Washington State University
The Ohio State University	
University of Alabama	
University of California-San Diego	
- Examples of doctoral and masters programs in which Society & Environment alumni have enrolled include:

Anthropology PhD	Masters of Social Work
International Relations PhD	Master of Arts in Education
Sociology PhD	Master of Arts in Museum Studies
Doctor of Jurisprudence	Master of Arts in Counseling
Doctor of Medicine	Global Policy
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine	

Faculty

The Department of Society & Environment houses Sociology, Anthropology and Geography and includes five full-time faculty members.

- 100% of our faculty members are full-time and have a PhD in their field.
- Our faculty members are **professionally active** at the local, state, national, and international levels. For example, they currently, or have recently, served as Executive Officers and/or members of the following organizations:
American Anthropological Association
American Sociological Association
Association of American Geographers
Midwest Sociological Association
Missouri Sociological Society
The Society for American Archaeology
- Our faculty **regularly travel to study, conduct research, present at conferences**, and, often take undergraduate students with them. In recent years Society & Environment faculty members have traveled to western Europe, India, Argentina, Africa, Mexico, Pakistan, and South Africa.
- The department regularly hosts **visiting scholars** who are on campus to consult with colleagues, deliver public lectures or talk to classes. We encourage our students to interact with these visiting scholars both in and out of class by hosting receptions and dinners to foster casual interaction.

Facilities & Technology

All Society & Environment faculty members are located in the office spaces and classrooms in Barnett Hall.

We have an anthropology laboratory and four classrooms, along with a computer lab. Within the anthropology lab, we have a student project center for student and faculty research.

We have a student centered area near the department offices that includes an open computer lab where students can study and a convenience store with tables and chairs where students and faculty can study, gather, and socialize.

"Dr. Johnson's World Prehistory class taught me a new way of thinking about the world and how to explain human behavior. that class proved to be the most influential in my undergraduate career and I still call upon what I learned there now as a Ph.D. candidate carrying out my dissertation fieldwork in Indonesian Borneo."

—CHRISTINA POMIANEK, '04



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